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Well, Emma, I don't know but you will be offended when I tell you that I have been writing letters almost all day and that your turn has just come, and it is now after dark.

I came home last night and found a large supply of letters awaiting my consideration — my friends always do me the greatest favors when I am away from home — and among them letters. Of these I have answered five or six and have just come to yours. Would not I prosper? Of course I can you said I was when I had not given you half as much cause for the application.

tion of so odious an epithet.

I have just returned from my visit with Ed. He returned with me and is now staying at Mr O. Barrett's where his sister Louise boards. I expect to go to Jefferson with him tomorrow if it is pleasant as there is every reason to believe it will be.

I had a very pleasant visit in Springfield. You know probably what a lot of Goulds there are, all living close together in West Springfield. They are one great peaceful genial family. You cannot imagine how nicely and kindly they contrived to render my visit pleasant and agreeable. One day we would visit this uncle and his family, and when we got there we would find a great share of the cousinhood assembled and we would have a long cozy visit just as if all were brothers and sisters.

Almost all the boys are in the Army but the girls most amply supplied the lack so far at least as I was personally concerned.

With all of them I was well pleased and some of them were especially agreeable. His cousins Sarah and Maggie were my almost constant companions and I did not tire of either. Sara has a betrothed in Secession he went there last summer to try and save his property.

This pleasant week has done me very much good. I believe I shall get well a twelve month sooner if I have good pleasant companions. I don't know as my back is really stronger but I feel pain and confinement less. I am not sure but I shall go down to see them again even if Ed is not at home.

And so, you think I may see Lizzie's letters to you at the

proper time. Well I don't think
I shall ever manifest or
feel, any undue curiosity with
regard to their contents, as I am
seriously inclined to think that I
can guess pretty nearly their char-
=acter and bearing. It may be I
am mistaken however as I have
seen before. I don't know as it
will do for me to attempt to guess
anything connected with you again.

I too had a letter from Lizzie last
night long enough, but I don't
know as I can say that it was very
loving though it was full enough
of bantering. Strange girl, isn't she?
And marvellously strange things are
connected with her. I cannot trace
out the labyrinth, nor can I believe
that it ends in evil. Lizzie has been
the innocent cause of much mental
perturbation, to me. You know well
the state of mind it induced. I could
not explain it any better now. I suppose
God will solve the problem in his own
good time, I know it is far beyond
my power.

I am almost tempted to avenge myself upon you by threatening as you did to go to bed and go right to sleep, without thinking of you, and I would if - if - if, I could fulfill my threat. "Where is Crow?" - A pretty question for you to ask. Well he is in ^{Eric's} Wayne, Pa.

I had a letter from him too, last night. He sent me a lot of news among other things the announcement of his engagement. His fiancée is of course Miss Hattie Willson of Rochester.

I have been talking and playing with Rosetta this half hour or more and now must go to bed. If I can get time I will add some to this tomorrow. Good night.

J. A. W. Tourgee