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Do you want a letter
Darling? You need not stop
to say yes, I know you do.
And well you may for I have
not written to you this week.

I received your letter yesterday.
Pray what is the matter of you
(for you say you have been sick
for two months)? Are you
really sick or only blue?
I suppose you are sick of course
for you speak of severe pain.
Do tell me all about it. What

why will you ever persist
in trying to make yourself
believe that I am offended, or
displeased at some thing you
have done or not done, or

or left unruled. I am more
nearly vexed by your persistent
reiteration of this than by any
thing else you have done or said.
You do not think that I love
you any less or think of you any
less fondly now than I ever have
done. There you have been wanting
I should tell you that again for
some time and now I have done
it. I am almost sorry I have
for I am ashamed that you re-
quire it to be repeated. I have no
doubt you are as you are every-
hearted and nervous, especially
nervous. But you have not right
to be so weak. Your wishes - in
order to make any letter material
would keep me in an ever-
lasting rapture. This is as un-
possible mentally as constant
union physically. You must
know that I love you

will ruin your mind, ruin
yourself. When you permit your-
self to reason quietly you know
that you have not the most
remote reason for the distrust
which you permit to cut and
rankle in your bosom. Why if
you keep on you will be as bad
as the wife of Sir Richard Steele
who could not let her husband
be absent in London two hours
without writing to know the news
what he was doing and that he
was worshiping her image
all the time. If you do not stop
soon I shall have to telegraph
every fifteen minutes, that I still
live and love you just as well as
ever. Now as to your charming re-
ceived cold water, only for a
or so, it's all Hodge, all a
as to having never told you
I am in Glastonbury. You

that I withheld it from you only
for the "fun"; simply because you
had joked about the matter, and
spoken of finding any resistance by
the postmark on my letters.

Perhaps I ought not to have
done that knowing as I did
the state of your mind, and
that if possible you would mis-
interpret it. I am at present
studying with Professor James
Whether I shall remain here
more than a week I cannot
say, nor could I make a guess
where I shall go when I leave
here. Now be yourself Emma and
do not let us have any more
such foolish fancies. At the
present rate you will fret your-
self to death long before I can
call you "wife". I have tried every-
thing but positive hardness to cure you
of this weakness, and it has grown
constantly. It is wicked Emma
and unworthy a Christian.

Tell me you will conquer it.
D. W. Jayne

Friday

I see, Darling, that I give
you quite a scolding yesterday.
You must not try and make
yourself believe me unkind, for
you know it is not so, that
what I have written is for
your own good - true and
earnest. I know that
it is a sympathy for me that
has increased these feelings of
yours, but the clouds have
not dark enough to
my path - and never will
be - to require you to
refuse health and happiness
cheer me. I am very
before I see the world
partially with the
best of health.

me s'inscrivent

En espoir

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