

I am coming you to send you letters to Maryville

I by means intended to be cheated out of the letter which I felt sure was coming from somewhere, to cheer me - So I am off after the mail. Did not feel quite satisfied because the envelope was post-marked Maryville. But, to my happy surprise, when I removed the envelope there was another bearing your hand writing. Now know you never write me too often - and I am like all the rest of Albion's friends, of course, most happy to hear that he is still in the flesh, and not in any worse condition. It is dreadful at best - yet "so long there is life, there is hope", and I do so earnestly hope that soon very soon he may be with you. It seems strange that the exchange should not have been effected before this. But it surely will have firm faith to get that you will see him, and I hope he may come to you much use worn and infirmed than we fear. The wife of a Capt. boards here, and she says, frequently, exchange of particular individuals is effected by writing to the man

having charge of the flag of truce. She knows him - he is a friend of her husband - I hope she and I might accomplish some thing for him, but did not know but Mr. George was the person. I will talk with her again in the morning about it. She lived down there at Norfolk, in camp, all winter, and is pretty well posted concerning army affairs. How dare you have his letter published when all Northern papers circulate so much in Dixie? I should think it very imprudent. Nobody knows but he might suffer in consequence - or other officers who are in their hands might. If it should be published in the Cleveland Herald they will send it to me from home; if it appears in some other place, I hope you will send it. I will send Albion's letters previously published to Mr. Corn. but I do want them for my scrap book - Suppose he would not think of sending them back. It is after 11^{o'clock} and "Matters' sweet Restorer" asserts her claim.

I am really sorry to hear that! I have never seen you! I am

I wonder if the news which is
 reaching you now has reached you? I can
 not say for certain that no glorious result had
 been achieved in the capture of Richmond?
 I have not been visited since last Satur-
 day when our army was fighting at Antietam
 and I was in the hospital as shown this evening
 by report by telegraph. My name could not
 be held a full day's tears of joy, to wait for
 someone to bring me news concerning
 the matter very sympathetically so much will
 follow in the wake of such a triumph
 that my mind is raised and I am glad if it
 be really so. The position of the different
 towns of the country under the high
 and we feel with strong inclination to credit
 the report because it is emphatically a
 triumph for our country and the strongest
 give credence to it. I am glad to hear
 of the capture of the prisoners of
 war and the slaves and I think
 to me more than ever it is a strange
 thing to me that ever I felt so indiffer-
 ent to the slaves' misfortunes. I think
 I have never loved and National Colored
 men less than I do now.

"It is so glorious though so painful" to see
 what is being wrought out of this a moment
 crushing calamity for us as a nation
 as individual men and women.
 If only with one heart the people will

I have had a very...
 I am glad to hear...
 I think I have never...
 I am glad to hear...

interested very much in the story about
 friends here but you did not send
 piece of her wedding dress. I wish
 you had intended to send at least and she
 is married to my "old" friend your
 by some of the fair of our. And she
 shows how fortunate that she has
 had an unhappy life yet how true
 has been. She has always been represented
 to me as possessed of a most capacious
 mind. I wonder she could not discover
 what God would reveal at the
 end. I did not really expect you and I
 would read that letter together but I felt
 though I might wish to know and did not
 know where to send it to measure too
 from me. I really wish you had sent that
 paper with the advertisement for a
 lot of it. And I am sorry I did not write
 you by return mail to show I was
 too late now. Any thing of the kind that
 I should like to see and I am glad to
 hear you are here, to let me know your

I am glad to hear...
 I think I have never...
 I am glad to hear...

of some splendid fellow whom
I cannot fall in the way of. You
seem to doubt the possibility that your
tending sister should have a "long" for
married. Well it may be unnatural, but
punishment for your incredulity. I will
gratify your curiosity yet. Perhaps I will say
until I can tell you and your lover together.
Wonder when that would be if I go home
this summer perhaps it will be there - Certainly
I must have the talked of visit from you & the
of C. G. Let me tell you privately, that Father
had had an offer to go by Ill. into business,
and I do not know but the home of my
childhood, my only home - is to be broken up. I
am waiting quite impatiently to know. I
hope he will decide to go. Before that news
came my mind was fully made up to go
East. I am already at the top of the mountain
all my plans still be changed. I am
living happily here. It ought to, inasmuch as I am
a member of what is termed the happy
family. You ask if I have read "Barinjo". I
never have in Eng. or French. For the latter
I make slow progress - since I am away
from Melie Harrington. You remember all
had, as everybody supposed, a Californian
lover. Well it seems she now regrets she
can't discerned being presented by Mary
Dixon's rich "uncle Gustav" of Buffalo and she
visits her frequently. What she has done with
the other one "Admiral Ben" I don't like the idea
of her marrying a man fifty years old by
and means intellectual. Though quite agreeable
And oh! the funniest things yet to be told.

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