

I am very glad to hear from you and I hope you are well. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I have been very busy lately but I will try to write to you more often. I have been thinking about you a great deal lately and wondering how you are getting on. I have been very busy lately but I will try to write to you more often.

eyes and play sleep at least. It is a great trial to me to have to share my bed with anyone yet I endure it with a patient spirit. I wish all the time I could sleep alone or with you. I have denied my robe de nuit and ruband my hair and do if my husband could only kneel with me beside the bed and then take me in his arms I would be so happy. I am quite sure I would release you like him. Your letter of July 14th had reached me. And you were beautiful to me, Darling. I would not have been for I am really quiet contented here, but would wish to have a week after the girls are gone, for an interest in some good place. I don't do anything unless I want to now, and unless I try to keep peace with the prevailing genius of this household as you say. I will like to see you as much as I like as Mr. Herdolph says. I am glad you will like to have me go to Cleveland for the place which I could profit with you on my present business, which you would be very glad to see me.

and could be ready at any moment to go to you
should you need her. I Danna thought that
I might like to go there before she came home
and I conditionally engaged rooms for one in
the family where she all boarded. It is at Dr. She
done out the West Side. She is an old man
and his daughter, Mrs. Benedict whose husband
is in the army is housekeeper. She thinks it
would be a very nice place for one where I
could have all the society and advantages
for music that I wished. Mrs. B. has two
children, May & Willie, who are very good
fellows. She has a very nice piano and has been
a fine musician, but has as usual neglect
ed music for the nursing and consequently
don't play as well as she once did. They usually
keep three or four boarders and she enjoyed being
there very much. I do not like it being on the
West Side. This is about the most obvious
-jection I have to it. Board with washing inclu-
-ded is \$8.00 per week. What think you very much
shall I go? Let me see - I am afraid I shall
be rather an expensive luxury to you. I should
need many additions to my wardrobe which would be
unnecessary if I were not in such a place.
Long of course, would desire one to dress becoming
ly as your wife and it takes almost as long
to get a really nice dress even now. I am afraid
I should cost too much. If being out the West Side

was about the greatest objection that
Minnie would be possible to get. I don't
know but I don't think I should
like if neither of the girls were with me.
I like to go around but one could go but it
possible I think. For Millie's sake is enough
when I talk of going away and she thinks
I always have to stay. She says though that
would not have to stay out there about
she knows I could be happy yet it would
as nice if we only could be together. I wish
not at all well and wish never to be
out one of the girls. I think my health
that it is necessary for my health and
both present and future, to go away and
society and be actively engaged. I have
so long in a contracted sphere of a world
I don't mingle with the world and I
soon lose all interest in everything
I need to, Darling, to make out the
woman which you mean I should be
wonder me for your wife and the
who bear your name. I have had
about it of late and have made
talk to you. I did not mean to be
me speaking to you if you had
have the family but I think I
ought to go to it as soon as I
and I think would be very much

not think of one long enough to be sure that it was
more preferable than the other. If you have my
letters that I wrote in Canada, you will know
about my going to Albion with Dagna, but she
I think of the less attraction, but the prison life
is something for me. It would, by no means be best
for me, beside it is far off East and I don't
think of going to go at all. I should enjoy teaching
some of the more good more than ever I did and just
what I wanted. I know that if troubled your family
to have me here at home and being having a private
when I don't want any but myself, and I should
have more, and I will get far away just as soon
as I can. I hope I shall not have to live with
- out you, who ^{wrote} broke so much of my happiness
ever for together, very long. I am just anxious for
this fearful war to be over. Coon says he is so glad
that you do not like any life any better, for he has
hopes that he may practice law with you some day.
I they will call here on their return to Ripley and
I hope you can make it pleasant for them. The
family at Ripley is no inducement and desire to re-
- ceive a situation there and they expect to go to
Ohio now. My "serious trouble", Dear! was occasioned
by a note of Angie from Mrs Foster telling her that
she had written for your address, that you owing
debt to her for board Angie heard that she had
written the past six weeks that you owing her, while in
Canada and remembering her writing for your address
she did not know but if it might be so and Mrs
Foster told her all about the matter. I should have
told you about it immediately, but I could not bear
to have you bothered for I was sure it was paid
I asked your father if he knew when I was at N. and
he said he remembered getting the money for you
and your getting some change from the bill
called for to her a year ago last spring. Then seeing
to be a mistake as far as for she says the last note
from you was this fall 1855. She wrote a nice letter
to Angie and seemed to feel so truly that you had
- let her pay her or neglected to do it when you had
- thought I can spare her the money if she had never had it
- write me about it. Dear I am truly
- your father

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