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Dear Ellen

Beloved Husband,

I

I have made several efforts to
to you since I came from church but they have all been
fruitless, but now I have come again to lead to all
mayhap I shall succeed in getting out of my chest
show you Ellen but when she thinks I ought not to visit
my husband I think she is selfish I mean to visit
her just as pleasant as I can but if she thinks
I ought not to give any time to my husband when I
sick, I am afraid that she will go home with
It is so warm to-day! I do not know what I shall
do if it don't get cooler soon.

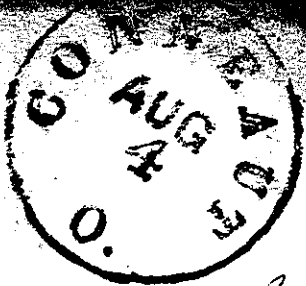
Was it not rather strange, love, that that Sunday two
ago when you were imagining where I was that I was
the just there? I think it I did want you some
and should have "bowed you close with my clinging
embrace" Sometime, darling, I will regard to what
would please you better, but not now. Anger came
some as I read that letter first. I know that my
eyes burning and eyes dancing with excitement
and her description of "My Anna which drew
your blush so and look so pretty" did not at all
all. Such descriptions of jubilee themes do not
They always make me happy but even when they are
my husband the happiness is doubtful. I shall
see you before the summer is over. I shall
with the idea of your eyes being so bright.

many I don't know why but I have a very great repugnance to the
to the and can't bear to think of it. I hope you will be a little
situated that I can be with you a little while. My great
desire for seeing something of Parliamentary life might be the ground
if for no other reason than to get cured of my ignorance
you see dear? Now don't you think so?

Some to me dear you have a funny way of spelling "aberrant"
of late. I have noticed that you have it "aberrant" and
I am very sure that Webster is not authority there. You
say too. If Uncle Sam can afford to have you lay still he
now is that just correct? I am not sure but you are
getting careless. — I believe I will wait until I get settled
in Cleveland before I have myself taken for you and if I don't
succeed I never more shall ask for a picture again. This
is just as sure as fate. If you get some good ones send
one a dozen or so for your friends who were as unfortunate
as to get one of those "saintly Jesu magis". I do think they
are the most detestable pictures I ever saw. I thought
them quite endurable at first but now I won't disgrace
my album with one of them. I did not care much about
mine until I saw what Lizzy writes. That put me a
trifle. I don't want strangers to think you have such
a stupid golly you do wife, as that represents one
father & another was up to thanks to have some pictures
taken and I must relate to you a very amusing
which transpired there. There was an artist who had
been into the room a week or so before. He had had
he was so glad he was taking photographs for
them as evidence. There was another artist who

the same way. The
full of old fish and children. The
saw. The man who was
said he could not make up the
as he actually some of the
which he was explained to them
he a dozen of his pictures taken for
as much as the declared David should
his image of "he was standing
in the wagon and was off in a
a pretty smart man and one who should
best. It made David so good
know but the pictures he took
I am very sorry, saying that you
troubled about my eye. The
disappeared and my eye just as
I know as it is not. I
Lizzy bids me say that when
had letters if you are pleased
does not think she can be
sent. She is so afraid of you
Loving me and I
only from that side. She
I had expected that
you would like it. I
to mean it. I
so far as

begin to tell you what pleasure you give by writing as you
Monday afternoon. Angie says "don't finish your letter until
you get better natured Barbara, or Albion will think you
are losing your good temper" & suppose I am and
and what should not be under any circumstances. I had
just let me state my grievances. First, Angie, had been
tracing my taking stumps and could not find it. I had
it this very particular afternoon to hear a new kind of music
is put for my exercise that I am making. Second, a
little swallow flew into the room and in my vain effort to
catch it I lost my needle and could not find it though
I looked and looked. Thirdly and lastly, the girls would
leave the back chamber door open as they passed through
and it slammed and slammed in the most horrible
way every two minutes. How deep I have enough to make
eye a little out of humor. - I know you will think as
- I am so sorry you are sick heart & wish you were here
I would run & race with you down the beach and then
we would have a little trolley. I am going to learn to swim
when you go in bathing with me so I don't have to be too
dumb with a dress. It is not so warm to-day as
it has been and I am sure I am glad of it. I don't
dare promise for my temper when it is so irritating but in
the coldest place. Willie is much better and Angie
thinks she can safely say she is also. I am not easy of it
for their sakes and mine too. I do wonder if your
father would be down to see me pretty soon. I wish
he would come. I want him to bring off the things
to you before you get so poor that you cannot eat a
cracker. I am going to send some quack letters and
if you don't take them at least every time you have
the belly ache I will speak you seriously when I get a
chance. I am as true as steel that if you were present I
think I should give you medicine. I am going to
send you a paper with a short critique on the "Spanoff" in
in the Atlantic. Bye bye Darling Husband
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