

Commencement O. Aug 28th 1888

Saturday Morning

My very dear Husband:

I wonder if there has not been more than seven days in this week? I am sure it has been a very long one for I have had no letters from you. I'll warrant that there has been a cessation of communications back on Jefferson to try my poor Angie says "Oh I presume he has gone to San Francisco all winter and don't dare tell you about it." I think it very probable and don't think it will pay to enquire.

I saw Mr Langley in town the other day and he wanted to know if I would consider it an insult if he should ask one of I would come and teach school for them again this winter. I thought, if the same with triplets" but I did not consider the prospect of being enough to say to him that I would furnish my presence this winter.

Have I written you about Henry Sills death? I know I thought of it but I think I had mentioned it. He died two or three days ago with heart disease. He had been very ill for weeks with Typhoid fever, delirious all the time but that the 24th and he was too weak that occasioned death. They had just commenced housekeeping and doing so busily. She had a child and he was with us few days. After his birth and had to be taken to the hospital for the same reason. I will write you again.

was not well enough to be brought to him. He
died. He was sensible then for the first time during his
illness, wished his boy brought to him when they told him
he was dying and he named it and after telling his
wife what he wished her to do he died very calmly and
happily. She is nearly beside herself with grief. It seems
my dad John cannot come but not until after he was
buried. So I remain with the Regt yet.
I don't know but my letter will have with it a very agree-
able perfume for my hands, smells pretty strongly of
onions. I had a pretty serious time yesterday preparing
them for pickling. I think you would have laughed if
you had seen me. I cried, shedding tears from my eyes,
and mouth. I was out in the woodhouse alone and I
wanted to wipe my eyes but my hands were all onion
and my appearance was as ludicrous that I laughed
heartily. I did but increased my crying. I could not see
at all, but I felt my way. How tedious these girls were and
them such a scene! It is just indescribable. I had the
onions nicely boiling when John should come but Anna
Lince. She has been for a good long while and we are
going to have one once a time as you could wish
Anna and Anna have gone up town this evening
and said they were going to bring one as letter I hope
as for I am just a little anxious to have one
from my husband. There is all call for one from
down stairs. It makes my temper bad to be called
away when I am writing to you. I'll begin to
write soon with any more that I can.

P. M. I am not well. I am
be slightly pleased. I fear it is
The girls did not bring one as letter I
sincerely have gone to see the world of
a letter with Susan. I don't know what will
I'll just tell you privately love. I am
but I don't like anyone think I think
know as I could live and stay away from
thought as. By the way, don't that was
about I am. She has been pretty
very eye and has not been since that
taken up for some time to come. I think
did my eyes good for they have not felt as well
time as they have since I cried as badly
the least appearance of any
Annie had a letter from
yesterday. She is not so well as of
and she is fearful that she is not
She says it would be just as well with
for she has been so tired. I don't
in the sunshine. I don't
a carriage and girls coming out
an agency for a degree market for
and soon riding between the
fight and other things
He was taken up and he
than on him for one
into my hand and he

The girls called to see him to-day. He hopes to be around
soon. Anna's side is the best one. She gives her the
sick-headache. She says Albert if he don't make his
own here now. We are going to see Laura Colby
while she is here. I. V.

In the leader to-day is "The Hospital Burial" by Smith
As. Wrenker. Seems to me, dear, you have a more
unwieldy plume. It makes one shudder to read
that party. Don't you think there is a horror about
it? Anna wanted me to ask you if you knew
anything about Joseph Spalding, signing a paper of Joseph
Scott that all that had been said about him
was a base fabrication. So &c. He has such
a paper signed by a number of the officers of the
Regt. and Joseph Spalding's name is among them.

He is making quite a boast of his name being there
and wonders what Surgeon would say to that.
If you are sick, my darling husband, how much I
wish you were here with me. I do not allow myself
to think much about your being seriously ill. I can
only pray to God to spare you to see yet longer,
that I may again be clasped in my husband's
arms and live to him by a life of devotion, love,
fondle and truly I love you.

I will try and be very patient until I hear from
you, hoping it may not be very long -

The girls wish to be kindly remembered to you with
much love. Believe me, darling - your loving wife
I. V.

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