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Tuesday Noon

My dear Husband,

I was preparing to write those letters you wished me to write yesterday and could not find the envelopes you were going to leave for me, and concluded that this had been put in your portfolio and thus gone to the Convention and you got some therefore missing envelopes and stamps and you may have to wait till Saturday for your letters which you will expect tomorrow.

I went over to see Miss Mary yesterday and was surprised enough to find Miss Sarah and the Dr. both there. Miss Sarah had come down from Sawville to pick up all her things so they would be in readiness to forward to her in case she did not return. She said Belle was rapidly growing weaker and they were waiting for the Dr. to go with them. But he put them off day after day saying he was not ready yet, until she was out of all patience with him. She knows nothing of you of Belle's real situation, but says they have waited so long now for the Dr. & Belle getting weaker till

The time and now she don't feel as though she could go alone with her. She was so annoyed at the way the Dr was doing she did not know how to express her indignation at him. He was pretending to be sick and was lying on the lounge being petted and caressed by Miss Mary which was more than Sarah could stand so she put on her hat and came home with me. I am sure I don't know what to think of him whether he is a knave or is deluding your mother, knowing how soon she must die if she goes there. In any light he does wrong for she has other true and dear friends who are not aware of her situation and she will never see them if she tarries long.

Miss Mary said nothing to me about convincing her, being wholly engaged with the Dr. Miss Bacon told me however that she had talked with her and she was going to do her utmost to get Miss Eunice to join Sarah's business return to Fairville and leave her place to me. She would ask it as an especial favor to herself and as Eunice would do any thing for her she was in great hopes to get me the place. I have but little hopes of it however or of going there at all, but I trust it is for

the best. I saw David Hodgson as I was coming home and he congratulated me on your being Judge. saying there was no doubt of it as Lyman Henshaw had told him it was certainly so. Phillip came over to see you last night having heard him say so too. and I began to think it might be so, and went down to the P.O. this morning thinking I might hear, but there was nothing there. Coming back walking the rail over the brook I slipped and fell ~~back~~ on the ice, one leg on each side of the rail. I did not hurt me any for a wonder, and though how you would have laughed at me.

Evening

Harmon has just been over in the storm to see if I was in need of anything. God is very good to give us such kind friends as he is to me Darling. Miss Mary has sent for me to come over a night and stay with them, but it is raining too hard and I get along admirably staying alone.

Wednesday. The boys brought up the mail this morning. How claims returned again with instructions that no claims are received there unless accompanied by a certified copy of License as August Jones letter to Lovison & Phinney returned not called for. Boutwell's speech on Impeachment with note your letter received. I thought I would hear from you but did not.

Thursday I received the Standard this morning but  
no letter, I was in hopes you would find out  
that you had taken those envelopes and send me a  
stamp or two so I could send a letter to you.  
I stayed over to the Mission House last night and  
had something to eat which was a great satisfaction  
they are very anxious I should come here, but I  
think no arrangements can be effected to bring  
it about and I shall stay here and do not at  
all mind staying alone, except for the sake of going  
up to father's. The school is quite large this week  
being over 120 pupils and Miss Kott has been sick  
all the week and the girls are working with labor  
yet I cannot help them, though willing to do it for  
my board even. Did you see Mr Dixon & Mr Owen  
Huron on the train with you. The Dr came last  
evening for a final good bye having received his  
papers and went on his journey to meet the girls.  
Miss Sarah will feel better. The reason of his delay  
was lack of money. I would read the paper to the  
boys evening so the brook is so high & dark  
I have attempted to cross it after dark. I came  
falling in this morning.

Friday Dec 1. M. you are awfully not to write  
to your poor little wife - but I suppose you have  
not discovered that you took all the stamps  
with you and are waiting for a letter from  
me. The boys paid me to night so I can send  
the letter I send Mr Foster's Report, the one  
you made out. He says return the papers for  
Rent to him also. I thought your report was  
all right and I could not find his to make  
one out from. I thought father would be in for  
me to night but he has not come. The Standard  
comes full right. No more mail for you  
I am your wife