

It is rather cold to day
the wind is blowing from
the north real reg and
I fear it is cold thru
to day - Willie will

write soon
Yours
Emma

Drummond N.C.

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Sunday 8th M.

Engl.

I am so
sorely to day because
Abner did not come home
last night. Now I don't know
what to do. I have tried
everything else. But writing
and now will see what
success I'll have with that.
Abner has been North for two
weeks weeks now. Has been
to Boston and New York on

business for the Company and expected to stop in Washington on his return on business of his own. He expected him home last night but he did not come and no letter came from him this morning explaining the delay.

It is so unusual for him to be away on Sunday that if it does occur that our home is without its honored head on that day. I am always so troubled that I never enjoy "the day of rest". Even the sweet prattle and sports of our little daughter has failed to interest me and I have sent her away to the

nursery. I have talked to her so much of her Papa to day that every picture she finds in the papers, she runs to me and calls it "Papa" and every time the hall door is open she runs out and knocks on the door of our room and calls "Papa Papa", seeming to think he must be there. She is as charming a little rogue as you ever saw and is really very pretty looking. She has such rosy cheeks and bright laughing eyes. — Willie received your letter this morning. Edgar Skelly is here yet and is a very pleasant addition to our family. Ed & Alf Skison do not board her

now. They had to have their
breakfast so early and all the
other meals sent down to the Joe
toony that it was too much bother
and they could get cheaper board
than I asked and we were more
than pleased all around that
they should vacate.

Edgar Kelly is so much changed
from what he was. He is just
as agreeable as can be. He could
not ask a pleasanter companion
just between us. I don't like
Henry's wife at all. I have to
be on my guard all the time
to keep from making her angry.
She is so quick tempered, and not
agreeable in any way. I first think
Fannie is constantly imposing on
Lodie, pushing her down and striking
her and they have by the frightful
government over her. I shall
be very glad when they get their
own home. Henry is not near
as pleasant either as before his wife
came. Sara and I don't have any
ruptures but it is not her fault that
we don't. You know any one has to try
pretty hard to quarrel with me. Don't
say anything about this to the friends -