1736 Thirteenth St.
June 4th 97

Dear Emma:

There is nothing of importance for me to write you - but I want to thank you for your good letter and frankly I think about you a good deal and am so glad you find time to write me. You were in mind all day the Thursday I knew Millie

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near to go. I know the
parting must have been
hard for you - I think
you have decided wisely
(as you usually do) in
consenting to her going
to Chicago - the change
may benefit her and you
will feel more at rest
about her - It seems to
me that the greatest burden
was in your preparation
for leaving home here

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been disposed of. I think you will be
glad of the twelve days of enforced rest
you will get on the steamer. Rest is needed
and I hope you are going to have a long
year of more quiet and rest than you have
known for some time— Matters with us
are as they were when you were here. Joe
has the promise of promotion but it does
not come— I might think there was some
thing wrong with his work— if Mr Fairfield
his chief had not told me there was not
a man in the division who was worthier
of promotion. There is a great pressure
from Congressmen for their favorites +
when they are satisfied there may be
some chance for those who rely upon
their efficiency to promote them
We have had lovely cool weather since
you left but yesterday and today are
very warm. The glass stands at eighty

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two in our big window
we are glad that we
shall have a look at
the Judge before he sails
away and that we may see
Lodie - If there is any
thing that I can do for
them when they come
let me know. You know
how willing I am and
also how limited are
my means of doing.
I wish you could see
the roses here - they would
delight your heart - we

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has made application to go
to Bangor - If he should
go we might see you in
New-York - though I have
not much faith in his
being sent - With love
to you all and a hope
that you will write often
I am affectionately yours
Bettie

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