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Dear Luther,

If I may be allowed, I will write a part of my letter tonight, although it is now ten o'clock. — The Baby has been better today, and slept an hour and a half at noon, on the sofa in the parlor. I had taken her down to the table, when she fell asleep, and astonished us all by the length of her nap. — Her colic has lately been ^{at its} worst just before bedtime, the restlessness through the day being much less than it was. I hope to help her through with the whole of it by cold water injections, which have already relieved her. At night she is pretty good.

I forgot to tell you rather a sad piece of news. Joe's Sister has had a paralytic stroke; it was some time since she

he was at ~~the~~ Munroe. He has gone away again for his health. The poor fellow is very low spirited, and seems to imagine it is something disgraceful, and will make people avoid him. It is not talked of by the family on his account.

Dr Davis has told him to give up his smoking which had become quite a habit with him. — Would it not be as well for you to be cautious in this same particular? I would have talked to you about this when with you last, but feared you would think me hard to please, and fault finding.

I have written but little, still it is a good beginning and all that I can write at present. Good night Beloved One.

Wednesday night. — Instead of a letter from you dear Husband, I got a long and very good one from Mrs. Lay. I do hope you will be here in the morning.

Mrs. Lay says that Mrs. Berdan's little

Bessie was born on the 15th. of June.

Dick was in the late battle, was not wounded but ~~was~~ ^{is now} sick with Dysentery, and at the end of her letter she says, she had just read a letter from him in which he said she expected to be with her soon.

She expected to go to the Fort this week and having heard from Bessie Brown and Mary Pratt that you were laid up, she was going to call on you.

The Adae girls are here on a visit and there is to be a party at Uncle John's on Friday, for them. Mother insists upon my going, and I feel rather inclined that way myself; just by way of saving how it will feel to be out of ^{wrappers} again. I walked up town, ^{for the first time} to do a little shopping today, and, you being a man cannot in the least understand how pleasantly it felt. Riding with Baby in my arms is very pleasant too, but is not to be compared with a walk!

Mother is very kind and helps me with Baby. She says she thinks it is a great-misfortune to do as she has, in giving up all visiting the younger; and does not wish me to do it.

I do not wish to either, still I do not wish to tell her and think the party on Friday will not, as Mary sleeps well after 10 o'clock. She is crying very hard this evening, and Mother and I are relieving each other in nursing her. You can imagine that I cannot write well with such a state of things. I cannot keep my mind on it, so dearest I'll close this unsatisfactory letter. If there should be any thing needing immediate answer in your next letter I will write again on receipt of it.

Take good care of yourself dear One and write often. — Goodbye.

Thy Augusta