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Dear Husband,

Your unexpected, but  
doubtly welcome letter arrived last night,  
and I purposed answering it immedi-  
ately, but little Mary fairly screeamed till  
too late for me <sup>to do so</sup>.

Mary and I drove out to Lili's, and  
she seemed to wish us to stay to Tea, so  
we did, as the poor woman is sadly afflic-  
ted with 'boils'. She has one on her ankle  
which the Doctor was obliged to lance, and  
is still too lame with it to be able to  
walk. She rides as much as possible, and  
has very kindly promised to take Baby riding  
this afternoon, if she can get <sup>away</sup> ~~in~~ from him  
so that I may make a short visit to Mrs. Brady.  
Mother is sick in bed with a severe influenza  
and Mary too is in bed today. Betty has



split her finger with the hatchet, so that no one can keep Baby for me at home, and as sister is much worse I do not like to take her with me.

I got Father to speak to Da. Davis about her condition that I might let you know.

He says it is not probable that she will recover from this attack, which is acute dropsy. She may not die immediately however, but linger; still with her long previous ailment, she may not be with us long, I should not be astonished to hear of her death any time! I am distressed that I cannot be there more, and felt almost inclined to ask Aunt Ann to help me with Baby while all are sick here at home; but she has company, and little Mary is so very hard to take care of that I feel a delicacy about asking. If sister could see exactly how I am situated she could not blame me, but as it is, I fear her feelings will be hurt.

Evening — Lib came, and I saw sister for a few minutes. She has taken her bed and said she had a great deal of pain.

They all said they had all the help needful and seemed to think I came as much as I could. 'Cunt-putti', and Eliza Low are doing their best for her. Eliza did not leave after all the disturbance; and I am glad of it since this sad turn of affairs.

Mary says that Lavina wrote to Luther telling him that if he wanted to see his Mother again, he must come now!

I had intended to ask you to urge him to hasten his visit, but this will do.

Lib asked me to bring the children out there tomorrow afternoon, as it was Bessie's birthday. We had intended to make a joint affair for Bess and Sella, but as I am cut off from all help by this illness at home, Sella's picnic must be prospective.

I do not like to hear of so many accidents



with horses, and am fearful you will suffer  
like wise, as you have practised riding so seldom.

Robert is not a home I believe, neither is Uncle  
The Brown trial is on hand now, and Uncle  
is at Pigna attending it.

Harvey Conover bought a place in Miami City  
but becoming tired of his bargain Wilbur  
took it off of his hands, and is moving out.

I fear we will have some trouble with the  
Butternuts. Sam Cox was here the other night  
and quite a disturbance was aroused in which  
a Smit. Waterman was shot in the leg. The Lows  
were both threatened and insulted by rovers  
passing their dwellings. — Mr. Odlin is said to  
be fearful as to the result of the election in  
his case. If Tom Thresher can beat him it  
will be shameful! Can you vote if you return?

I hope you may not have to keep your present  
command, as I can well imagine that it is  
not pleasant for you; nevertheless it may be  
drilling that will be beneficial for the future.  
Influenza are prevailing, and Sella and I  
are both having a touch; she is well up and  
I had better be. So good night, dear, good letters.  
Thy  
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