Dayton, 10 March 1864.

Dear Husband,

I have just finished a letter to Nannie, and will begin one to you although nearly eleven. By tomorrow's mail I will probably send Commercial containing a letter from Decatur, which concerns Mr O'Shea. From there we have not yet heard an account of the affair, but from Montgomery we heard a letter from our husband which agrees quite well with the facts stated in the paper.

I write you this morning of a new plan I had started for mutual improvement, today it has worked well, Jack evidently expects it to do wonders, for he proposed that the President should give 100000 to the rebels by way of making them good! The odds circumstances of this
remark, amused me not a little.
Mary has finished her wedding commis-
sion most beautifully. She fell upon
comings, two birds, and orange trees;
together with a front of hills of the
valley and an old vine, are harmoni-
ously arranged and awaiting her going to church
the morrow—I don't write these pages
by way of starting this time as goodnight.
Sunday, March 26th. You see this letter was
begun some time since, but has had to
wait for the finishing articles.

Turning your last, date the 18th, this
morning, have had now some Tuesday
when two came nearly together. I was
rather surprised by getting more than
the usual number. Upon and finally
reminds the comforts between Tuesday and
today; especially as I have not been well
my ears has given me some trouble and
I was out of sorts generally, feeling better
today.

I'll try to an Uncle plan and give him
your threat, so doubt it will have the
desired effect.

The coppery (commending copy?) as cold as
one. I cannot neglect any hot food.
I think between 10 and 12 dimes
The cannot get him quite as much as they
will for in the East.

The aquarium belonged to Mother. The lot
are longer the bottom and Father has commi-
ments and polished it as that he says it's
better than before, and the fish is like
hidden by the sand, above it. If it proves
to be the case, I'll not trouble myself
further, as Mother says it was more her
fault than Father's because she left him
on the shore to cut up the food. If
become, the sounding piece a failure I
will get another. Perhaps not till Mother
is in her own house.

So! That's a look of good health. Same hope
you write till noon with look at your breakfast.
Thank you for telling me! When you come back, buy me the Patent (after what when patent it is) sausages out, give me the onions, and I'll make hash till you pronounce it all right. But - mark you good man, it will be best - for you to wait till nine o'clock for your breakfast, and I'm not sure that you wouldn't enjoy it better if you should camp out on the upper porch. - Hint - I learning how to make that hash for you? Think you'll "so chew" it? Haven't got any fun in myself, so have to borrow yours. - If I was a man I might say that - I had a "darned sight" of economy in me, or perhaps in my bedroom, for there is a great deal of patching both in carpet and matting. The prices are so high now, that I do not wish to buy new floor covering, besides I'm beginning with any new thing that is necessary when you come back. That was rather an embarrassing mixture at
This dinner. Hope you succeeded better than at the old Fillmore supper?
Don't sympathize with the Colonel in his views regarding the shooting!
The first coat of paint is on the fence so we are going to look better outside, any rate.

Mary received an affectionate note from Kate Keller this morning, thanking her for her prompt execution of her commission and for the present. She said she should send cards, but in the mean time wrote Kate, Mother and Mary to know that she hoped to see them at her wedding.

The happysurround of the time greener and greener.

Ther's little Mary's new tooth is going the trouble.

I took a cup of tea with Uncle John and Aunt Ann this evening, and impolitely
your message. The consequence was that Uncle
came our next half an hour ago with a
letter which she wished to direct to you.
She has been beating herself on two
or three lately small to the surprise of
both sides. In one, Crochet was larger
for Tony Dickens, the boy only about six
minutes; there was no certain in the case that
he had Tony called it here the decision.
Tony says he heard his name called
and ran across the street at such a rate
that the boys might have played marbles
on his coat tails; yet there is time to
have the verdict against him, when he says
this first false. Of course he makes all
the fun he can of them.
By the way, Mr. T. thought him three books
last Thursday. Miss Harrison was letting them
with us, and as she stays at his house the
same after her.
Beau is convalescent out of danger now, but
is of kept from taking cold. She has been
a very sick child. — I sent her some
Plane Orange, molded in the form
of a rabbit, the children say the legs
on the flinten in which it sat were
ground the rabbit as long as possible.
Thank you to read a story, and get
one for a good lesson; I think he will
learn with but little trouble, comparatively,
in my part.
Della has got to reading as carefully
and will neglect everything else for a story
book as persistently; that I have forbidden
than unless with special permission; she
is to read it an hour practically. She
Aran Dickens's History of England, and made
her take the map over first every plan
mentioned; she was rather surprised at
the size premises she made.
On this day she had quite a quarrel with
her aunt, the contest has to count her time
while practicing the music. She couldn't
and say if she couldn't play that piece
skipped it for the rest. — They rejected.
her, I soon found she had got too much explicit to go on just yet, so I took her up stairs and lectured her; and said nothing about going back for some time; then I required her to go down and practice nothing else, counting every bar carefully. She went quite cheerfully and did very well, the piece is now quite a favorite with her. Her touch is unusually fine, and she shows good taste thus far.

My new plan does pretty well thus far; my own impatience is the greatest impediment.

You seriously are say anything about a paper; I have sent one or two a week for some time past.

It is after ten and Baby will be likely to cry soon, so this sheet must be closed with love and kisses from

[Signature]