

necessary to gather up all the
troops that could conveniently
be collected & send them to
the city to work. Capt P.'s
company acted as a guard
to keep off the strikers who were
inclined to make fight. He
goes up again to-morrow and
the strikers say they'll pitch in,
but I don't apprehend much dan-
ger. They'll probably get fed up if
they trouble the captain much.
It would be a first rate lesson
for strikers if they should commence
a fight and fifty or a hundred of
them got nodding killed —

I dined with the Mr. Elrath
to-day — had a very good dinner
but not so good as I should
have got at my boarding house.
Still it was good enough for any
body and everything passed off very
pleasantly. She seems to know

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My dear Augusta:

We had a "ball"
at our Boarding House last night,
which prevented me from getting to
sleep until after one o'clock this
morning, consequently, I do not
feel quite as "gay as a lark," at
this present writing. The Stampers,
Giletons and Minnie Church were
there, and the Band, so we had
music and dancing until 12 o'
clock. I had a good deal of
fun, as there were several plea-
sant gentlemen present, mostly our
boarders. Still, I hope they won't
have them often. — Harrison
was there of course. It was hard
to tell which of the girls was the
sweetest on him, both were look-
ing very well. The Giletons danced

as often as they could. It do look
a little strange to see their moun-
ing dresses whirling around in
the 'mazy,' - but I s'pose it's
all right.

I ~~don't~~ think I
shall never know about that
Jewett note till I calculate
the interest myself. It would
greatly oblige me therefore if Mary,
some time when she has leisure
would go to the Dr and take a
copy of the note and endorsements,
and send it to me. I can then
make the calculations myself &
find out how much is still
due. If it is left to Robert Cou-
win it will never be done,
I am pretty certain. It is quite
probable he thinks there is some
thing coming from him, and
therefore does not care how long
the note is permitted to stand,

as it is. But I am determin-
ed to have it paid as soon as pos-
sible and if you can get me
a copy of the note &c, I will
try to drive it thro' and find
out who owes the money &
have it paid.

There seems to be
a great deal of sickness in the
other families of our circle. I think
we have reason to be thankful
that our little ones, enjoy such
good health. I trust it may al-
ways be so, but doubtless they
will have their fair share of the
ills that afflict us here to.

Capt. Putnam went to New
York with his company to help
load government vessels. The
'Longshoremen are on a
strike, won't work themselves or
let any body else work. The necessity
was so great that it was found

how to avoid worry, which is an invaluable art. She, however, I fancy, employs it in her household affairs more than she where.

I think it quite likely that when this reaches you we shall be on the qui vive for news from the banks of the Potomac. The Rebs. seem determined to try another invasion of Maryland and Pennsylvania. If the gov^t has been making the proper preparations, I think the attempt will prove their last, but if things have been managed as heretofore, it is quite as likely to prove something else. We shall soon see.

Mrs M. E. told me that Harrison and Stampen were to be married on the 15th of next month.

Strange that to get married
in July: I prefer December.

I have not seen the V.S since
I wrote last. They keep their
house dark all the time.
Whenever I have gone there
~~th~~ no sign of a light has
been visible, yet they all
appear to be sitting together
in the parlor too. I can't
understand it. — Mrs Sears
has improved a little but I
think is not likely to recover.
I haven't seen Chauly yet about
those slips. If I get stam at
all it is likely to be after the
season is over. By the way did
you ever notice the yellow clover
which grows in front of the Tub. I
never did till within a day or
two. I intend to gather some seed of
I can & send it out to you —
Kin the dear little ones on my account
and believe me Darling ever thy lover
G. M. P.