

Mess room has been looking  
after my clothes in my absence  
she has had the chills & so  
has every body else almost  
around Fort Hamilton. —

Did you ever hear that Mrs.  
McGath had a miscarriage  
Mrs Gileton has been telling  
such a story. She also said  
that in w<sup>o</sup> time Harrison  
and Mary Stamper got mar-  
ried if she wanted to save  
her character. What a foul  
mouth the old creature has  
got. I think she talks about  
every body in just that spirit.  
She is better appreciated than  
I supposed by the officers who  
are most in the habit of visit-  
ing her house. I don't believe  
Franklin intends to marry either  
of them, for all he has been there so  
much



Albemarle Hotel  
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My dear Augusta:

I have set down  
to-night to write you a long letter  
but fear I shall not be able  
to accomplish it, for the gas light  
is so feeble and so far from the  
paper that I can scarcely see.

I don't know how it comes  
that you have had no letter  
for so long as I have written  
regularly until this week. My us-  
ual Sunday letter did not get  
written for what reason I do not  
exactly remember. On second tho't  
I am not sure that I did not  
write on Sunday, — but I am sure  
that I did not write on Wednes-  
day. My regiment is scattered  
so much and there are so many  
orders, and so much running a-  
round, that I find it difficult  
to remember the relations of events.



I am rejoiced at your good account of Priscilla's health. I hope her improvement will prove a permanent one. You said nothing in your last about drops - has that disappeared, or was it only one of <sup>the</sup> common mistakes of the doctor?

The regular regiments have begun to go back to the army of the Potomac. How many have gone I do not know - but several have and another is to leave in the morning. It is not known whether we shall go or not. Gen. Canby has applied to have us remain and Gen. Ayer is very anxious to have us go. Who shall the most influence with the Ad. Gen. remains to be seen. As for myself I have no opinion, - all I know is that if we do go, I shall be disappointed in that visit to you. Neither of us will

particularly fancy this change in the programme. - I got two belts for Robbie and sent them with Lilla's book, by Mr. Westerman. I told her you would send for them. The belts are not such as you sent for, but I could not find that kind. These are only an inch wide, but have a nice steel clasp. They seemed pretty to me. - The canes are still at Fort Hamilton; I shall go down to-morrow or Monday to pack up my things preparatory to a move; if we remain behind, it will be very easy to unpack again. The canes will be sent in the box. "A Gallie with my pupils" did not come in time I think. Emma who lives in <sup>the</sup> kitchen of the



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I went to Williamsons yesterday  
and got some Cortes. I had  
ordered them several weeks ago  
to be sent me by mail. They  
never came and I imagined the  
reason why, W. was away and I  
had sent no money. I ordered  
six and got fifteen. They will  
all come in play, as there is a  
demand for them among the offi-  
cers. I have also promised one  
to three or four of our boarding  
house set. I enclose one for  
Quince as you requested. If you  
wish any more let me know  
and I will send them ~~fast~~  
all gone. — I did not see  
Geo. Shaw, at all, nor any  
of the other Duxton merchants  
except those I have mentioned.

Last night I saw Capt. Jeb-  
hart who married Susan  
Wilson. He came on for medi-  
cal treatment perhaps you

know, and says he has very  
greatly improved. He has been  
under Dr Marcy's treatment.  
From his account Dr Marcy  
is making some innova-  
tions in the Homeopathic  
practice, such as giving med-  
icine in much larger doses  
than we have been accus-  
tomed to and always in  
the form of powders.

I shall keep this corner of my  
letter open a while to insert any  
definite ~~action~~ information as to  
our movements which may come  
to hand. — Sunday Morning. No news  
yet. I will write as soon  
as I learn what we are to do.  
By the way, did you ever get the ~~Pr-~~  
pet of Peace? I sent you a copy &  
you have never mentioned it.  
Good bye darling. Thine L. B. Men