

that I would spare nothing  
within my means to make  
home pleasant to our chil-  
dren than any other place  
they can go. It will require  
labour and self-sacrifice. I  
have no doubt, but I would  
rather make sacrifices for that  
purpose than any other. —  
Sunday morning. — Some time after  
midnight I rec'd orders to get  
ready to march, but up to 9 this  
morning nothing further has been  
heard, except the artillery bang-  
ing away in front. If we move  
we go in that direction. You will  
please have my Life Ins. punctu-  
ally attended to, as it may make  
some difference, in case we should  
go into action. — I wrote to Ellen  
in my last, but fail to tell me  
what you think of the letter & what  
she says. If you feel like making  
any suggestions as to the style or the

I shall keep this letter  
open & long as I  
can. My folks you  
the latest news,  
tho' you will prob-  
ably hear some-  
thing from the  
North before long  
you get this.  
10 O'clk and in  
the news. So  
I will close this  
for present being  
the 27th of  
Nov. 1862  
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was very near com-  
mencing "Ev". — My Commissary  
has just rec'd a letter (10 P.M.)  
directing him to have three days  
rations ready for a start early  
in the morning! What it means  
I don't know, but I have very  
little belief that we will move  
early in the morning. To be on  
the right side I have commenc-  
ed a letter so that you should  
not be wholly without epistolary  
comfort at the expected time in  
case we should move.

I have rec'd no letter from  
you since Tuesday. I confidently  
expected one to-night but was  
disappointed. The mails are at

fault and not you desert,  
I doubt not. So never mind  
the letter will be all the more  
welcome when it does come.

There is an article in the  
"Atlantic" for Feb'y called "House  
and Home Raper" which I wish  
you would read. It has some  
ideas on it which I have been  
accustomed to teach my-  
self, but the writer has de-  
veloped them more fully than  
I ever did. The writer makes a  
distinction between keeping  
a house and keeping a home.  
Your mother has succeeded ad-  
mirably in doing the latter,  
altho' I dare say many house  
keeping women, like Mrs. M. W.  
for instance, have turned up  
their noses at her, for not  
being a house-keeper in their

sense. Of course, you will  
not suppose that Mrs. M. ever  
said anything in my presence  
or within my knowledge to note  
my disapproval. If she had  
she would have got "fild"  
over if I had not married  
her daughter, you'd better be-  
lieve.

There is so much truth  
in the writer's article, that I  
hope we shall try more than  
we ~~have~~ ever done to make  
our house a home for our  
children. If it is made so, I  
have little doubt that they will  
become all we wish them to.  
More children have turned out  
bad because home was made  
repulsive to them than for any  
other cause, in my opinion,  
and I have always thought