Dayton, O. July 26th, 1863.

Dear Luther,

Little Mary seems to consider it her right to be consulted about everything. She is about to make a protest against my leaving and leaving her in the crib, although she has only been there four minutes.

Mrs. Fish was sent for the very morning the four weeks had ended, so that I was fortunate this time. Since that I have done little but nurse, for she is still very nervous and suffers with pain in her bowels. Mother has insisted upon my lying down a short time in the afternoon while she nurses with the children, and she would often take it if I could let her, but she is herself too feeble to nurse, and so I nurse a baby. — Today I can see a decided improvement, for she has slept in her crib an hour.
and has declined to sleep again, considering
I did not have an hour over on Friday and
only once yesterday, this is certainly better.
It might be a great deal better which is
certainly a comfort.

Frank has a famous tag, which is almost his
unchangeable companion, and holds the oldest
memory of things unchangeable. I was quite
delighted at its advent, as his pockets are
three inches of loads of useful talk.

Our Rob has no pockets yet, and I shall be
sorry when he has. He goes away singing
"Mother, Mother, where shall I go?"
"You got a good time, mother; in the kitchen, in the

No letter came yesterday from you,
I hope you are not sick. But as this delay
has occurred several times, I shall not be sur-
prised if he makes it also out some time. Do tell
me all about the fact-matter. How does
the General take his retirement? And be as
good as possible, if he can, for it? — Do you see
anything of the Vanderpoids? I cannot yet
write to you, as it is too late to write.

Coming, I have just heard little Mary
in her crib after a hard cry from her, that
I hope is still for some time.

Mother took us long ago this afternoon
during which she slept soundly, but she
cannot escape severe hard times through
the day. — While we are riding Ruby said
"There is some "police" operating in the
field, "Go sink track " that's clear." You
understand that he meant collect, I s'pose.

Yesterday was the time appointed for the
Democratic county nominations. I think
was nominated for legislature, and Ellinor
for Clerk in Rogers' place, but I don't know
the other nominations but will try to send
you a list when I can get one.

If I have done too, you will begin to con-
found of my letters, for I can hardly collect
my senses enough to write a few lines only.
I dress myself and do almost every thing
or great haste and almost breathless.
for fear Baby will wake before I am through.
This is a great disappointment to me for I tried to live so that my baby might be good from the first, and if anything she is more worthy than the others. You must forgive all your letters and write as often as you can; your letters always help me for a time at least, and in telling how much good they may do poor Baby in the end, so write dearest, and as help me more although so far away.

You do not say whether your expedition is the same you heard about before last. Don’t try it too soon; I know from experience, how easy it is to overcome at first in the delight of having got out of bed once more. Little hands are flying out of covers and little grunts are warning me to close—so goodbye dear Father.

Thine

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