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Friday, 2 1/2 p.m.

My precious priceless Ellie,

I am happy to say to you that thus far at least, I don't miss you unendurably. I slept from ten last night to six this morning, waking once but only very briefly, & then apace from awhile after six till another while after half-past nine — eleven full hours. I think a man ought not quite to perish on that?

The three children are all doing excellently well. Willie mostly stays with in call; mended his chicken coop last evening, & after with considerable assist.

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ance from Mr. Devison & Papa
captured Spectle & her brood & housed
them. Mr. Devison was deeply affected
with laughter over my comments on Wil-
lie's peremptory generalship & his (D's)
weak subordination; for the air resounded
with Willie's commands.

We dined at home yet today again.
It is Willie's misery & mine that the
red head is about out now. If you
get a cancelling of your furlough un-
co soon, it will be all along of your
insufficient quartermastering on the
red head ration. But the ob-
jection holds out yet — for which I fear
the girls are but dimly grateful. As
for Willie, it's all one to him, corn,
buzard or beef; his appetite rivals
Cmorro's.

Mrs. Davis is a treasure. I sent Wil-
lie into the garden for dinner to
pull some chubark, & he found it almost

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all stolen; only enough left standing for a small lot for my tea, which Mrs. D. is cooking.

Mr. Denison is another treasure. You see you a D.D. now sure — Davis & Denison. He has implored me to pray that he may save his two front teeth (adding a third since) which are indeed in so dreadful a condition that the night before you left he went down to Dr. Post's dwelling at half past nine (tho' in vain) for relief. If he had found the doctor he would certainly have had them pulled, as Dr. Post says he cannot hope to save them; but now Mr. D. is going to try letting them alone.

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The refrigerator hasn't yet, like Shakespeare, dropped over; + we read your domestic treatise religiously immediately after prayers. Thus far it is obeyed.

The girls think you must have packed Selden's hat into your trunk with the other hats you are carrying to poor Carrie. She is something like the can story: what you carry you bear, isn't it?

Mr. Denison is just narrating for the second time (this time to the girls, first to me) his heroic withstanding of a needle-agent who was pushing his way "boldly" into the parlor just now + demanding the lady of the house. ~~He~~ Mr. D. withstood him, placing one hand on each lintel of the threshold, + calmly replied "She is not." Can't you just hear him saying it?

Willie was in bed before nine, + up (I can testify) shortly after six.

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— Now, my dear love, don't forget your testimony. I have been thinking how invaluable ~~to~~ its influence can be upon our dear new sister, just at this opening stage of her mature life; it may be the making of her faith. Please ~~to~~ be sure & tell her & Joe together, if you can, or if not then her alone, if such an arrangement seems good to you, all our wonderful story; & if I could I would try & tell it all at one sitting with her. And Ellie, don't fail to let her hear you pray, in the family; in meetings & if the way is open, don't fail, dear

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to leave a strong impress of your
wonderful experience upon Clara's
young heart. However old she may
be in experience of other sorts, it is
hardly probable but that your story
has great revelations for her, if
told with manifest reverence & joy
on your part.

Ernie, tell your mother full,
in private, all your late somber
thoughts, & you & she pray together.
And let me give you a Bible verse
when you are with Carrie: A merry
heart doeth good like a medicine
(Rins., is a good medicine), Prov. xvii, 22,
see also Prov. xv, 13 — Thank dear Car-
rie for all her faithful love to us,
which I realize more & more continually.
— Tell Aunt Ellen how Uncle Selous's
case has been dignified by dear Dr.
Hamlin this summer. And if she or

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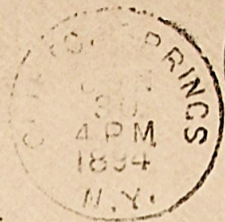
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I had just the sweetest dream of you last night; but no dream can equal you, my precious treasure!

any of your companions, value Dr. Pierson, I'll send you that sweet greeting from him ~~with~~ which you forgot ~~at~~ last in starting.

- The reports in the papers, of I. M. U., seem to be delayed. The Congregationalist has nothing, nor the H. & P., nor The Observer. So we will pass our souls in quietness until next week.

I think I shall be a help to Mr. Bodwell about his report. I am in splendid health; you need not worry about me yet. We'll see, when Protector Dennis comes, which I guess will be next week. With love to my dear bride Selden, & Evemia, & all the rest, I am in love with you
William



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