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My dearest,

I was sorry to send
you so brief a letter this p.m., if
writing ~~was that~~ did not cool me very
much; so I am trying now, at 7 p.
m., to make up. And I have sat down
to write, without any very definite ideas
what I am going to write about.

Mon. 4th, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ a.m. — You see circumstances
settled what I was to write: nothing at all.
Mr. Denison came in with his budget, &
the rest of the evening left no opportu-
nity; indeed I try not to use my eyes
at all by lamp-light, as I continue to
have one sty after another on my left eye.

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Well: Mr. Deinson has left us, this morning. He certainly has been a friend in need. I don't know what we should have done without him — which is a very profane remark, I perceive, meaning, I don't know in what direction my unaided self-sufficient wisdom would have had to exert its mighty self to supply our need. God would provide have done that. He is pledged to do so, & He is always doing it.

— Mr. Deinson went down to the Sanitarium last evening after coming here, & when he returned, at half-past eight, think of that dissipation! he informed me with exultation that he had arranged for some one to stay with us nights: Dan Somebody; I forget the last name. He is a young

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man, who belongs at the I-; Mr. D-'s informants seemed to think everybody knows him. I don't. Mr. D- said he first spoke to Mr. Cross, of whom indeed I had spoken to him; but Mr. Cross he said, would not come, & I think Dan was his suggestion. Mr. B- & some one else told Mr. D- that Dan was a Christian; which seemed to afford Mr. D- the keenest satisfaction. Dan is as yet wholly unknown to me.

I confess my breath was taken away quite, as far as answering was concerned, by Mr. D-'s high-handed

mode of benevolence; ⁴ & it was so long
before I could pull myself together
sufficiently to express my gratitude, that
I fear it was (possibly) a little disap-
pointing. I was utterly confounded at
his assuming so much. How was he
to know what plans, or preferences, I
had? He seems by his account, which
he delivered with devout expressions
of delight, to have consulted Dr. Thayer,
& Mr. Bodwell, as well as Mr. Cross.
However, I have tried to regard the
whole proceeding as God's thoroughly
merciful goodness to me, & we
shall no doubt sit along capitally.
The thought came of over me in
praying about the matter, that very
lately Serison has paid the young
man something for the anticipated
service; & he put a dollar into Ellen's

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hand as he closed his report. I should add, that he reported that Dr. Thayer remarked that it wasn't at all necessary that we should have any one to stay nights.

Everybody is rejoicing that you have escaped us for your needed vacation. Miss Riley asked me on Thursday how you were, & when I replied "She is gone away" she said quietly: "I am so glad!" which remark I guess she felt afterward had been mal-apropos, thro' I tried to reassure her. Possibly it was that which led her mother to say to me, as I passed

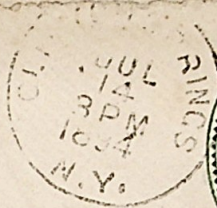
by them + stopped ⁶ a minute, on Sunday, in the park, that her daughter had just been saying that she would like nothing better in this world than to ~~live~~ live on our charming piazza + enjoy that beautiful view + have Mr. Belden to talk to her + made her tongue with his bright speeches, &c. ! Miss Riley blushed a little as her mother spoke; + my reply was as incoherent as of ten.

— I want to write you more — about Mrs. Fort, who doesn't fare out as well as I at first thought — about the Harfilds' banquets generally, + Carrie, + Mr. Elliott — but dinner waits + we are tired, + I wish Mrs. Harfild to see I, so I must stop.

Lovingly
William.

Mrs. W. H. Belden,
Oxford, N. J.

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