

Oxford N. J., Feb. 4, 1892.

Dear Day,

This is my wedding day, tho' nobody's birthday that I know of, & is also the second anniversary of the baptism, in Constantinople their birthplace, of my twin daughters Mary & Ellen; therefore I acknowledge with the more pleasure the receipt of your enhanced wedding-day check, & hand it over to my wife as my first earnest of her & their support in America again.

Comparisons are invidious; the only one that I venture to make between your wedded state

of ours is, ~~that~~ whereas Mrs. Dey  
attained by marriage to the name  
of Henry (as you have remarked),  
Miss Ellen Henry Scanton only corrob-  
orated, as it were, the wisdom of her  
parents' selection of a middle name,  
in becoming Mrs. William Henry  
Belden. Still, this would hardly lay  
the foundation for a thorough com-  
parison of the two ladies' excellen-  
cies; so with our regards & con-  
gratulations I am

Yours truly

W. H. Belden.

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Dear Belden

This is my wife's  
birth day, and the day  
on which she was  
married to me, (and  
perhaps myself (her?))  
when she was just 20  
years old. Well — well —  
I haven't discovered her  
age to you, and she has  
not a grey hair in her head  
scarcely. And hence,  
owing to the goodness of your com-  
munication, and the fact

That a good wife is from  
the Lord, I make  
this check } instead of \$5.

Yours truly

John H. Day

P.S. You ought to have  
been in the city yesterday  
and witnessed the fire -  
it was a sight. But owing  
to the fact that it was publication  
day I did not see it until  
it was all over! You know  
my strictly temperance principles.  
Her name was Emeline; now it's  
Mrs. John H. Day