

Purdue Sep 12 [18]85
1:45 P.M.

My darling darling Little Girl

I can't understand why you haven't received the Newburgh letter & perhaps by this time you have received it. I hope so tho it won't do you as good as if you had gotten it on Wednesday morning when you should have gotten it. Darling I fancied your surprise & delight over the letter you would get so unexpectedly on Wednesday morning & then to have it fail you altogether is too bad. When I left you I hurried to the train[,] found a seat and then went back to where I left you but you had gone. Probably it is well you had gone for I was almost wild enough to do anything. Then I went back & read the note which I did understand to be a farewell message Darling when you put it into my hand & then I tried to settle down. We moved out then & I soon began to write. Before I did so however I found that I couldnt get a sleeper berth till the Albany sleeper was put on. At Newburg[h] it rained very hard. I do not remember whether I put the letter in a mail box or hunted in rain for one & entrusted it to a man who promised to mail it. I had to do the latter in two cases that I remember distinctly but I can't recall certainly about it at Newburg[h] but I feel almost certain I put it in a U.S. Mail box there. I don't remember just what I wrote. I was so wrought up that I wrote for your comfort darling with the greatest regret that you had been so much more thoughtful and given me a parting note. Oh Effie Darling as I read it I had a hard time to keep from crying and wish I had had the seclusion of a sleeper berth. Yes it was wisest to have the sleeper but I am glad that I didn't engage it in New York for I was well enough off in the Day coach till I got the sleeper. I was so dazed & miserable that it didn't make any difference where I was. I remember I wrote you in the letter about my seat. It was one of the slightly narrower seats with room enough for one but not room enough for two; it was at one end & was a better seat than the one I had in the sleeper after I left the berth. There was no one behind me & I thought I was pretty well off & so I was very comfortable for sitting but not for sleeping. In the sleeper I had to ride backward. I was on the wrong road for the best view of the Niagara falls for the new bridge of the Central[,] the cantilever bridge[,] is between us and the falls __ I shall never use the West Shore again unless there are pecuniary reasons that I don't now know anything about. I want to go the Baltimore & Ohio Route & think I can make nearly as good time by it as by the Central for I think a train leaves here earlier in the day which I can take. You see I can leave on Friday at the first train after 10 o'clock in the morning for I haven't an afternoon class on Friday so I shall be able to get to New York as early as before or earlier. No Wabash train goes before 4 P.M. so I can do better probably by some other route. It is already the 12th of September & it will not be long when we get going & have our regular duties & have that meeting to look forward to & to count on. O Darling I hope my letter will get to New York in time for you on Sunday morning & that you can get it out without any trouble. Our mail goes over now at 8 am & I can get my letter off more promptly than last year_ Did you notice in the catalogue the announcement that this year a stage would be run between Purdue & the city? They have it in operation & I used it this morning for the first time. It is a great convenience[,] fare 5 cents[,] and runs now every hour but will I guess be found to pay well enough to run every half hour. The stage man says he intends to form a syndicate with the horse car line so that we can have transfers without extra charge. That will be a great scheme. The stage driver carries the mail & now that

will be regular I trust. The mail closes later in the morning. Alas it dont get over here till later & I get my letter at ~~9:30 or so~~ 9 o'clock or thereabouts. I don't like that quite so well.

Your letter[,] Effie Love[,] this morning was so good. It was so newsy & like your self & you did send me kisses too didn't you. O Effie they do seem cold compared with the real kisses & yet there is comfort in them & very great comfort & so much comfort in your tender loving letters. Darling I do love to have you sing the sweet song over & over again. There is nothing sweeter than to hear you tell me you love me or to have you send me such a token of love as a kiss_

Poor Ada has her hands full. I am so glad that she could be with you for I know that she was a very great comfort to you. I wish I knew some of the things she told you about me. Don't you think you had better write them[?] Just think[,] Effie Love[,] you may forget them. My freight packages were here as soon as I & today I opened them. Everything without one exception is as it was when I went in. I haven't opened the microscope box. Perhaps I shall find some breakages there but I think not. How proud I am of the Ruskin & how well it looks upon my shelf. The cabinet maker will make me a bookcase just about like the one we saw on Broadway for \$13 with a brass rod for a curtain & blackwalnut with shelves of pine. I have half a mind to let him make me one for it would be a good thing to have but guess I shall decide against doing so & have some thing to get along with made here at our shop for nothing. It won't be so nice but I guess it will do. I ordered a suit of clothes this morning. Three button cutaway[,] corkscrew cloth[,] the very best cloth of that sort[,] I mean best quality & I enclose a piece to show you. Don't you think it is pretty. His price is \$35.00 but being a teacher I got it for \$33. I feel sure that I couldn't have suited myself much better in New York from the prices I saw there. I should have gotten perhaps a nobbier cut but I don't feel at all alarmed about this man & feel sure he will do good thing for me & then besides that he will wait for his money which is an item worth noticing. I don't blame you for objecting to entertaining the old lady with the nose & her crowd. I think that it is the purest nonsense in your mother to think she has got to entertain every one who comes to that house. She acts bad enough about it when it is ones relative & then there is some excuse but to feel as she always does that she must amuse every stranger who comes there is folly. I can't see any sense in it at all. I don't find that many of her boarders stay if they can do better. There is always some good reason why they must go[,] this one to keep house[,] that to get better rooms at the same price. The Ellises have required but little entertaining & yet they have been her best customers. These trash who would dream of their taking it[,] your playing[,] as anything more than the service of the chamber maid or cook. They are of no interest to you whatever. You must be civil & even pleasant but you needn't tear your eyes out to play to them. Your eyes hurt too much for you to play to me at times & surely they arent to be played too _ I don't blame you if you object to amusing them and I don't blame you if you refuse & I hope you will. If your mother thinks that they must be amused let her do it. I am glad they are there since keeping boarders is business but I hate the business & wish that it there was a way out of it. I say it is a hard way to make a living & the living[,] while it is good & luxurious[,] isn't after all worth it for your mother has worked hard this summer at the veriest drudgery[,] cleaning carpets etc & she has brains enough to get a good salary at teaching if she would be willing to be lowest first & work up. But Darling I don't want to complain at her for she is doing her best. Only sometimes she does seem to be exacting of you & Jule[,] tho of you more since you are more entertaining than Jule.

Jule too has drudged as hard as any irish girl & harder than many this summer over bed bugs & what not.

I am going to hang the pictures tonight and will then tell you of some changes I have had to make to accommodate my growing library. I wish I had one or two more pictures. I think a little of having one or two framed but I probably shall take it out in thinking about it for I don't feel over anxious to spend money upon my room just now. It does look very comfortable now & if I had you to share it with me I should be O so very happy but we mustn't let ourselves get any bluer than we are now wishing for impossibles. We are bad enough now I am sure. I have felt better today. I hope soon to begin all the time to look forward. As soon as we do that we shall be happier. Do you remember the fellow who preached at the Brick Church that last Sunday[?] He might have made the strongest point in his whole sermon on that idea[,] looking forward[,] for there has been a great deal in it to the human mind in all time and hope is the greatest blessing we have.

Keep the postmark for a while[,] Effie Darling[,] until I get the trick of the mails here. They seem to be the same as they were in the spring. Yours have both gotten to me in the morning mail. I wish I could do my self up in a letter & come to you but I can't do that. I can only send love love love[,] full & constant love all the time for you my own darling. We are having such a rain storm I am afraid I cant get this over to the building & into the regular mail. If so I will take it over myself after tea. I laid in some coffee this morning and shall begin tomorrow to have it. The board is identically like last spring. With love eternal[,] my Effie[,] for you from your own loving Harry.