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My own darling Effie:

This is to be the last letter of this series & I am so glad that we are to be done with letters for a little while. Darling I shall see you soon after you get this letter but I think you will be very glad to have it none the less & I shall look for one in Baltimore & hope to find it. I used to think the trip to Baltimore quite a little journey but it don't seem much comparatively & yet it is five hours & five hours at night is a good while. How I hate the lonely journey & how I do wish that there was some way to drop that time of the journey out & be instantly transferred, the whole long day in the cars without a single familiar face. Darling I don't want to escape it tho for it will give me a great regard when I get to the other end of it. These last days are so long & go so slow & I am so impatient to be gone. Tomorrow in the last one & then on Friday I am off and away\_\_ I do hope that I shall have no trouble with my connections. The time at Cin[cinnati]. is very close[,] only ten minutes[,] but the trains pass a junction at such times as to add virtually 16 minutes to this ten so there is 26 minutes difference & they will know I am coming for the sleeper berth is already secured. I feel as sure as it is possible to feel about railroads. Before you get this a telegram will tell you if all is right.

I have been soaking my finger all the evening in the hot witch hazel extract. I keep the fluid in a thin glass floating upon the water in a second larger glass & I keep two larger glasses with water & one is on the hot radiator all the time getting or keeping hot & the other I use\_ I want to get rid of the trouble[,] whatever it is[,] if I anyway can\_ The finger don't hurt any but it shows that something is wrong with the thing\_ I will see Dr Smart tomorrow & find out if I can what he intends to do. I will try Brooks I think on a lectureship at J.H.U. I had one offered to me you know when I accepted this position. I wanted to see Martin on that for he is better to see on that than Brooks. If I want a place in some high school Dr Buttz can help me a good deal. I have been thinking that if I could get a position in New York at some thing I could perhaps make outside money by writing scientific articles for the papers. I cant do that here because I am not where I can get hold of the scientific news\_\_ I am very anxious to get some thing tho so we can marry at once[,] I mean in the summer or so[,] for Darling we must plan for that first of all for both our sakes and I know we can do it & I am willing to give up teaching biology solely or even at all if necessary to carry this out. I don't think it ought to be necessary but I am going to marry any how & I will give up biology sooner than that plan if biology can't furnish me a living. I don't feel much doubt tho that I shall return here with you in the Fall & I wish it was to be in January & not next September. Mr Phelps[,] the cashier at my bank[,] today when I went to draw some money asked me where I was going & when I said New York[,] he said "anything serious." I said no\_\_ He is a great friend of Hustons & you remember the Rochester matter. The people here all have me spotted but they are all too previous\_ I received your letter this afternoon darling and was so glad of it[,] tho short\_ I don't mean any disrespect darling but I am awfully tired of letters. I can't seem to half write & you are more or less troubled in the same way. I guess we want too much for letters to carry for us\_\_

We are to have an additional teacher to assist in the preparatory school and to teach some other things. She will come here after christmas. I understand she is to board in the club with the rest of us. I wish there wasn't so many women & more men at our table[,] three to one isn't fair[,] & I shall be more desirous than ever to escape\_\_ I don't like too many women & no men. I am no mormon. One is enough for me & how I do wish I could have her\_ I must stop

now & write a note home so they will get it before Monday. I will run up to Madison on Monday & then we will migrate up on Friday for our visit. Darling I do hope that no fate is in store to prevent our meeting on Saturday night, if there is we shall have to stand it. I have planned my best & now I must leave the rest to powers I can't control. I am crazy for 10:30 PM Dec[ember] 19<sup>th</sup> & I do hope that it will come out as we plan\_ I say 10:30 but more likely later. Now Darling good night and love love love & kisses

from your own loving

Harry