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My darling darling Harry,

I suppose this is another busy day for you, and I guess you'll be glad when it is over. I rec'd your letter a little while ago, and am so in hopes that you are going to be able to get away from Purdue tomorrow after all. I hope you wont get this letter before you leave. I dont mean that I want it delayed. I hope it will go thro' on time, & that you'll get it Sat[urday]. A.M. if you are in Lafayette, but I hope that you will be a long distance from Lafayette on Sat[urday]. A.M. I hope you'll be several hundred miles ~~from~~ East of Lafayette, & several hundred miles nearer home, by the time this letter reaches Lafayette. I do hope you will be able to leave, sometime tomorrow. I dont count on it. I only hope for it. Darling how very kind it was of Miss Weed & Miss Elder to give you (for tho' it is for us both it is given entirely on your acc't) a wedding present. I think it will be so nice for you to have something from them both, and think it was so nice that they gave something together, for they are so closely connected in your mind, that I suppose you seldom think of one without thinking of the other. I hope darling that you'll have some individual presents, that I can only look at, and not use, but I dont know how that will be. I think the bride gets the best of the groom, on the presents, for people send something for them both, or else something that only the beside can use. I'll be delighted and awfully grateful if some one will send you an individual present. Darling I am so glad that there is a prospect of Mrs. Stocktons being bounced, and I only hope that it will come to some thing real. I wont feel a bit sorry for her, for it is all her own fault, & she dont deserve any sympathy, for if she had done her duty, she could have kept the place. As she was so contemptibly mean, & utterly regardless of every one's comfort, I think it will serve her just right if she is put out, and I'll be mighty glad if she has to go. Of course, as we expect to be there, it has a special interest for us, but (aside from its being a good thing for us) I'd be glad on general principles, because I hate to have her get the benefit of it, when there are probably lots of women who are more deserving, and who really need it, and who would have some conscience. So even if we were not going to be there it, would make me happy to know that she had been paid up, & punished for her meanness. She tho't that it was more convenient for students, & the teachers who happened to be on the grounds, to board there, and that they would put up with a great deal, for the sake of the convenience, and she seemed to think that they were powerless, and she could just be utterly regardless, and run things to suit herself, and so she could have the least bother, and the most money. No one wanted, or expected her to do more than she could afford, but she ought to consider it her duty to do the best she could with what she had, and this she didn't do. Your mother will be tickled to pieces if ~~she~~ Mrs. S[tockton]. is put out, for she worries a great deal about the miserable fare, and says she hates to think of my going there, but she of course feels that it is best for us to go there. Mamma doesn't worry over that at all, for she says she knows I'll be able to stand ~~if~~ it if you can, & she knows I wont suffer. Still she'll be glad of

course if Mrs. S[tockton]. leaves, & there is a change for the better, but if Mrs. S[tockton]. stays she says she knows I'll be all right, & that I wont be likely to suffer from it and she is right. You got up quite a show I should say, for Monday Eve[ning]. I should have tho't you would have been about used up by the end of the evening. It was some satisfaction tho' to have it turn out a success. Darling I am glad that your suit is so handsome, and that you are so pleased with it. The folks at Madison have done considerable worrying about your father's clothes. He does hate so to bother with clothes, and thinks anything is good enough, but he evidently thinks that ~~this is~~ our wedding is going to be one of the most important events of his life, and he is going to get a very nice black diagonal cloth suit for the occasion. He wants you to go to Newark with him, and I think he means to have a regular picnic with you some day next week when you go to Newark.

Oh darling I am so glad that this is the last letter, and that we are so soon to have something more satisfactory than letters. I do hope & pray that you will have a safe journey, and that after you once start you'll have no delays on the road. I am so wild to see you that I cant get much satisfaction out of writing, and am so glad that we are nearing the end of the last separation. I am so glad that we haven't got to suffer another year. Now darling I must stop. Hoping that you will soon arrive, safely, and with more love than I can possibly tell you about.
Θ Θ (we'll have real ones soon)

Ever your

Effie.