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My own darling Effie :

I am here and it is 11:30 and everyone has gone to bed and left me in indisputed possession. By here I mean down in the parlor & by everyone I mean all the regulars and in addition Aunt Electa[,] Mamie & Bertie[,] who are here still[,] Miss Adamson and miss I cant spot her last name this moment, Carrie's cousin in-law. So you see I haven't had exactly a quiet family visit except that I did get off with Papa & Mamma awhile & they both stayed up a while after the younger part of the family had gone to bed. Everything appears to be in the most happy condition[,] far happier than I have seen it for a years. Everything has beamed all the evening and the greatest unity[,] peace[,] harmony[,] concord & good feeling seems to be leading motive. I cant tell you my darling how good this seems. Papa seems so much younger & happier than I have seen him for years & full of fun & good spirits. They are all so pleased over Carries prospect & it seems to have set them all straight and I am so very glad over it. But it was[,] no doubt[,] so when you were here and I guess I can't tell you much about that. All the evening it has been lively enough here. Carrie has been in high spirits & Miss Townsend (their [sic] I have got it now) were running 60 miles per hour & Eleanor Adamson was for once actually quiet. It was the first time I had seen Miss Townsend except that time last summer & I must own she produced a better impression on me this time than she did last time. She seems pretty lively but wasn't quite so silly as she was before & I liked her much better. I didn't see Carrie alone but she came up to me & sat in my lap a good deal and was very joyous over seeing me. Sue brought out a wedding present she had for me. You have already seen it darling[,] the beautiful silver fork. It is lovely and very unexpected.

Darling one other thing[,] for I havent time for much tonight as it is late, but I want to be sure & take something over for you in the morning when I take Aunt Electa to the depot. I stopped at the office of the Long Steamers as I had a few moments to spare when I reached the Ferry. I found there that the steamers leave at 6 P.M. for Troy so we might perhaps catch them but I dont feel as if it would give us quite time enough after the marriage rite\_\_ We could go that way to Montreal. Tickets would cost ten dollars apiece each way or \$40 for tickets[,] all meals extra. I think this would put Montreal beyond our reach but am not yet quite ready to give that up till I have consulted the other lines. I do hope we can make that trip for I think it would be lovely. Now one thing more darling & then I must go. I think there will be no kick if I go back to N.Y. on Wednesday but I will settle that in the morning. I shall arrange to come up once before my last visit which will be a week from Saturday & thus get in another visit and it will make us happier that way[,] enable me to do my library work and give them here me in a better frame of mind. I dont think they ought to complain or will complain if I leave on Wednesday and Darling I feel that I must see you again by that time. I think Papa & I will go down early on Wednesday morning to Newark to order clothes for him and that then I will

attend to some errands there. Then I will try & induce him to come on over to New York with me & if we can do so we will keep him all night but this part of the programme I fear. Now Darling I must stop. I will entrust this to Aunt Electa I guess to mail in the city hoping that it will reach you tomorrow night. Θ Θ Θ Θ With never ending love

from your

Harry\_\_

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