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My own darling little girl__

This is a terribly busy week with me and I havent shown you the proper attention Darling but it hasn't been because I havent thought of you[,] for hardly a moment has passed without it[,] certainly not an hour[,] & you have been present all the time just ready to pop out into consciousness the instant I havent been actually hard at work on something. Today I have had a letter. It has seemed so long to wait Darling but I felt sure it was due to the trouble in mailing from Madison. I think Darling it looks more and more as if you & I should be happy once more on Saturday. I think the Faculty meeting will take place on Friday and I am very sure that if it does I can get away on that afternoon. Oh I do hope so Darling for I am wild to see you__ I wanted you to be prepared for that extra wait and I certainly had every reason to fear it but now[,] tho' it isn't settled[,] I ~~fea~~ feel about sure that I can go on Friday. Darling I agree to your plan about our meeting. We will meet at your house no matter when I arrive and you can either meet me at the door or have the servant posted. I hope I shall be able to get the ~~night~~ day train here__ I shall go by the Pennsylvania if nothing unforeseen happens. It will save considerable expense and our meeting will not be long postponed. I will telegraph you as I start and you will then know what to expect_ I feel as if the time were drawing very near & I am so anxious for it_ Four weeks from this time we shall be Man & wife. Oh Darling what happiness it will be to feel that we are beginning this new life together & how careful we both ought to be to please the other and do every thing possible to make each other happy. I do hope we shall do this & learn each other very soon & so have a perfect mutual understanding. I believe we will both do all in our power to promote this__ I have no fear in marrying you my Darling & I think that the little misunderstandings we have now will all flee away when we can talk & tell our thoughts_ I have been thinking when I could think today about this & the sweet thought of the day to dawn four weeks hence__ Last night I packed three large boxes full of books. Today I have spent all day in getting my microscopic material[,] slides[,] etc[,] together & packing them. It has been an enormous amount of work_ I have packed them in packages to be themselves packed in box. Great care has to be taken to prevent these fragile slides from being broken__ The glass is harder than miscellaneous glass dishes for they are all the same size. In some ways this [is] easier but they tend to pack so solid that they are liable to be broken when looser stuff would be entirely safe_ I shall by night work be already to leave whenever I can go & if I am not I shall drop things. The pictures I dont mean to pack but they can easily be packed & sent on if necessary __ Tonight I took supper with Prof[essor] & Mrs Goss with Misses E[lder,] W[eed] & M[ore] and with Prof[essor] Waldo of Rose Polytechnic[,] a school at Terre Haute. I knew him at Wesleyan and he has come up here to attend our commencement. Tomorrow is the finish for the students & I wish I was to leave then. I can hardly wait. This week will be harder for you Darling than for me for I am so very busy & you must sit & wait without all this excitement. But it wont last much longer. I want to hear your letter plan

Darling since you think our present one & last years both unsuccessful but I am thankful that we shan't have to rely on letters any more for they arent enough__

I must congratulate you on the present of the lamps. They will be very useful to us sometime no doubt[,] tho not immediately unless we prefer them to gas or move away but I think it was a fine present. I think it will be a nice thing to invite Laura [Burch] to our wedding for she is a real nice girl and an interesting person & she would appreciate an invitation very much I am sure__ Oh Darling I shall be so glad when we can turn things over. When I think of tomorrow night here as my last I am glad glad glad__ I wonder what you will do when we meet. Shall you be so glad to see me that you will be about unable to speak or do[?] I feel as if I should be so at first. I am so hungry that I shall feel utterly unsatisfied for a little while and hard[l]y feel sure I am awake. But Darling we shall have time to be together & takes in happiness to make up for all we have had to suffer apart. Now I must stop & go on packing which I have to put in at odd intervals. Good night my own Darling with fondest love from your own

Harry_____