

Sunday Morning Madison

July 4 - [18]86.

My own precious darling darling Effie ___

How often & how tenderly I think of you Darling[,] tho I have been away from you so short a time my last thought at night and my first thought this morning___

I thought darling & fully intended to come away without begging you to write me a letter for I know how much writing you have to do at this busy time and how much else too but darling I felt that I could not go so long without a word from you and especially at just this time when I hate so any how to be away from you_ I will be satisfied & thankful with a little but I felt that I just couldn't leave you with the prospect of nothing at all and it made me so wild that I just gave up any such attempt.

I just caught my boat comfortably. The cars were very slow but got to the ferry at 4:03 & the boat leaves at 4:05 so that I had lots of time to spare. I was so glad I hadn't much time to spare for I felt that to use all we could have together. The train was crowded. They had on new cars made by the Pullman Company & furnished with the same kind of springs that make the Pullman cars so easy. I rode directly over the tracks but it felt very comfortable indeed_ Sue & Mag were waiting at the depot for me & were expecting Miss Belle in the same train but she didn't materialize. I learned that Miss Townsend was here on a visit so the hotel business was as usual. Sue had with her from the office a letter from Mr Upham for Carrie and as soon as we got home Carrie read it & found Mr Upham could not come on to the wedding. He wanted to wait to come on until he could stay awhile & not rush straight away again_ I had not written him in congratulation[,] hoping soon to see him[,] but I guess I am not going to see him so I will gird myself & write today___

Darling what do you think was the first thing which Papa said[?] It was [“]Did Effie come with you[?]” Of course he might have known you wouldn't come but he never thought of that but only that he wanted to see you. We are now exercised in spirit because the tailor from whom he ordered his suit to wear at the wedding hasn't been heard from. The suit was to be done July first but it isn't here yet. Papa ought to have written on July first. I guess we shall have to go to Newark on Tuesday & get a suit. Mamma & the girls are quite excited over it. I haven't much doubt it will be here in time & at any rate haven't yet begun to worry but if the suit isn't here on Tuesday the tailor will have it left on his hands.* Well Darling here I am again _ The star means that I have had the day in between this and the last sentence _ Θ Θ Θ Θ O you dear girl[,] how I wish I could see you_ It has been a frightfully hot day. I have for once deferred to fashion and kept shady upon this last Sunday before my marriage and have literally done as nearly nothing all day as I very easily could___ I wrote before breakfast which didn't come very early. I can't seem to sleep late and was awake very early this morning. I took Popp & my flute up on the hill at 9:30 & when I got there found the place preoccupied ~~but~~ by Vincent Chaney. I visited awhile with him & stayed him out & when he left I practised till 10:30. It was

lovely & cool up there and I had a good comfortable time. After dinner the heat got worse & worse and I took my hammock up there and found a lovely breeze and slept till 4:30. Every thing is so harmonius [sic] up here that it seems very comfortable. The only thing at all jarring was a slight [ill.] bonbon of Sue's. I was leaving a copy of Harpers upon the parlor mantel piece when Mag said not to leave it there and Sue piped in that I was so disorderly. I told her that I wasn't except here & here there was never any place to put any thing. Thereupon Sue illustrated my habits by saying that my room up here looked so terrible that she couldn't clear it up at all in the morning & just let it alone. I had hunted for a place to put things but every drawer was preoccupied & the drawer of the washstand was a horrible sight[,] scraps of paper[,] hair[,] etc[,] & all covered with powder which had broken loose from somewhere_ Sue is not blessed with the power of seeing herself as others see her but her eyes are keen for detecting motes in other persons eyes__

The inevitable Emma Townsend is here of course. She & Carrie are no end chummy & I am glad she can be here on Carrie's account for Carrie is so attached to her. The other girls too for the matter of that. Papa wants very much to see you. He spoke of it again today & hoped you could have come up with me but of course he couldn't have really expected you to come if he had thought it over. Oh Darling Θ Θ Θ.

It is Monday morning & now I will finish this. It was very hot up here yesterday afternoon & I was forced to leave_ After supper Miss Belle read ~~this~~ the letters she had received from Miss Tillie who is you know doing Europe. She is in one of the Cook's Tourist parties & is being dragged through Europe____ Well Darling I have just been taken off to chop meat for hash[,] the [ill.] time I have stopped & I hope the last. The exercise has demoralized my hand writing but I will go on for I must mail this when we go to Madison this P.M. Miss Tillie's letters were very interesting. She had done Paris & London & Turin[,] Florence[,] Genoa[,] Pisa & Rome much as one does them at a Stereopticon exhibition but done them & is seeing a great deal & enjoying herself immensely. For a person like her & Miss Boswell I think Cook's scheme a good one for they couldn't begin to do so much for the money alone & get around so comfortably. \$625 is the cost of the ticket. Yesterday they were at Lucerne & are to stay there some days & rest. Darling I long so for the time when we can go. I do hope it will be some time before very long_ I went to bed at ten oclock last night & slept very badly all night & awoke very early this morning. I dreamed all the time & had many unsatisfactory dreams about you_ In one I thought we were at Purdue & just married & I had let you go on ahead to our room & was on the way when some row detained me till after 11 o'clock P.M. I knew you would be tired of waiting & was greatly distressed but awoke before I could get to you. I got up at 6:30 & did the work about my room[,] made the bed[,] etc[,] which dont take me long as I have it reduced to a science by my experience at Purdue. Darling I know my writing this morning is terrible but I cant seem to write so early & what I could have done is partially demoralized by the chopping____ I got some ferns last night and put them in damp paper to

see how they would Stand it & they seem bright & fresh today. Mamma thought they might wither too soon to be of use for us. I can get the Virginia creeper & I think clematis & will try to get the daisies [sic] but am less sure of them as they are getting a bit passé ___ All the VanSants are at Home at Chatham today. I want to see Will but don't know whether it will do to venture down there when they are all so concentrated. Wills girl is with him on a visit to his sister Nellie___ Some of the crowd here may drive down there today for an outing. Oh Darling if you were only here how happy I should be. As it is I am very restless & unsettled___ I am behaving all right however & I don't think they can wish I wasn't here. You are in the business today I doubt not and you have your hands pretty full___ I hope you will be able to rest at night & so be fresh during the day ~~bu~~. I am so afraid you will look jaded. It is going to be hot[;] I am convinced of that but we shall have a cool & comfortable night on the steamer. If we can do so we had better go straight on to New London on Thursday morning but I fear that isnt possible. I have left margin to cut these sheets darling if they dont fit & I think they will not. Now darling I must stop. Θ Θ Θ kisses and fondest love for you my own darling

from your Harry.