

The day before I
came home
from my
gone to the
me + new
dress and also
baby one. I do not
you could have
seen baby this
morning he
was before
five o'clock. I was
quite inward to
hear him cry and
see him. Rich and
thought he
hatched about
he is always
very merry
in it.
to my
Rich da. Her
something men
in him. to
advice
he is crying
or Darling Child
and I am fond
of him.

Thursday, April 20th 1845

One week have I been denied
the pleasure of writing to my dear husband. I
have not been able to write. You perhaps recollect
I wrote of the cold I had taken how it had
settled in my head, how I had suffered with
the earache. At first I was very deaf, and supposed
my ear would gather, but as it did not, and
the pains resumed the shape of neuralagi pains
so I doctored for the neuralagi for one week
and within the past week it has changed about
and my ear is now gathering. I have suffered
so much pain that I am quite reduced. I
do not feel as well and strong as I did when
Baby was a month old. Dr. H. was in to see me
day before yesterday. he tells me when the gathering
breaks and my ear begins to get well, I will
then grow strong again not before. It is nearly four
weeks now since I was first taken with this
pain and during that time I have not had
one good nights rest, my ear is so much worse
at night. I think that in the course of a week
this gathering will break, then I shall begin
to get better. I have been drinking ^{all} and
to day have commenced taking tincture of iron

and am feeling a little stronger this afternoon
than I have for a few days past - Do not
allow yourself to grow uneasy about me
I am confident I shall be all right in a
few days - I have been thus misall that you
might not be unnecessarily anxious about me.

Our darling boy, is very well and very good
I kiss him very often for papa. The little
fellow is now lying in the cradle by my
side - kicking and crowing in the happiest
glee - I have purchased him a carriage
a very nice one for the price - twelve dollars
I got it at Higgenbothams - I was thinking
of getting him a carriage when I should
go to Legansport, I went to the establishment
where they were making them there I saw
some quite elegant ones, prices from 30. to 45.
dollars I thought - that - almost - too elegant -
for us, so on my return home got one
at 16. - I have not been well enough to take
him out in it yet; but he has had several
rides in the house and is quite delighted
with the movement.

I forgot to tell you in my letter of the 12th
that I had purchased you a simple though a
useful anniversary gift - with which I think
you will be pleased with when you come home
when you come home! how I love to think
of that time, write of it: speak of it. —

Yesterday will be a never forgotten day all over
our nation as well as in our own little town
There was a "Funeral Oration" at the Court-house
of our late President - Mr Edson delivered
the oration. The Free Masons, Genian Brotherhood
and Odd Fellows formed a procession. The "Home
Guards" and the band taken the lead. After
the organizations a carriage in which rode Bro
Edson & Cunningham - Mr Sherman was
Marshal of the day. The doings are to be printed

also the oration I will send you a copy.

The ceremony was very solemn and impressive
I did not go out - Mother went.

Everybody seems so impressed with the awful
calamity which has befallen our country by the
assassination of our President - that they scarcely
know what next to expect. Yet Johnson may
be the man to close this war. I earnestly
hope he is. 'Tis true this murder seemed
more terrible to happen just at this time
when the future was beginning to look bright
the shock was awful on the Republic

My dear husband, I sincerely sympathize
with you, in regard to the unpleasant situa-
tion in which you were placed at Court -
I know you must have been made very
unhappy by the occurrence - I am confident
you were in the right.

Your letter of the 11th tell me you have

some more of my letters. Hat. wishes me to tell you to inform Ben of fact that she writes him every week, she wishes to be remembered to you - Ben writes that he don't believe that she writes to him as he does not get the letters. —

Your fond, loving, anniversary letter I received this morning it gave me just such a feast, as I anticipated - Such praise and love from you dear Henry, to me fills me with an earnest longing, to become a worthy and

Faithful helpmate to my noble husband There is nothing so sweet to a wife as praise and love from her husband, it convinces her that her husband considers her his wife, his equal, not what some men think of their wives as their slaves. —

I have some good reading on hand now, two books of "~~God's Will~~" Gail Hamilton "one "Gala-days", the other "New Atmosphere" both good instructive books I am very tired from writing, this

is the first day I have attempted it since I ~~left~~ for a week. I think I shall be able to write you again by Sunday I hope so at any rate. —

Henry, I must tell you before I close that you have made me so very happy of late by writing such good letters. —

Goodnight.

Mother sends love

Your Laura