

or are you in a place where
they don't have such
things? but my love
don't throw your self in the
way of quickies to get lines
I had much rather you
would make no effort to
get them if you have to
your any broke - or oh. or
Caupful my darling don't be
any so the wander outside your
lines - you know how many have
fallen just before their time
was out - that Ireland says
Peter Lines is going to slack back
tomorrow day - maybe she writes by
him - I see him in town -
we have 17 young chuckers - they
will be good in your month - &
the wife have lots of peaches
too I hope - don't you write
again - Mother came in just now
with a letter from Aunt Ann - telling
me of poor Smith's death - that
is the little before Rich moved - that
is the third brother - so they go -
never around the corner - nor
men - two either, because of your
own dear self & the trust in God who
alone can bring you home to me
in safety - sends kisses to P. - you - an
Carm. Phoebe

Now you are this first day of May - it's a cold, chilly
day - not very suitable for a great May-day in the
house as used to be so customary in my young
days - I got three letters from your dear self last week -
wasn't I blessed? - The last one came Wednesday night
& you expected them to move the next day - whether you
know not I would it were near home - it seems
to take so long for our letters to go and come - I almost
forget what I have written to you - before I hear any
thing from it - I was so anxious to hear from you of
the first hear of our President's death, at last it came
I hope by the next one I get you will be feeling better
and more hopeful as I do now - I feel like giving the
Avery my hands - if he only acts out - what he has spoken

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I was sorry that I was unable to get the Commercial during this great excitement - they would have been so interesting and valuable to file - The carrier has all his papers engaged - we get the reading of Thomson's Sermons - & saw the details of Butler's capture, death &c but I suppose all these things will be published in a more available form - but things are more interesting just as they are transpiring - I am so sorry that you have been without papers &c - you must feel almost as if you were buried alive - away up there in that heathenish country - not knowing what the world is doing - except by a few letters & sometimes an official despatch. Will it not eat out your appetite for daily - I wonder - I am so selfish that when I have you safe at home with me - I have almost all my relish for such reading - but I don't think it is right - I don't want men to live for self & one or two show alone - as much as I did for a year or two after I was married - The doctrine is to me very repulsive - that woman was created to cook dinners and nurse babies alone - I don't enjoy doing either for my part - The fudge I forgot I was writing a letter to my dear old soldier husband, yesterday was Sabbath day - & having a cold I was in the house

all day. I felt so lonely & thought so much about
you and wished you were here, that I wish it to me
to have been separated so much of the time since
we were married that it will seem quite novel to
have you come as a fixture and not as a mere
guest - must it darling? I can't realize it - I wish
I was more buoyant & jubilant - I can't get to feel that
this delightful year will soon be over - It is amusing
to read the letter to the Commercial from Sherman's Army
about the time Sherman thought he was immortalizing
himself making peace on his own responsibility after descri-
bing the appearance of officers & every surrounding circumstance
very particularly & talking about what a relic the old house
in which the august assembly met & telling about gathering
leaves & flowers around as sacred mementos & telling of the
hopes & plans of the men in a home ward march be-
winds up by changing this line of the song "What shall
we do when the war breaks the country up?" to "What shall
we do when peace knocks the army up?" - Poor souls they
were a little too fast - when Gen Grant stepped in, he came
^{with} brought the "war club" instead of the "shiv branch" - so
ye correspondents may throw away his ridiculous straining
leave be - I suppose I ought not to laugh at the pen
ally

disappointment but they are such a set of braggadocios
down there & think they have done it all so grandly -
I am just hateful enough to feel glad that they
& Sherman have been shutted a little - what do you
think? - Douglass is home on ill health leave & they
say it kills him considerably when the men con-
sume Sherman in his presence - he won't have a
word said - by the way, I must go down and see
them & hear about Gen Leggett & Mrs Gen Leggett you know.
Oce my darling I got Capt ^{Carlisle} ~~Carle~~'s & Adjt Adair's
pictures - I showed them to the Major he gave Adair
quite a puff in smartness & information - I should
think from his picture - he was a very fixey little den-
dy fellow & that would be all - Carlisle is not as good
looking as I supposed he was - as you say my
new album is quite overstocked by almost a dozen -
but Albums are so common I don't much want one -
I've been trying to ~~be~~ invent some plan to have our
soldier pictures framed under glass - then they would
not suffer so much from handling as in albums -
I wish you could find me some fine ones in your
travels - but don't worry about mementos, I guess you folks
don't pick up success pictures - books - or smoking cups -



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