

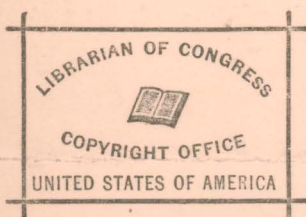
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Such a dreary, dreary day, darling and I am so melancholy. It is raining, raining as if it would never stop, - not mildly or softly, but slowly, steadily, incessantly. And I am thinking of my little wife to be as I look out of the window, trying to annihilate the many miles between her and me, and I would that I could so by a mental effort annihilate the miles that keep us apart. There are, there can be no other barriers.

Sometimes I am so tired that I should long for the great rest of all if it were not that I feel myself waiting in loving hope for you and day after day working for our union.

It seems so tiresome and commonplace to reiterate that you have been and are the inspiration of my life.

Hitherto, I don't think this has been



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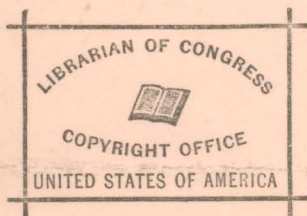
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quite a nice thing to say, but hence-
forth it shall be such a life - a career
of such thoughts and such deeds that
no woman need be ashamed to have
inspired them.

You must not be provoked or the
least bit jealous when I tell you that
I spend much of my time very quietly
with Ella Smith. We read together
and talk - always of some thing up-
lifting. She is like a great calm
dispassionate sister. And there is
so little of danger in our inter-
course that we have not yet had
to delude ourselves by calling it
"platonic affection."

My mother is very much pleased
with our house, though, dear Jane
getting, except for my study, nothing
but the barest necessities; because I
know something you will want to have
abundant in picking and fixing yourself.



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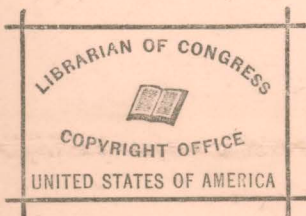
I have had to lay down my letter for a long while as I have been very busy for nearly the past hour. I am alone in my slack now and so have much time to myself, to read and to write. Of course I like this immensely; but I shall not hold this place longer than a year unless they raise my salary, but I have great hopes that this will be done.

I am so sorry dear about your Certificate. I know why you wanted to get it and regret its loss on that account. But, dear, these are two consolations: First, it is not irretrievably lost and second, you won't need it, so there!

Write to me whenever you can, love.

I am, I insist that I am Ever
Your devoted Husband-to-be.

Paul
(DURBAR)



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