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April 3rd 1858

Dear May

I seat myself to write you a line in reply to yours, soon before, bearing date March 18th 58 I rec^d also some day letter from 'Dennis' and am pleased to learn of each that you are enjoying good health and peace of mind. Long may you live in the enjoyment of such privilege and blessing, shall ever be my prayer for each of you. I would ever remember that you are mortal & born to die. Let this important fact early engage your attention in view of its coming and thereby ^{its} rother of its terrors

I have nothing special to communicate, or nothing of importance has transpired since you left home. We are driving along about as usual with the same little noisy family circle around - just now once Charly just now interested standing I am writing is enquiring of me how many Aunt Cather's will this egg make. You write I might expect a letter from 'Dennis' & 'Buzzy' & 'horse' but he has not yet arrived. On return trip from the Depot on yesterday I had the pleasure of meeting with your old friend 'Virg' & 'Ellin' Complan, of not having rec^d a line from you

The old lady particularly request m^l give you
her best love. She would be happy she says but the
horse will run away with the Buggy & cant get along
happily in consequence. This I undertook to palliate
by promising to endeavor to see her in a little. The old
lady has just made quite an adventurous trip to town
with Mr Dennis' horse, when he frightened and she barely
escaped with her life. The old Nook seemed to be
in him she says - fainted at the recitation and I
administered a cordial & betook myself to home.

I find myself scribbling bad minutes and will
come now to ^{the} all important subject of your trunk.
This I have not received & doubt not being able to
reclaim it - though I have two fast young
Americans on the track Mr Doty & Mr Stan Puffer
I hope for those it may concern they will succeed
'Noy' I have learn of your mother has some agency in
the Petersburg Report. If so it be likely to recover
it. I will write him specially & call his attention to the
fact. On my return trip to N.C. I had my
license taken in the breakfast & also John's and gave
it to him for you. You have doubtless before this received it
but

I perceive from your letter that your wardrobe is
being much reduced. Oh!!! Oh Calico dress strait
I'll do as you suggest in regard to the trunk. I'll
offer a small reward which may perhaps induce
some postor to make some revelation in regard to it.
I imagine you would not like strangers to read your
letters & correspondence. It is prudent to write nothing
even to a friend that one would not like the world
to read - such should not be confined to a shirt
like this, but reserved to a more suitable occasion
You need have no fears I think on this score.

You with aunt Patsy & Cally are contemplating a visit to
Abih. I imagine she is out again and say to her I have
with me a fine looking gentleman I intend to bring along
with me should I see you gang that way again I'll like for
her to see & don't hurry the cat, as just now he is not
in any suitable form; but wait for the wagon.

Miss Smith is proposing Monday next to teach the idea
to shoot in the Park Lock Saloon. Wonders will never
cease. Perce is standing in class Colby A.C. there are
41 in class & some who has previously been through the course
I infer he is doing well & reputed excellent in all his studies
but somewhat delinquent in prayer. Poor fellow he can't stop

I fear tonight I slightly contemplate sending him
a bottle of wine to please under his power that he may
be the better enabled to sleep tonight - ironically
speaking - I doubt however but he is acting very credibly
both to self & family. Frazer has had a touch of
Langue & scorns into a Gin-shop and has got
to believing in Maccasin track, & the like of this
This leaves us all up - my heart as usual - & now my
head much affected from writing

Children are all well & Ada as fat as a bear,
and when she says dont you must doubt
affectionately

Yours
Walter D. Gay

P.S.

I suppose you will be comfortably fixed shortly
as to ^{the} patient & happy

To use a favorite expression of our old Commodore
Burns, George is as fat as a fool weigh, 148 pounds

all join in love, to all
W.D.G.



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