Hear Husband

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Hampstead Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> /62 Dear Husband I received a letter from you to-day, and am in quite a hurry to answer it, because we have had our minaturs taken to-day. I don't feel at all satisfied with them. I guess you wont want to show them to any one. I tried to get one taken on glass at first but it didn't look so well as these do I couldn't get them taken all together either, when we had them <del>all</del> taken so, mine looked as old as mother

Maj Smith condemned mine as soon as he looked at it. I knew it was no use to try to have the children sit again. I am not going to send but one at a time, so I will send mine first, and if you don't like it I can go to Haverhill almost any time and have mine taken I should have sent mine before now if I hadn't expected to have them taken all together. I thought it would be a great pleasure to send them, but it isn't, to send such looking things as these. But I did the best I could and you must take the will for the deed

Oh dear the children are making such a noise that I can't write what I want to. Josie has been reading your letters and <u>such</u> reading you never heard And Annie has sung more then forty different songs since I begun to write. Josie wants me to tell you

that her baby is sick with the heart-condern Perhaps that's what ails some of the soldiers that went from these here. But - I am afraid you don't have quite charity enough for them. I don't - want - Hall to come home I am afsaid it-will make you home-sick. It- will me any way, It-will make me wish it was you , And if he and Brewster comes home I shard have anybody to sympath these with me here. Misery likes company you know When I first - he was coming home I fill -glade for his wife. Oh how glass she will be. I am glad you sent are that hair. I should prize it very highly if you are taken sich like the rest of them, I carried your minature up to the saloon today to get it copied. It kept erachling off more and more and I was afreid I should lose it entity. Now for has got - on your gloves training around and calling heaself Mooses and its impossible for me to write. Tell Me Wood that I am glad he had a letter from his wife los, and hope he will be as good to write to his wife as my husband is to me, Now Jose has got her grandfathers old hast on, and such a looking object you never saw, And Amic is singing Three little killers they lost these mittens " with a little variation. I just wish you could been her that's all I havi't heard from Nelson for more than a week dont - know whether he has got his les out of the box or not, I havn't - sen him but once since he was hut don't - know whether be has and his he with the box or

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I havn't heard from Nelson for more that a week don't know whether he has got his leg out of the box or not. I havn't seen him but once since he was hurt I don't see Hattie nor Ruth very often. I havn't seen

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I don't think much of your not wanting me to come out there. You know I can put up with inconvenience as well as you can, and as to the fleas and lizards why I don't think they would anoy me more than they would you or Annie. Now you must go right to wanting me out there or I shan't like it. I dreamed I and Mrs Brewster were out there a short time ago and I saw you and kissed you and last night, I dreamed you had come home and after you had been at home, a good while I asked you how long you were going to stay and you said six months and you did not know as you should go back at all. I thought we could hear cannon's and martial music and mother asked you if there wasn't going to be a battle and you answered her indifferently just as you always do about any danger

But you was in first rate spirits and you always are in my dreams. Oh I <u>tell</u> you I would not exchange my dreams for any thing but reality. William and Julia think a great deal of the letters you write to them.

Mr Garland told me he heard two of them read and they were <u>first rate</u>. I have sent you some postage stamps in two letters which you will receive before you do this

I received that certificate, Another reason why I did not have my menature taken on glass is that I was afrained it would get becken. They all told one it would be likely to And now I must - close and will write again the firstof next-week and send the other minature. Have you received any papers? I have sent them all so far and will continue to do to. Sond now good bye darling, It seemes almost as though you were here with me because I love you so very much. Oh my precious may you come home soon to your Earny at lake at a dissuit of and this Becaut way and there a shead here ago prediction gon and the second and the second second of the second second some and all'y you shad the share The, a good which it attest you have tone you aver for the stay and you have der month and goe did mit have as goes subselet so had at all . I though here could here tansary and mailed much and applies add your there want grove where a fall and you anonered h my deepond for any thing but secledy William and fulce Thend a great deal of the laster god write to them. Mar Salland lots me he heard and then sind and

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