

Hampstead May 15th 700

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some shoes to fit for John Taber this week. He has moved into this neighborhood into the house formerly occupied by Mr Polson. He thinks he shall want me to bind all that he ~~and~~ and Job makes for some time. Do you see I shall have a chance to replace the money I have taken out of yours, and that will please me because I want to keep all that for time in need, ~~when~~ or at least till we can enjoy it together.

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But I shall forget I have got some news to write if I don't look out; I want to tell you that you have got another little niece, but - not where you expected. Julia has got another little girl. You will think strange, but - I thought - as strange of it as ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~will~~ ^{will} ~~Mr. has been sick nearly a week~~ ^{Mr. has been sick nearly a week} strange, but - I thought - as strange of it as you will. Ori has been sick nearly a week with her old complaint. The baby was born

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Assie has got over the mumps so that she went to meeting today. If you had seen her in the meeting-house today you would have thought she was a quite a young lady yet. We went down to the corner to get some water and she left me to go with some little girls and when I went into the meeting-house she and Ettie Sargent were laughing quite loud and chasing one another around the settlers. She don't act as well as she used to and I don't know what to do with her. I forgot to put Josie's figure in my last letter and so I will put it in this.

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I had a letter from your mother last week. I received Maggies letters which were enclosed in yours. I don't know why I didn't say anything about them except that as I have been corresponding with her

all winter they were not new to me as she would be likely to write to us very much alike. About our going up there to live I should like it very much if I was fit to live on a farm, and I should not like to go so far away from mother because she is sick so much. But Mag has gone back to Bradford you know. I havnt seen her since she come back. I feel there is a good deal of truth in what you said in your last letter about our separation.

People are so constituted that if they have no troubles they do not know what real happiness is. But I feel that I have a good deal to be thankful for, darling, as long as I can write to you and receive your precious letters.

Now I hope you will not be as disappointed as I ~~to~~ am when I receive a letter from you without any love in it. I feel just as dissatisfied as can be. But you know I do love you, my precious husband better than every thing satisfied as can be. But you know I do love you, my precious husband better than every thing else in the world. I have thought if you were taken prisoner I should go and leave every thing else and come to you. I know I could get to you some way.

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Good Bye darling, From Emmy