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Portland, Thursday, 20 July.

My dearest husband,

I had the pleasure this morning of receiving your kind letter - I am happy to hear that you are so well - & still have hope enough to live upon - I was very much interested in your account of the sick gentleman - & especially with his friends - I am sure it must give you pleasure to pay him every attention - I am sure I would if I were there - & then I could seem to feel more <sup>confidence</sup> that my own husband would be attended to in a foreign land - We feel badly enough to be separated as we are - & how would the misery of separation be heightened, by knowing that one was sick - Oh - why will invalids leave home & all their friends - & so often to die in foreign lands! If there is not a certainly almost of recovery - they had better remain - even if a few days are cut from their lives, where their pillows can be smothered by the hand of affection - & their feelings soothed by the gentle tones of love.

This has been a very warm day & I cannot move without being wearied. "The grasshopper seems a burden" these warm days - I lay down every day - but do not feel contented to lie long. I have spent nearly an hour in the garden - this morning & evening together - I have been making a loose dress out of a tight one - We must come to disagreeable things, you know - wilee wilee - Oh I shall be delighted to be once more as I was once - I don't like such an embargo at all. I shall be expecting every day now to hear from Sarah. Mr Adams received a letter dated the fifth saying that his expectations were daily - I may say, that in a manner mine are so, for I never go to bed without thinking well it may take place to-night - though in the day time I think it will not for a fortnight - Of course it occupies the greater portion of my thoughts - that to your exclusion though Mr Adams invited <sup>me</sup> to go to sleep with her - She & Pa occupy separate rooms - always in warm weather - but I prefer sleeping <sup>alone</sup> - should there be any necessity - I can easily call her - Oh my dear husband, how I want to see you - I have been thinking if you were here how pleasant it would be for us to go about the garden

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Description: Lucretia Sewall to husband on pregnancy

I water the plants & this evening I should admire to go with you & get an ice cream. I want one prodigiously - but it's too bad to make you think of these pleasant tantalizing images - What strangers we shall be to each other when we meet. I shant know how to behave!

Yesterday I wrote to Lucy Hudson & Sarah Day - by Mr Williams - Mr Williams is going to travel & will go through Meadville - It was such a good opportunity I thought I must improve it - Tomorrow I must write by Mrs Balch & send by Mr Peckam & enclose it in this.

What perfect extortionists they are at 15 L. R. Place. I have wondered a great many times how we could so long put up with such inconveniences as we did there - for so long a time - though as a boarding house it was preferable to the other; there - you know if we wanted a clean plate we must get it ourselves, or wait a half an hour - I can't help laughing when I think of the doings there -

There have been a great many island parties here this summer. Some of the fashionables have you to-day - Mr Prentiss among them - One young lady of my acquaintance went three times in one week.

Oh my dear husband, what a thrill of pleasure comes over me - when I think of meeting you again - How delightful it will be - will it not? & I am sure the reality will be as pleasant as the anticipation in this case -

I send you a stock which I found in your trunk - I observe that Joseph has worn his a great deal which you bought at the same time - & it looks very light & cool -

Will you - dear Sewall - excuse me if I write no more to night? It tires me very much to sit & write - & I wish to finish this to night - & write to Mrs B- in the morning - & thus have them ready for Mr P- when he calls.

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