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My dear husband,

A letter for you left this morning by Mr Coulbath – & you I hope it will arrive safe and sound - Stackpole called this morning & offered to take a letter – & I will let no opportunity slide – even if I write only a line — I am well & the rest of us are in usual health – It has been as wild as usual – this afternoon – She has taken in her head to scream – & she'll draw in her breath & scream out so loud that she may be heard all over the house – She occasionally sings a new long note – "a ba mam [?] [?]" — She admires to be in the entry – between the kitchen & parlour – she'll look up at the clock – & way up to the wall & then round the walls & her little face must

looks so cunning & bright – I wish you could see her – I think we ^ take at any

more comfort in children while they are infants - than are infants more advanced period – children I think are rather troublesome at the best estate – they are always doing something that they ought not to – & then Parents must always feel more or less anxiety —

Sarah dined here today – She generally spends one day a week here & dines Sunday – John spends most of his time here – & goes home at night – Sarah looks pretty miserable & feels so most of the time, which is not very astonishing –

You asked me which letter I read Ma -? Dr Ticknors - She said she did not like those arrangements - they seldom ended well - & that if she must do something she should rather take in sewing than keep boarders as it makes a slave of a woman -& I think so to – if a family is by itself – if it wishes a little pe bit of fish for breakfast – it could be had – but where there are boarders, there are different dispositions to suit - & you must study to suit those - I think a family should be a little community by itself – it is a more natural state of living — Nothing more has been said to me about going to N.Y. than what I wrote you - they will not probably have any objection to my going on if you they think you can possibly pay your way - At present they know - that while engaged in your studies it must be impossible for you to make any money - We must live upon hope - there is a prospect I think of your emerging at no very distant period — I was telling Sarah the other day (she having remark ed that she felt low spirited) that after all her husband was better off than mine as he was not involved in debt - she said no - but that mine was domany

ing something & hers was not – I wish John could get some employment – How $^{+}$ there are now in the like conditions – I declare times are dreadful & I almost

thudden when I think of the very poor people - k what they will do. Thave been atticing a little firsch for " to day - enlarging it - plais going almost soon dus ledous wants as to ensue up the grap the day & heart day hinty likewise _ & here little clock & houset an lote down & all ready for an exercise I suppose we that get started in a month or two- I don't can much about taking her out- that I am to importance that I east help going to some peaces the is to good the that I don't think the will be un on troublerous - this a good water little thing & forythe teles here this fritty lough the hears to much thating Joseph will put the above his head & shill slobby all save his free some times, but he dont seem to sind it tweede. It wakes we lough lohen the theaves up the with one John - it distripes him to be hill make to much tempting & wifiling - but it and have to deter time from taking her though - but the wears his dy coat the get the to stup this while I was but in the kitchen making some cashe - Whe sits very well on the floor never & floorishes her play. Things - with a great deal of enciestings dus Whelance that a daughter & did I write you that eles P. C. elle Sele an has a som - The says the triches of Calling it alpha - Purega - the may call it flipter but had better wait a little while before the aresthe Quega -Tele herey Hudron the must fick up all the clear lifton edu. eation that the can & please to give the the benefit of them - Give king love to here & day Balch. I want to her them very much -I decanned of you the attice wight - excepting that - I have not for a long time before - I wish I could - If the decanes ouples. aut Pacimic to decame of about finds_ To you remember what a time I had when the great dole flow would the room ?! It is after will onelock - My going to bed time - & I want bid you my deen husband - your hight good night - your night - think of me duan of me & white to me - I in devanter aspecations bet me still be with you ever your - hucertier_

shudder when I think of the very poor people – & what they will do – I have been altering a little frock for E to day – enlarging it– she is going abroad soon – Mrs Adams wants us to come up there & pass the day – & Aunt May Quimby likewise – & her little cloak & bonnet are both done – & all ready for an excursion – I suppose we shall get started in a month or two – I don't care much about taking her out - but I am so importuned that I can't help going to some places – She is so good now that I don't think she will be much troublesome – She's a good natured little thing & Joseph tells her she's pretty tough she bears so much shaking Joseph will put her above his head & she'll <u>slobber</u> all over his face some times, but he dont seem to mind it much – It makes me laugh when she throws up her milk on John – it distresses him so – & he'll make so much scrubbing & wiping – but it dont seem to deter him from taking her though – but he wears his old coat – He got

morning

her to sleep this $^$ while I was out in the kitchen making some cake – she sits very well on the floor now & flourishes her play-things – with a great deal of earnestness —

Mrs Wheland has a daughter & did I write you that Mrs P.O. McLellan has a son – She says she thinks of calling it Alpha - Omega – She may call it Alpha but had better wait a little while – before she uses the Omega —

Tell Lucy Hudson she must pick up all the ideas upon education that she can & please to give me the benefit of them – Give my love to her & Mrs Balch – I want to see them very much –

I dreamed of you the other night – excepting that – I have not for a long time before – I wish I could – If the dreams are pleasant I admire to dream of absent friends –

Do you remember what a time I had the great doll flew round the room ?!It is after nine o-clock - My going to bed time – & I must bid you my dear husband – good night, – good night – good night – think of me – dream of me – & write to me — & in [?] asperations let me still be with you -

ever yours — Lucretia —