

Aug 14th

When you wrote me last (Jan 8th) of your present financial troubles I hoped the necessity of calling upon you again would not be laid upon me. Mr Fairchild confidently expected to sell the house in the spring, and what he was disappointed he assured me he was doing all in his power to sell the house, which I know must be done this fall at any sacrifice, but if saved from foreclosure sale will realize more than the mortgage, and enable me to pay the money due and for interest, and leave the house at least free from debt. Since Amanda & her family have boarded with me I have been enabled to meet our living expenses by closest economy with labor of Emmet & myself. I expect to have to work till some way of support is opened. Alfred is exerting every nerve to bring about some business success that he may share it with me. Amanda will stay with me till the house is sold, and ^{in the fall} I could not have more pleasant people about me, or ^{more} cousin to please.

^{most of your own work}
I am sure you regret as much as I do the
unfortunate circumstances which like a chain
broken link by link have placed me in my
present condition, and I have prayed and
hoped that ere this you would have been
relieved from all your troubles and anxieties.
I remember with gratitude and always will
all your past kindness to me, and cannot
think you will desert me now in my last
extremity. On Sept 1st the interest on my type
shall be due, when I will be required to
produce the receipt of taxes for last year
which are unpaid. In the present condition
of my better & worse affairs it is impossible
for me to raise the money for me, and I
have written to you ^{hoping you might be able to} this early ~~that~~ ^{that I may}
possibly be saved. These sleepless nights
and anxious days I passed last Spring with
the thousand ^{happening} ~~preludes~~ ^{beside me}. Please
answer my letter that I may know at once
whether to hope or fear, and don't think me
selfish to make my own wishes the burden of
my letter. I would love to see you and
have a good long social talk with you.
I wish you knew of something you would enjoy. I