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Dearest May

Your letter reached me on Saturday as I was about to leave for Babylon, I returned last evening after a very pleasant trip and found all well. I think you were very fortunate to hit upon every thing so opportunely, I expected you would have a tedious time but think you would soon learn to be a traveller. Liz wrote you last night and I expect has anticipated me in all the news. Perhaps it is better so as she is better able to give you all the little dots than myself.

But Emma are very happy and Sarah seems to exert herself to render them as much so as possible, she started on a visit with them to Brooklyn this morning and returned this evening. In fact we are getting on gloriously as regards bodily arrangements, but there is yet a blank to me which cannot be filled except

by my own dear Maggie. There is no one
to say, 'Now Dick why don't you get up',
and bother one with little trifles, but
on the contrary, I am 'Pass of the House',
and every ^{thing} ~~thing~~ ^{you} ~~think~~ would move like
clock work, except ^{your} little matters of sub-
great consequence, such as preparing
meals, sewing on buttons and darning
stockings, and sundry such trifling
matters.

Now Mag I would not have
you think from these remarks that Sarah
is neglecting us, on the contrary she takes
first rate care of all and every thing
appertaining to my comfort is well
attended to. But Mag is not here, I don't
know how it is but I have missed you
more during this absence than ever
before and unless you return home
on the day appointed I shall sue
out a writ of attachment and serve
it myself. Alfred starts on Thursday
Ev, I don't think I shall be able to leave as
I am very busy and father is too full of Comp^{ts}
to stop at the store. My respects to all and
believe me ever
Your own Dick

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