

Saturday 8 A.M. Aug 13th 1847.

Dear Rich

I feel just like writing to you to day as I have not the anticipation of seeing you this evening. Do you know I have had more idea of being homesick since you left me than in the previous three weeks I have been here. I shall rest quite contented till Tuesday evening and then I shall be straining my eyes to see some faint resemblance to yourself approaching. You had better come in the 4 P.M. train and then Ben will be there after Cars. I will try and not be disappointed if you do not come for I shall feel that you would not let a trifling cause prevent you. The next morning after you left Emma came in and taking a peep of the empty bed asked with much surprise "where her pa was"; and this morning she came in and after looking all about wanted to know "why her Pa did not stay all night." She is very well and just as ever. On Thursday after tea all of us girls took a walk back of the Lake it was beautiful on the other side interspersed with considerable of the romance. Yesterday afternoon Sarah & I took tea at Aunt Eliza Dicks. We did not get home till after 10 and then Ben called for us ~~in~~ the wagon of course I enjoyed myself as Amanda was there. I am going next week to spend the day and then I

shall take Emma. Prin as usual has the waggon ready a little earlier ~~than usual~~ so I must make short stories, he is going to New York and will oblige me by delivering this sheet. When you come bring me a paper of small peas and some peaches if they are fit to eat. You must keep good hours and commence now a reformation for I feel that there will not be much for me to live for in the future if you do not give me more of your society than of late I have enjoyed. I was very happy while you were with me this last week as it is a very long time since we have spent as much time together who should never be separated only when business a necessity required it (I speak in general terms) Why do you not go to Pop's some time and take tea they would be very glad to see you and pleased with the attention. If you see Mother give her my love and ask her from me when she is going to visit me and spend that promised day.

Only think we have had two fine days with a prospect ^{now} of rain for Sunday. I thought of you often on Thursday as it was a very warm close day in the country and I feared you would feel the heat sensibly. I feel pretty well, but your boy is an intenable kicker and rather troublesome. Remember me to Mrs Oakley and family. If you cannot come the first of the week write so I may receive yours as a small compensation for the disappointment.

My time is consumed and I must bring all matters to a close. Remember me as yours for life
Margaret.

The girls all send their love and say you must not forget that party on the beach Monday & week.

My dear Mr. [illegible]
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

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