

Montgomery Ala.

Aug. 15, 1869

My darling Wifey,

Yours of the 13th recd. I am very much surprised that you had received neither one of the three letters I have written during the past week. I expect, however, that ere this you have gotten at least one.

Montgomery grows duller: many people have absented themselves for the heated term, and the familiar faces missed, make it seem dull indeed. It has grown quite hot again and dry. This kind of weather is best for the crops, and the health of Montgomery is unusually good. Your description of the pleasant reception which greeted you on your arrival, and the continued attentions of friends, please me much.

I suppose we will live in the Henry House, May; Oliver having concluded to vacate it. However, he and his wife will want to remain for one month, or until Nov. 1, 1869. He will see me again to-morrow in reference to the arrangement. He is going to build and will move in a little kitchen first. That kitchen will not be finished before the middle of October, and he dislikes to move his furniture.

Charlie Marsh came to me a few days since and asked as a favor that I would take his furniture and keep it. I accepted it very readily. If Oliver retains possessions until Nov 1, 1869, I will store Marsh's furniture, as the house it is now in, will be rented to other occupants.

You do not know how blue I am getting absent from you. I resolved to banish such feelings, as I know the utter improbability of my chances to get away, but I find they recur often throughout the day; and it is so natural to look for you and baby when I go to my meals I came very near running up stairs the other noon. If I had I should have caught Mrs. Rhea I expect in her nightgown. I know mother and sister will take good care of you and baby. I only wish that mother would quit everything else and devote herself to her children who could make her life pleasant. My heart is all in Griffin now—mother and wife, father and sister, and I wish I could be with them. But I am just now very busy.

Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Rhea desire to be affectionately intentioned to you. I answer many inquiries daily about you and amongst the inquirers is Prof. Hiller of the Bap Ch. Organ, who always expresses his regret that you are absent.

I sent Mother some fine pearls several days since. At the same time I sent Lollie some. Give my love to the old lady and to her family, every one by name, (I would mention them but there are so many).

Kiss the home folks for me. Poor little baby don't get much notice in this letter from "papa". Papa wants to see her mighty bad, and misses her much if she is a little bit of a creature.

Love to all.

Your affec husband,

Eugene