

Notes

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>  
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My precious Bernard -

The weather being chillsome, I have left quite a party of chatters on the gallery, & retreated to the shelter of the study to write to you. - Tonight I received two letters from you one dated the 31<sup>st</sup> had been wandering, the only trial about receiving it - was that it spoke of your coming on Monday, & made me think again of the happy hope I had entertained of seeing you on Tuesday. - I also had a note from yr. mother, who seems much tried poor soul! & no wonder. I will try & write to her in a day or two. I am sorry that you sh<sup>d</sup> be troubled to go to Murphy's again very sorry for these little commissions give so much trouble, & I thought I had managed to give you tickets

by sending direct to Murphy -  
It certainly was not an economical  
plan, for I paid 50 cts  
express charges, on the small par-  
cel I received - You see I had  
to have the things, for baby is  
literally bursting out of his clothes  
& I might as well hurry to finish  
his short-ones, as trouble myself  
to alter his long ones - If the weather  
sh<sup>d</sup> continue warm I w<sup>d</sup> like to  
put him in very soon, as enough  
things will soon be ready for him  
to begin with - but I don't want  
to change him till you see him  
again, for he w<sup>d</sup> look like quite  
a new baby, instead of yr. own  
old one -

Your last letter fills me with  
a new fear, dear heart w<sup>d</sup> it w<sup>d</sup>  
be almost better to stay longer than  
to hurry too much - You know how  
if I were to please myself I sh<sup>d</sup>  
want you the very first day it  
was possible for you to leave,  
but - I know you are tired my  
patient darling, & I fear too hard

work in such heat.

I have heard some sad stories about Mrs DeLish, & her discontent with married life, & I feel so every sorry for her - & so proportionately glad, dear, that we are happy together, & do not industriously pick out every fret or trouble that comes, but know that our happiness, far outweighs all the disadvantages wh. living in a sinful world occasions.

I have been today wandering in the back country, disregarding my fear of horned animals! There is nothing specially attractive to be seen, but the warm sunny air is pleasant, & the insects hummed, & raspberries were ripe & abundant - & I thought if my love were here & we could lie down in the long warm grass & talk how delightful it would be - Perhaps dear we may before long - I have tried lately to walk more to be more ready to go with you, & I certainly am much stronger - another month ought to make me more than all right again, &

I hope my dear old husband  
will not have any more anxiety  
about me - As to the poor  
man's eye - I try not to think of  
it, for it is such a painful sub-  
ject - & it will be time enough  
when we must consider it -

We have been holding grand  
family paraverses about Eva's  
education as she has finished at  
the High School - Do you remember  
once writing to me when at St. G.'s  
that you had been at a few weeks  
about the choosing of a local  
habitation for yourself & your  
wife that was to be - How  
misty & unreal it all was then,  
sometimes now the same feeling  
of unreality comes over me when  
I am away so long from my  
proper place beside my dear, dear  
husband - Sundays are especially  
dreary without you - Sunday

I was so pleased that I  
wrote thus far yesterday, for I feel  
rather out of sorts today - It was  
so bitterly cold this morning when  
got up with the dear babies, that