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My Dear Friend Nora.

Your long looked for letter was recd. this evening and contents devoured with pleasure. I do not remember of ever getting a letter that gave me more joy than this one. The signature was to my heart as a glass of water is to a thirsty man parched tongue. It gave relief to my anxious mind. I was beginning to feel quite disappointed at not getting any word from you but your letter explains all and I am contented. I try to get rid of such feelings. That is never allow them to make me down hearted, but doubts will force their way to my mind and make me feel wretched at times.

Nora I am sorry to have kept you waiting. You might have known my add. would have been at Malad. Knowing I started for that place. Now in future don't wait on technicalities but send word I'll get it some way. Just think I have been at the office every night waiting for a letter from you and as often had to return with out any. I shall be in Oxford the last of next week and if you write later than Thursday add. then

The reason you have been getting short notes was because I did not have time to write longer ones. I wrote you a letter one night of two sheets and was going to rise early and post it with some other I had, so they could have on the morning mail.

But I had a dream not to send it, and the impression was so clear I concluded not to do it and have the same in my pocket now. When I arrived at the post office I had a moment's time and wrote you the note you have just answered. Now I do not wish you to curtail your correspondence on my account. If you derive any pleasure by writing to them, I have no objection (just a little fit) or can stand the punishment, for I justly merit it but if you quit all but me I will try, and endeavor to fill their vacancies.

How good you are to me who so little deserves such treatment. Now, can I ever repay you. Now, I have something to tell you. I think it is a mistake and hope you will too. I got a chart of my head to day and while the pro. was telling me what kind of a wife I should get, I showed him your picture and asked him if he thought you would do for me. (Was this a breach of trust?) He of course thought you were my intended and said we would make a good couple.

Gave a few words of praise. Then sat a long time with out saying any thing, seemingly meditating. The silence was broken by him asking if you were any thing to me. Rather pointedly I must admit, I of course told a fib. What <sup>else</sup> could I do? I spoke of our long absence and our accidental meetings. And I could see a trouble in the rascal's eyes and the thought struck me to see if I could find out the idea of its origin. Of course he asked a few preliminary questions, which I did not answer, why in truth



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I was getting anxious myself and thought to puffit  
 by quizzing the fellow but he did not seem to want to  
 give me any favorable ans. and seemed to change his former  
 opinio. He said you would be to affectionate &  
 firm to make me a good wife and in fact we were  
 not adapted to make a happy union. I know he lies  
 The fellow had the audacity to turn round and ask me  
 if I would give you a note if he would write it on <sup>the sub of</sup> your  
 face and for me to speak a good word to you of him. Well  
 this was going farther than I wanted it but what could  
 I do I told him it would be some time before I would  
 see you but taking the second thought I told him I  
 would take the pains to do it. Thinking it might be  
 a curiosity for you. He said you would think none  
 the less of him and would be pleased to read the note  
 of course I dont want you to think any the less of him  
 but remember I would not want you to think any more  
 of him. You must promise this before I will  
 let you see it. No names had been given nor  
 localities I was to jealous to drop a hint where you lived  
 not that I am a afraid of him but I did not want  
 him writing to you

And Ezra never mentions me! And you still go with  
him as before! Well I suppose it is all you can do under  
present circumstances. but I do believe its wrong to have him  
retain the least hope of gaining your favor, which he must  
surely do by his actions. So you are going to spend some  
of your evenings with Miss Ida Cook. A good idea;  
I fully indorse it, but for one reason that you will be  
thrown continually in the society of Dr H—

Don't you think I am getting real jealous of you?  
The Pres. said if I was disappointed in love by one girl I could  
bestow my affections on an other with out a great deal of  
damage to my heart. I think he fibed a gain. I have  
learned to love you with that true love that time can never  
deface nor other faces can charm a way. I am getting sentimental  
and that wont do. Love always repeats itself and I think it will be getting  
thread bare & disgusting to you. but I want to tell you how I feel & must or  
not write. — So you think Frank will find out all about our affairs.  
I think most likely he will but I'll start a letter home <sup>mail</sup> <sup>soon</sup>  
requesting them not to give him any clue but Frank will pick  
up things where no one el. sees, and he is satisfied in his own mind  
about it. I would rather have told him for Frank deserves my  
confidence on that sub. but you expressed such a dislike I did not  
think any more about it not when I gave you my word not to mention  
it to him. And you did not like the card "Pudbe Chaff" brought you how strange  
It must have been good I would not think for a moment he would bring any  
think else; And you feel lonesome sometimes to see me? When would  
you wish to see me? You may do so by telling me and I will come & spend  
an evening any time. If you will come to Boston in two wk I will be there  
I am compelled to write every day. I have time, but can come & see you when you  
wish to be — my society made best. I could stay with you forever & a day & enjoy  
your society the last day as well as the first. Ope I am reading every night.  
I like that book. I cannot remember being changed — I think it would open your mind and give  
you all any trouble or worry about me I will be as you wish. I will be as you wish. I will be as you wish.  
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