

him to recognize me -
I know you'll be glad to hear he
comes then for with care & safety
tho' I can't say that I find him a
very pleasant - still it's bear-
able - & he's a most gentle
man - civil - & when I think what
I was coming for - I don't mind at all -
of course I was very seasick tho'
we had an uncommonly smooth pas-
sage I believe - we reached here
by this morning - & I've been quietly
resting all day & the letter for you
tomorrow - besides by a little up-
set of the seasickness I was also
very tired tho' the previous
days occupying all London (in
our omnibus chaise) for passport
steamer & all - & then the
back of the land - So I think
altogether it will be most agree-
able for me to only say goodnight
to you how much as I like to

write more - I've been so much
diligent all these 2 last days if you
handed - are ready & may letter
or possibly ready tho' its lengthly
history - tho' I do indeed hope &
trust that you will leave it till
after mail's departure if as is so
likely, you were very busy just
then - Goodnight & dear
yours own Benjamin

Born on the Rhine June 22nd 1862
Sunday

My own darling - You see I am here
with your dear mother & sisters in
your own old home - I want to write
you all about it - but somehow the
words won't come. Perhaps it is for
the fact that I have that history in both
so well you will almost know with-
out any words what they have been &
are to me & how I love them for it
besides for their own dear selves.
I mean that with my undeviating
love -

I find our dear Mother all - more than
all you said she was - One whom I can
indeed most truly love & reverence &
to fill a daughter's place to whom I es-
teem a very precious privilege -
Oh she is so dear & good - So sym-
pathetic & kind - & yet so true -
I only wish she knew how I love to
be with & know her - & how I prize
all her dear love & loving trustful
ways - words to me - I shall hope
to be able to tell her (at least try) be-
fore I go but I must do it in the our
language for French is too light
& peculiar a one to me for expressing
very deep or holy thoughts - & she
can't understand English as you
know - at least not sufficiently
But I am trying to learn German
as quickly as possible - & in
the meantime we speak
French - I little that that I sh
ever be so thankful for that lan-
guage (knowing it I mean) - She

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Antwerp June 10th - 1863.

My darling - I must just write
you a few lines en route to her - to
tell you I am thus far on my way
to see your dear Mother - I can't
tell you what I shall feel tomorrow
all day her to whom - but I think you
will know it without my words -
One of your brothers to meet me at
Colognes (at 2 - 30. P.M.) I leave this
at 6.15 a.m. train) I'm wondering
what it will be & whether I shall know
him for any whisp to you - & I
not whether he'll make a right
grief as to what is one - Anne
suggested it and he a mutual
difficulty so to do my share in
reminding what for as poss I
said I'd be in black - as that
is my favorite color for travelling
especially when alone - one is more
inconspicuous - and a few
other words at Antwerp

on deep real grounds) or so short
an acquaintance -
You know I don't feel to everybody like
this - or indeed quickly or easily to
any - as I don't mind saying I am to
You know you would think it an
aggravation -

Dear Hedwig I like her - I admire & res-
pect as well - but she is one whom
it takes rather longer to know I
think - She is most kind & good to
me & I feel to love her more daily
& know that I shall really love her
by & by I mean what I call loving -
not in the sense I used it first - as
a thing which is warmer than liking
but still not quite our best love
like I give to you & Louie & our dear
mother & Aunt Elizabeth & Mrs. San-
derson & dear little Anna - perhaps
a few more - You won't under-
stand my pretty of love for you my own
darling with that for others - for this
I know it is quite different some-
how to the all - & that it is the best &
dearest of all - still they are all true love
& abide in what - I mean they are part

of an inward bond & what it seems that
I still feel anywhere - always - whether
- this life or the next - They are loves
that I could not help & we are not of
mankind - but come as it were from an
necessity of nature & from what is
better & deeper than any of us -

I don't find a love for my dear father & my
mother because I think that comes
chiefly from our relationship - & for all
the years of you - sorrow we have had to
gather - this I do love - respect parts of
their characters very dearly - besides
my whole love for them as sisters -
this is more the sort of love I think
that I'm beginning to feel for dear Hedwig -
I mean as my sister (being your dear)
& one who is truly good & lovable to spe-
cially the more one knows her -
You would be pained & startled by telling
you frankly how I can't help loving
dear little Anna best - (after you &
dear mother) - but I think you will
ask me to do it - because I know I
shall you - I mean it's what I will
quite trust you will do to me when you
won't know them who are so dear
to me in mortal -

Johannes I like very much -
So you know I knew him at the station
for his letters to you - one at least
one very much the 1st two days. This
it has since worn off. I mean I don't
see it now unless I look for it - He still
himself now if you know what I mean
by that rather Irish phrase - So I see
its a ^{family} phrase - not at all I think of charac-
ter - But of course I don't not know
him very well yet - a indeed at all I
may say to what I do you & darling -
tho I should say that except in things
of habit - manner - part of features -
I mean those things we are inbred or
gain by contact, he is very unlike my
darling -

How very young he looks. I find
as he is at Heidelberg - ^{where I think he is}
a dear little fellow if you understand
what I mean by that & prepare & with &
cure its ^{popularly} ~~popularly~~ ^{apparent} derogatory
nep ^{as he is at Heidelberg} ~~as he is at Heidelberg~~ to one of the "Lord
of Creation" - (you see I can laugh too) -
But I don't mean it in that sense
at all - only it ^{just} ~~just~~ ^{prepares} what I
feel about him - as no other words I can think
of with - so gentle, nice & pleasant

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I can say almost anything in it & I can
& prep myself in it too tho of course
with my faults - but every day more
the more it comes easier to us both
(you know I used to speak it a good
deal with some hardamme / at I think
I thus picked up the conversational point
much better than I know the gram-
mar)

Your brother Johannes met me at
the station & dear little Anna -
What a little darling she is - I
don't know when I've seen any one
so sweet & gentle & attractive & at the
same time so sensible & good & all
joined to such a beautiful simple-
city in word & deed - I don't wonder
she was your pet tho I daresay she
is even much more darling ^{now} than
she was then - for a few years at
her age make a great difference
& it must be for the better - for I don't
think she could be nicer than she
is now - I don't think I ever saw
any one I took to so much - I mean

Especially if it chanced they could see
what I am & not what they wish to be.
You can think how I long for those who
were gone - to like me a little to -
yes a good deal (for I am very greedy)
if they could +

Dear Annas fan. & precious reminder
some time of you - & the not nearly so
strong a likeness to me as your brother
was at first. Still it is one who lasts
far his does not) as I fancy it is one who
has deeper root -

Now I'm afraid I must say Goodbye
my darling tho I've not told you for
what I wish (if I could) for its - - -
(interrupted by coming to them)

It's now Saturday June 28th - & I've just
rec'd. your most precious letter
my own darling - & thank you for it with
my whole heart - for the love - bond which has sent
me the other one - not opened as yet - so that
I may fulfil your wish of my only doing
when calm alone - I am the latter now
but cannot pretend to be the former yet -
the unexpected surprise of their early arrival
& the delight but deep excitement of it all
is still too recent for that - indeed

I wrote a letter to you before even reading
dear Louis letter as my eyes can't do so just
now without pain - so I shall let myself
write a while to you my own darling - I get
calm quicker than ever too - & knowing
how I write now you will understand &
forgive all its ~~possible~~ incoherence -

You are quite right about your name
my darling. I couldn't call you as the
last willow now I've heard your dear
mother name you thus - Heinrich
never did come naturally to me - indeed
had I had time I should have scratched
it out of my last letter - it didn't feel
true somehow - I mean it didn't
stand to me for you at all - But
then nothing ever did - you were just
my own darling - I had no other name
in my heart than that -

I like your last name very beautiful
& loved it best - only felt it was too good
& had a one to let other people call
you by - & to have it for the one that
in daily life they would use so unwillingly.
I was wrong in saying I never thought of my
name - I have by that one sometimes.
But I felt for all reasons it would
do to choose it as name

And as I accepted your permission to
~~change~~ - I took your 2nd name - using
 it in its German form because
 its English one has even more pain-
 ful associations to my mind than
 William has. I wish like you how & why
 some day - it is too long to write here -
 suffice that it was the name of a
 bad man - treacherous friend - & the asso-
 ciation it has to my mind thro' being in
 called it by his wife is so painful &
 strong that even being with good mind
 under these & another or two I think of that
 name has never suffered to remove
 it - do you see I could not use it in
 its English form - I can easily un-
 derstand tho' you feel as if it meant
 somebody else - I wish never to you
 & don't use it again - Thank you
 very much for telling me about it & that
 I may have a little longer to use it
 in & about & relatives who know
 you chiefly by that name

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I refined - very sprightly - amuse in a
gentle quiet way too - And somehow
one more looks upon him as an e-
qual - tho I feel he is really many
times that, under neath all his gentle one
side - & so I really respect him too -
only I don't feel a bit afraid of him -
even when he comes as kindly ever
trying to give me a min by German
Lepore - (wh I much enjoy) he is as gentle &
good about it). Its more like being
with one or two of our most favorite Com-
rads - tho its somehow different to them
too - I suppose it must be like the
feeling of having a brother - wh you know
I never knew -
Yes I like him very much - & I do
feel as glad - grateful to like him as - he
certainly is your brother - & also because
I am up afraid of a one I really like dis-
tinguishing me - with ⁱⁿ it be very painful if
any of your nearest dear ones did -
Oh I don't feel as afraid of it before I can
be - that they would I mean - for
I know how able I am like what I
would wish to be - ought to be - & so
they can't disturb me easily -

about it now darling. I am to say
one more God bless you - & how
one - more than ever - your noble
trying for a difficult right, has
made me feel with you - and also
your dear gentle loving thought for
me who have as you say no mother
Goodbye for now my darling -
Your own wife
Ann

Later - this still early -

I so fear darling being not well or other
wise prevented writing to you in answer
to this letter, but I can only approach in my
quiet holy times - that I may here at once
perhaps put down what - - - -

Noon Sunday. I was unable to go on then
& am still feeling not quite equal for writing
to you darling as I should wish - even
in answer to your other dear letter (your
general one I mean) - ~~which~~ I have
just reread, I was going to say - but your
dear mother came - & now I feel sad &
sorry for I have deceived her all honestly
wh I could learn to do - whether

as to her or as to me being deceiv'd - the
being not quite truthful I mean -
I don't like to have you at all & I don't
only I don't want to hide a wrong doing
from you either - by more than right
ones - indeed less - for your dear love gives
me credit for the one I know - at
least the striving for it - the not the
other - so it's more a duty to tell
you that - Besides I hope the
saying it out to you will make it
more clear to my mind as to how far
I was wrong & whether I do to harm it
(as I say to) or whether it is a duty to
do it to -

I think all as it is -
It was only that she seemed rather
anxious all up saying just at last
you were not really going with me & that
I was from an accident - & saying per
haps you had told me more about it

--- (I continue Monday May 30th) - I don't
deny this, & of course do not feel I ought to
have done so - that was not the fault
I speak of - but this - that instead of
when she dear this wanted to know what
it was, just simply say you had
asked me not to repeat it again to you

that therefore, the very sorry & but
fulfill her request (or rather wish for
she hardly asked it in so many words)
I could not do so - but that she must
not be anxious for I felt there was no
real cause for that - instead of this
wt I feel I ought to have done - I put
wrong - decently turned I off by referring
to your (unpleasant) long walk of the lake
& how that had rather brought you up
but that you cannot be brought (or he gets)
nearly over it - I let her think that
it was thus at least what you I referred
to - I see now how very very wrong &
nevere weak too it was to ask them - I
feel very very ashamed too about it - I don't
want to palliate it, at all dear, except to
you - only I want you to understand what
a difficult position I was placed in
just then - wh (tho very wrong on my part)
made me fall into this error
It was not that I dared not say to her for
had told me (which she would not mention
it again) & that this I believed was for your
here you are equally making an exception
her favor, as you had to bring to the friends
by being too anxious, like the foolish little
body of hands I am - made on my own
still I did not do it, not having the right (what
ever I believe a rather fair one for I'm not
sure) not to be - I am sure, the only

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but shall introduce you new, & rather
real one - in its stead as soon as I can
I do love it now, than your dear mother
& the others who love you use it here
& I can say it gladly - honestly - I mean
you by it - (wh I did not have done before)
the stick to your own self, & my heart -
I think you will still be without any name
save that of my love & darling whom God
has given me -

Sunday morning early - 29th June

God bless you my own dear husband
for all your dear love - trust in
me & still more for so nobly trying
to act for the right in your very diffi-
cult position as regards our future -
I will not try to answer now, the letter
wh your wife has read - I mean any
such parts of it wh my request
answers - but could not - delay saying
how entirely it is I want taken as my
own dear husband in his love trust
meant it - I can't speak more

I think daily & go with you I am right in
this - I mean in thus trying to repair
my fault - as much as it ever lies in our
power to do so -

It makes it very difficult for us to talk to
each other about any 'deep-down' thoughts
or feelings - by mistake apparently to our
disadvantage each other own language
did me to talk in either of them - &
French being so poor a one in stead, for
any such purpose of the very good for kept
superficial & ordinary conversation
besides our knowledge of it being also
so imperfect -

I think to this we prevent to a great extent
our getting to feel - be so near each other
- heart & mind as we should wish - But
but what I think she does try in all her
goodness, & with more ⁱⁿ her great love for
you, does love me a little, even as it
is - & I know I really love & esteem
her - very much - for her goodness & her
nobleness, & her true sense & sympathy -
& also all her long goodness to me
as she shows me constantly in so touching
& dear a way - as your wife - one who
for your sake she has admitted into the
number of her own children, as it were.

but what I mean is - that feeling of one
step & 'belong-to-me' (to win a word) but
I so long to have with your mother - all I
think can only come through interchange of
thought & feeling on subjects we lie very
near our hearts - & we as yet - our want
of power in sharing has quite put out of
the question - But don't be sorry
daily please - I feel its not either of our
faults - for I have been too hard to learn
her language as I can - & still do - at least
shall do directly this matter is gone - I have
to suspect a pleasant lesson in it with
Johannes just now, nearly all a little
homer of me - & doubly for this I want to
go & dear love which I can - I and I think
that this overstep will come some day - at
last - & this somewhat painful delay will
only make it all the more precious when
it does come - & you must not
mind a day - I only tell you to explain
the position in which I stand to her as it
were, & how it adds a little to the difficulty
in all first circumstances - I must go now
sadly & very dearly home brought me -
how I am truly & greatly comforted by having been
able to talk a little of all this with you &
dearly as I must be down - I don't say "must
leave you" - for you are with me with these
very words now - along my heart - & you
are

often in my thoughts too - you are not erring
on it is such a comfort to have your
kindness look at - I do so love it &
most heartily thank you for it my darling -
I come to it for comfort my often now -
later - I have spoken to our dear
mother - I am so thankful to have done
& for the dear long unselfish way in which
she both forgave & forgot of yesterday &
also let me hold to my duty to you - of not
telling her what she is wished from anxiety for
you to know - Her big as dear about
it also made it more difficult to me
not to tell her as you wish fully understood
she seemed so really anxious to know
& said how you had always told her all
about your health & she was sure when
you knew you would know too -
I felt the force of her reason - but felt also that
there may be things now that I can make
you prohibit her to me entirely even to her -
I mean how as she cannot, or at all events
does not know the singular close relation-
-ship in which we two stand to each other
even now (I mean as far as this our peculiar
-ly isolated & difficult circumstances, than
I should think most can be before they are un-
doubtedly (as well as in with) what we hope one day to
be too each other - & how this may one day
made us able to not only realize but also feel
to each other about our future & all its duties
& responsibilities & to become quite aware

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sorrowfully - my judgment her wish -
You know I do not bear to give her the
pain of seeing you told me what you kept
from her - feel as I do how dear you
were each other, & how she has I think
always been your first friend, like her -
I mean like the tie which joins us in spirit
even now, & one may even & mean & desire
~~to~~ kept to all your confidence & our love
the appearance that that confidence is actually
entirely be understood -
You can understand easily & so please to pain
her all this - & yet a big anxiety to avoid
it while fully in fact I desire duty to
you - & so, however that I was, I think I need
all by doing wrong - I trust I do see how
wrong it was, now - & that with our father's
help I may try successfully not to do this later
again - but I am very very sorry -
But I mean to tell her this morning my fault
& the reasons that led me into it - the not of
course, the the who I am not more right to
say to day than I had yesterday - & I shall
trust to have love to forgive me & to her mother
& woman heart to understand how you may
have said that to me (just to make me can just
you did not feel it necessary to say to her - &
to her remembrance & feel of a higher duty
to understand how it is no want of love
to her & no mistrust - which makes me
not tell her that you wish me not -

I mean for the sake of providing a separate
home room for us two, which I know must
be attended in some way by more ex-
penses than for one to live on quietly at
a boardy home & therefore perhaps not
a comparative sacrifice of comfort
this I believe that in the end a home, how-
ever small, will have more true comfort
with fresh air & peace than the other
perhaps for less - but I do not know
the case sufficiently well to say & have
heard much of how really dear home-
rent is there - I did not hear that
you did thus in any way hurt or risk your
precious health - so precious to all at home
here - then eldest son & brother, who is so
deeply loved - & also as precious for your fellow
human beings from the work you are striving
to do for them in God's world - & of course
less, unpeakable value to the one who is
yours for life & death -

But darling however great as long to be with you
you must (we must) resist that - tell you
feel & see that you can, without its
involving a harm or risk to your precious
health - life, thus an anxiety or trouble,
or fatigue of preparation or any of the kind
which it will involve of too much trial
or harm to you, tell me to come to you -

And I think that when you do feel the right
to say at last that dear word - you will
fully remember all I tried to beg you, ^{earnestly} in
one of my last letters - & reduce all your
work of preparation for me to its smallest possible
dimensions, & then incur nothing of harmful
fatigue & risk -
Now I must say goodbye again for a little while
& lie down -

Later - the time grows short my darling as
mail leaves this Wednesday - & I have not written
to dear home yet & not been very well done when
to risk delay (its worth of consequence) for
fear I will be prevented writing to you at all when
I wish & ought in answer to both your
dear letters - so may perhaps try to do it now
the best I can - thus feeling that it is with not
be my real best. Some one, perhaps not
as I would answer each precious letter &
as I could if feel very bright in both body
& mind - but I know your love will
understand, & pardon all its faults - I can
only try -

I quite understand your waiting answer full
the spirit of a letter until you had my
answer to the one you had already sent me
see it -
You are quite right - I feel my husband does
stand to me in the place of mother & all else
the others have, but I don't - & I can come
to you now darling & pour out all my doubts
& fears, & ask your help & guidance in them

all - your precious letter (the I won't deny its
giving me some way ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ ~~at first~~ ^{at first}) has
made me feel as one with you - so indeed &
truth your wife - that I can come to you in
word & spirit now, just ^{as} I should by - by -
I don't mind my calling you my husband & I mean
don't be surprised at, say it - for I can think
of you as another dear now - ^{at the same time}
Don't be pained darling at what I ^{have} ^{thought} ^{in the letter} ^{about}
it was not you that pained me - you
could not have tried harder, or said all
you had, were obliged by right, to say in
more gentle tender words - or more thoroughly
for my feelings in it all - But I fancy that
you, who have such a quick understanding
of me in all things, will feel how I don't
approach such subjects with you without
an intensity of feeling, & thrilling, that amounts
to almost pain - the feeling that I was your
wife ^{in your mind} - that I should be - God willing ^{that}
& that it was in this position - then only
that we did so approach them -
But you will feel, I trust you with quess - what
a girl & a woman would feel in this position -
It would have been different - could I have heard
it all with a face on my husband's shoulder
& his dear arms round me, giving me the assurance
that he was indeed with - & we have held me
to the end - but I cannot - worry about it -
My words won't say what I mean - & I would
not for worlds say on this subject in
words I did not mean - so I shall trust it

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that we are of the same mind as to all that it
involves - So she could not perhaps
understand your feelings ^{as I do} that your
accident & its sad effects make no difference
to your right of letting me join you as soon
as you feel our outward circumstances will
allow you to take home your wife - home
to that heart when she is ever long, more
& more to be - & still more, home to that
heart & love where she feels is her only true
rest - Yes darling I have felt at rest really same
in the thought of you & being with you - yes your your
own wife - for ever - Other places are good I hope
in their way - some yes - but I think more
& more daily - how your real rest is
here - I mean with you - enabled by your love &
helped & guided by your stomachs after goodness -
widow - we however imperfect the may be,
for we are only human & are I know true
& sincere - Darling you won't keep me from
my home - your true home - only real rest in
this world - any longer than you can help - more
any longer than right & what is a duty for you to
do - directly you feel that our wanted means
can provide us with a home, however small
I trust - you will let me come I trust -
I mean you won't wait, because of thank you
cannot make all as nice for me as I know you
dear love will make you wish to do but I am anxious
for one thing - that is, that it should be all
that supplies for your health - rest & con-
forts - I could not bear, that in any way
me

mind - even the fullest apprehension which I have now -
^{you} think darkly that I read your letter -
either wrong, or else I ought not - I did
as in the quiet night - as your wife, & before
the God who made us both - And he has
brought me now, even this its pain - into a
higher holier & more blessed one up with
you than ever - And we with thank
no more of that, but only rejoice in this
which it has left - But I did not like not to
simply take you off it - feeling I did not quite
real & true to you except I did so - & also that
you w^d thoroughly understand it in the end -
thru your deep sympathy & love for me, even if
surprised (perhaps painfully so) at first - --
later -- to show you (if possible) how it was
not you who pained me, I w^d shortly say that
that it was only after long wakeful nights of
painful doubts & very anxious that I feared
that I ever wrote you to you even as much
as I did in 3 Feb^y letter bordering on them but
- felt - & still more in 3 April letter about
them - though I have never regretted having
done so - I am so it dark to show you (if
possible) that it was a pain in the interest in the
difficulty of the subject - & not one of in any
way your creature, which made me feel your letter
as at first - for you see I had just the same
pain, at least the same and the less intense, on
both those other times before - I did not
name it then, I felt it lay between me & God
alone - & that the less & more simply, all
I had for duty, sake of the work, now I said, the

better, especially as I then only had (or could
have) the hope & belief that you w^d trust,
or before them, understand in thought & words
all I said & so hard to write - just as they
were meant - (Now I have the blessed ap-
pearance of it) - Nor should I name it
now only ^{as} over to you - to enable you I think
fully to realize the meaning of what I said before
& how it was not you darkly who pained me
thru me, as I do myself & how very painful
& sad too, that ^{later} the love to you in all your
tender love for me & earnest trying for your
good - I must just answer one or two things
I don't fear any trial in the future which were
the consequences of right doing - & I trust
the same love & help which has led us thus far will
still help, & keep us from all wrong & its
terrible consequences - I know we may
suffer from ignorance & weakness, but I do trust
we may both be kept, even this in a different
position, from all deliberate or selfish wrong -
& I darkly I can answer your question & I
all its long thought for me then - that I would
not be shy to tell you were it otherwise - for
I do feel that I can come to you for help & counsel
in all things now -
Yes - I have no fear of inspection darkly - I think any you
do about it, perhaps even ^{still} strongly - but were
it otherwise with me, it w^d make no difference -
I mean if it were a little I expected - I do not now do
that, nor fear it - for the the of that has left
me behind you in a weary world & I fear be
almost more welcome than is right - but
we won't think more of that darkly - I will
trust that of this letter

I don't see this page —

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all to the dear wife for me who wrote that
letter to understand all, without any words
& not to ^{the} least pained darling by which
neither you or any could help — A feeling which
gone now, or rather who has changed thank God
into a holier & a truer ^{one} — a feeling of oneness with
you, such as I believe nothing either in life
or death can disannul — & I can read
your previous letter without any pain now
only a deep thankfulness for the honor &
trust that wrote it, & especially for the tender love
that is tried to say all in the way that will be
least painful to me — for I can see your tender
thought for me in that my darling — & how very
lovingly you tried for me in it all — And
I am very deeply thankful to know your
thoughts upon these grave important
subjects & to have the full assurance of
your words have given me, that we
are truly united upon them — I mean as to
their duties & sacred responsibilities — &
that I can indeed feel at perfect rest & peace
with God in giving you my hand — however
ill my precious darling might be — know
that our united efforts will be that (in His
strength) we may make over ^{among} all that is right
in his sight & law — & nothing which is wrong —
I always thought & believed this — But
on such very solemn subjects, one needs
more than that, for the very peace of

weakness) of them thing before. But it is difficult, & that to a degree which perhaps none but a woman can understand - to act rightly on these subjects, or even to try to do so, in the face of what our own sex (with I think such sadly mistaken ideas) often hold to the contrary - But I must do them the justice to say that I think (save of course in my sad exception) it arises from a true (the most mistaken) string after purity & is a sort of natural reaction, as they may think, safeguard, & ~~protection~~ ^{protection} is much of ^{other} far sadder wrong which I fear prevails in the world - So you know, until I knew Mr. Latham, I did not believe there was a good man in the world - I don't of course mean good in its ~~more~~ ordinary sense, for I knew there were many who ~~did not~~ ^{as it would} steal or kill or commit a thousand crimes (which might be called) - perhaps some even who ~~did not~~ ^{as it would} lie - But not one who was what I felt man ought to be - & what he will be, did he keep - be, as his God had made him - & who while true brave & manly (in short all one feels more specially belongs to man) (those qualities which we women have not, or only

in small measure) ~~is~~ yet be pure & true & gentle (in all true gentleness. not weakness) as a woman -

But it strikes ten so I must leave off for tonight - I was interrupted in the midst of a previous page by Rupper & I has I fear made it all ~~another~~ ^{more} stupid & involved in & proper than our 2 general writings are I fear - But as usual I own dear husband I trust it all, with all its faults, to you - & feel you will not think I mean things I did not intend to either think or say - even if a puzzled head should have written them - it is a contingency I often rather expect when, as now, it is not my strong, & yet is ~~thing~~ ^{at} much - Goodnight - my own darling -

Sunday, 10th July -

You will say this was a very good idea to have of the world - & it was - now see, a very untrue one ~~also~~ - And you can fancy what good & help & comfort such a friend was to him by his daily true good life & his noble character, ~~proved to me~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{my} small good, and I can fancy the fallacy of my sad belief - how glad I feel it to be said so - I had always felt before that I should never marry - at least hoped I should not - for I felt I did never love as a wife one of such character as most, of even the best, of those I know - There were I remember ~~one~~ ^{one} ~~not~~ ^{not}

a few bright ^{in the} exceptions - but very few -
indeed those ^{were} such as I thought were
what they ought to be, but none had I
ever known to be such - & of course
I felt that even were there truly such
- were there ^{ever} a few of similar great & good
minds in each generation I never hope
so weak & erring & ~~as~~ wanting in beauty
beauty both of body & mind, as I felt a self
to be - that any such as I in truth look up
to - entirely true, and even think or care
about me - & as I hope, & almost pray
was that I not ~~not~~ marry - have a girl
my perception even then of how
sad & wrong a thing it is to do so save
in the very truest & highest way -
I know him, his dear wife & seeing their
beautiful unity & happy holy life - (this of course
not quite perfect, ^{for} very human too) changed
all these things at least in great measure -
the still I did not - I scarcely could believe
that any such highest blessing ^{could} be in the
too - It seemed too blessed & too unfit for it -
therefore it was still with more of an instinct than
hope that that thought came to me - when
ever it did enter my mind - & still my chief thought
& prayer at it was, that that be kept from
marrying woman -
I know him - & especially since coming to
England I have met with many more who
have helped still further brightly to re-
deem the character of them none - & I think
quite differently at all this now but less
consequently from that - than

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when trial does come, he who sends it with
you in strength to bear it rightly -
I think you are quite right in what you say
about women's health & the innumerable but it is one
them to let us make a mistake & steal prevent
their acting fully up to all their high duties & deep
responsibilities connected with health - & the
gift God has bestowed upon them, that though
their life is given to others - but how very
very difficult it is must be to them, to
act thus rightly - especially in the face of so
much false & mistaken modesty & modes
of thought & ^{speaking} of these things, which seem
to me to prevail sadly in the world - &
which it is very difficult for one woman
to go against - even for the sake & high
duty of fulfilling her own ideas of right
upon such subjects - (I mean those inner
ones that come from God) - especially
when she feels it is wrong, as she is goes
against much that is taught held
by many & good ones, (the mistakes, sadly
I think) of her own sex -
I don't mean that ^{there} are not many
bright exceptions, & even I have met with
a few - those who while most truly true
& good, were yet not afraid to look those
realities which God has made, in the face
& to act accordingly - & it was the remem-
brance of them who helped me to try follow
the dictates of a own heart & conscience
in speaking to you (this very tremblingly in my

that what Dr Russell feared for me in
giving leave that I should join you earlier
at the Cape - was that did I become a
mother before my health were fully es-
-tablished, it wd throw me back a long way
perhaps ^{into} very delicate health - from wh it wd
take a long time, & be very difficult - to com-
pletely restore me - I mean to such her-
best health & strength, As I believe God
gave me naturally. - & Dr Russell assures
me I have now every prospect of regaining
if I can only secure sufficiently favorable
circumstances for a while - I know
it was only this, & that he did not mean
any the dangerous - or he wd have said so,
plainly - but he wd have used plain
words even of this, had he not seen I suffi-
ciently comprehended his meaning - he
said once or twice "you understand me?"
to make sure - & I told him ^{thereby} I did -
but I shall think of having even a plainer
conversation abt one or two things when I
next see him - I sometimes feel I can now feel
I am your wife (of course only as abt my
self) just one a time, I think it wd be best to know
quite about -
I believe he is right in what he said - but
I also feel that there is hardly a reason in
our peculiar case for my not joining you di-
-rectly you are ready for or need me - As
we do truly understand each other abt

these difficult things & can truly trust each
- other - cannot string to do only what
is right about them -
Of course if I saw much chance of getting really
well in England - it wd be different - so long
at least as you did not greatly want me
dearly - (I don't ^{mean} wish for, of course, I ^{but mean} love)
knows deeply how you wish to have me with
you even as I long to come) - But as I told
you at greater length in my last letter I do
not ~~that~~ ^{and} believe that, so long as the
deep anxiety lasts of being so far away
from you & also my dear ones - I shall
& all of, after a time anxious, that I wd not
decide - I feel abt what that involves - he
seems all to loneliness or else the too great
exhaustion of constant visits & the
fatigue of packing & journeys wth the
baggage - ^{in some things} while all this lasts, that I
shall not get very materially better -
at least certainly not to that degree as
to repay either of us for the protracted
separation - by ^{giving} ~~giving~~ the complete resto-
ration of previous health & strength wh
we both so long for me - for all the
sake -

I hope in all this that I do not deceive
myself, or unconsciously let the wish be
father to the thought (as Shakespeare
says) you will tell me if you think
I do darling - where how I am wrong
or mistaken - But I do feel as if
my best chance of getting better (at least really
well) lies in joining you at the Cape as you
wish as soon as you are quite ready for me
that once with you I rest in your dear
love - protection - & with all the daily
helpedness of me with you - I shall do my
little best to comfort - help you in all
we are not aware of in our errors & that this
(which in all its fullness I have not words
to express) will make me quite well in
a few months - & I know how we should
both wait till I was quite well, & in this
sight might be able for it - are we asked
of God to let that precious gift of
your life to others be ours -

I mean darling if your own health should
be such as not in itself to forbid all
thoughts of this visiting - then a natural
union, as well as that given for higher
which I trust is, & with all care -
sternness be ours - I don't feel other
than hopeful that even this - I mean

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them from the knowledge of my own own
darling - of all that he is & wish be to me -
But of this I cannot speak - words, at least
written words - are too weak for all that is in
my heart about it - but I think my darling will
know it some day.

Yes thank God my darling I have nothing
painful to tell you about myself - But
I fully recognize your right to know - &
mine to come to you for help - comfort in
it all, should any such arise - But if
it seems best to say one or two more words ^{here} on
a subject I spoke of in my last letter - I mean
my conversation with Dr Russell - now that
I feel I am in perfect sight & please speak
to you more plainly about it - Because
I feel my last letter may not have been
sufficiently clear - I tried to make it so - but
know how when one is hemmed in by differ-
ent causes & to avoid just this one, then
that it is very apt to make one's meaning
confused - & I feel with you that on
very grave & solemn subjects one can
not be too rightly clear & explicit & that
the feeling with which, & the end for which, & the
person to whom we say it - even the one
our Father has given us to be dearer & closer than
any other - both makes, & with keep all
quite pure & holy - I would see

I come for me in it all nothing I have
been speaking at first - it is all gone now -
- that she can say that she believes
before God, that she has not in one
word or line misunderstood your
meaning - & your pure honest striving
for the right - & for her good - in it all -
Later - to act for any mischievous
in your heart this morning I must say that in
the middle of it I did a visit - for I hope
we pass far from easy or pleasant - as
I had to refuse & disagree and his very earnest
request that I should tell him (since I would
not tell our Mother) the particulars of your
accident & its effects - I do not know
very clearly whether I was right or wrong in
this refusal & how you darling will think
I had acted about it - I felt it was a dif-
ficult puzzling question ^{what} I ought to do -
but thought the greatest safety was to
stick to whatever of principle I see
involved in it all - & then did seem to
me to be other but - that on the side of
silence - It was this - that you, having
all the circumstances of the case - know
I can't be with you dear Mother when your
letter reached me - & that, while not men-
tioning more than the mere fact of your acci-
dent to her - you yet had done that -
& therefore not know (that is

if in all your land great hurry - not he
with too of darling you had time to think
of it) that she is naturally to be at least
a little anxious about it - & speak of it - &
that to me - in her natural anxiety for
you, wishing to know more - you still
had told me all about it, but with the
request that I did not mention it again
to any one - & you made me & explain to
that any (I mean any in sense, that that was your word)
For this love & confidence I thank you
deeply & darling & value it as I truly
ought - & recognize the full right you
have to say any thing you see fit to me, even
if it must be to the & dis of our
dear Mother - It is not that I regret a
word I have said or others ^{will be left} for any - Only to the
fact its circumstances clearly show why it is,
able you to understand know - why it is,
I have refused both our dear Mother &
D. Wolf, ^{to tell them} that we you asked me not to
depreciate to any one - later -
and I feel one can't be too careful in holding
confidence sacred - especially that entrusted to
us in letters by those who love & trust us & are
very far away -
later - (you see my frequent use of this word that
I do not write very long at once) - But I wanted
to say that this I felt I did right to tell this - that I
give you full right darling to tell your
dear Mother whatever you feel right or wrong

to her love & trustworthiness of the peculiar
relation in which we stand each other — I mean
that if with her letter to you she
seem pained by your reticence or vexed
as to your health ^{especially} now, for our future's
sake — that you feel you wd. wd. tell her
more, or all, but hesitate in doing so for my
sake, I mean from the feeling of how sacred
a confidence we have spoken to each other
upon these subjects — that you must not
let a bit of that deter you from acting
quite as your own heart wishes about it
all — for ~~the~~ I feel that I wd. not let her all
or indeed any of it — or the ~~the~~ humble res-
olution with which we are prepared to face our
future — yet I shant. mind your saying to her
whatever of it you may wish — feel right-
fully that she is your mother — that to
her woman's heart & pure right mind I wd.
quite trust for the ~~understanding~~ ^{understanding} of whatever
~~might seem at first sight at least to some~~
~~minds perhaps to other minds less strong~~
~~But~~ — I wont. bother or self or waste time in
that or words of other people — ~~their~~ ^{their}
we know all is right — between us before
our God & let that suffice us — I know
it does you & darling — it ought. shall me
too —
I know you will understand the ~~explanation~~
thing (this short now) to tell you the ~~above~~
wishing to, in no way I can help, be the cause
of any pain or estrangement — ~~no~~ ^{not}
that — but even a painful reticence, be
tween you two — I feel

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Your precious health — ~~my~~ ^{my} in time get
perhaps ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~great~~ ^{great} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~better~~ ^{better} & it seems to me (as to you) that
in our own home & ^{with} a wife's love & care
it wd. have the best chance of doing so —
But still I ~~am~~ ^{am} ~~deeply~~ ^{deeply} ~~realize~~ ^{realize} the ~~great~~ ^{great} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ
deed almost awful, ~~with~~ ^{with} a wrong involved
in this question & shall strive to give up
all the ~~or~~ ^{or} hope of it — (I mean of the blessing
of our ever having dear little ones of our
own around our hearth) — at least as far
as that is possible — to be quite resigned
to whatever may be our father's wish in
this — I do believe that ~~that~~ ^{that} whatever course
of renunciation, or even painful trial,
he may see fit to lead us, it ~~will~~ ^{will} be
near to this side, & to all true happi-
ness — good, that he will bring us at last —
So darling you are right — you never
have misunderstood me — & I can
rest in perfect trust — that you will
not do so now —
& I can give you the full assurance that
whatever pain (or perhaps I wd. say something
rather different from pain, but it's a feeling)
I know no word that exactly & precisely so
the nearest approach ~~to it~~ ^{to it} I can / your
dear letter gave you wife ^{at first} for rather I should
say its subject — for it was that, ~~not~~ ^{not} you
& darling & them whose gentle tenderness

friends but in I must not try to have by days
now - only just two messages - one from Isaac
propositional Clausen - who was of kind congratula-
tion on our happiness - the other I think
from Mrs. Mendelssohn & was her kind regards
in remembrance.

I & Mrs. Fells note just arrived (a nurse
had sent) forbids me going on with German
& ~~as~~ a study - I suppose he said of my
happens and last week that I'd been doing too
much (not intentionally) - I must keep his
note as a help to obey him for I feel he is right -
so shall just say the few words of it to you -
that told you ~~exactly~~ what he thinks of me -

"Now for a word of admonition - You are
not well - You have" ^{2 July} (continues) "still
symptoms of considerable irritation
of the spine which with regular rest as well
as medicine - Don't study German - or
anything - Tell your friends you are to
rest to the utmost of your power.
You must do this - it is -

I am very sorry of course - it will be difficult
to obey - but I believe I ought -
I must try to pick up as much conversation
all as I can - leave the more study part for
I was as enjoying with Johannes (the doctor)
him I must own that I did feel it per-
haps a greater mental & cheer than we
heretofore quite were (just now)

the same with - I hope to have you darling for my
teacher then -

I've not touched a letter since Lou Anna's marks
came in - this is the last day - so I fear I may
write only little to you now darling - but I know
you'll be really glad I'm trying to be careful of over-
writing - for my head - back -
I must just shortly say how I've been this month
not being I think mentioned as before -

I did suffer much less after last month than
usual & that of course a little time & not quite
well - so you may take comfort in that hope
that I can perhaps equally this time as last - that
I & Fred to suffer even at the less from reaction
after this one -

I felt my mind better indeed for some days after
mail went & it was only towards the end
of following week (just before I came here) that
I was very poorly & good for nothing for a few days
but this was merely from being over tired with
a good deal I'd had to do & see to ere I came
here (such as journeying into city to find out what
other take better at all at -) there being no one in
London just then who'd help me or rather who
I'd chose to let ^{with} a ^{little} help me - some Dr. Russell
& he was so busy that I did not accept his
kind offer of doing as he'd for me, so long as I'd
a leg left to stand on which accomplished it
myself -

So I got very overdone before the 15th came & the
last few days were indeed so weak - tired that when
I myself I'd do nothing but cry - that is what kept
from the whole day of business, back, at all -
I think being so over tired reacted on my mind too
& made me feel so even painfully anxious

all my way here - but as to their kind-
ness - I don't have a doubt as to what your mother
and her that - but as to whether they will like
me - I felt so afraid they thought me quite
unworthy of you - I feel however much they
tried - they did not love me at all - I feel
with understanding what been pain (for us
both) that that gave me -
well it was very silly - this perhaps not
immaterial - & its all gone now - so don't
think about it for one moment more - I only
think (because I like to let you all & to make
you understand how it came I was so weak
there - for I think mind - body act - react and
how each other greatly) -

3 1st day here I was this kind feel, much better
last week again not quite so well. I sup-
pose feel the effects of fatigue at it more
as the 1st day & excitement of my here was
wearing off - (also for perhaps try my head
a little too much by somewhat vigorous
efforts to get on as good as possible
with German -

This week I am not quite well - but we must
not mind those for you know I am an
at most times - the previous anecdote
(we got great in the last days) then the
very of them around - then all the sleep
feels on column that at the very round with
- me (for in the interim I read almost
a vegetable & colander, as I mind not
feeling fit - for & extension of my head, that is
often if not generally I must let it be

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So please cheer to each other as I feel
So one like now
Later - I find my back not quite well
this afternoon - so we must content by writing
all I can now - this very unwillingly (especially by you
my darling - so good try to say shortly the
most needed things now -
I shall now take no steps about - in earlier
return (as by early reply - any or less) left
like I spoke of in my last letter - waiting till
after I see yours & must wait first - as I
want to learn from that whether you think
(now you know & settle the state of our fu-
ture finances in so far as they depend on
my little fortune) there is any right possi-
bility of my going you at the Cape before, or
even if you do not see the advantage -
- must we hope for those -

One effect of this, a good one, is that I may
hope to stay longer with our dear mother
than I otherwise have been able - indeed
probably to await next month's letter here - one
of I shall have to leave this almost directly
after then all -
I am very glad to be able to stay longer with
her - & then all - upstairs
Later - I've just returned from seeing Professor
Brandis (who has been here) - what a very dear
old man he is -
I wish to tell you much of the kind relation
I have had from him & may, rather of your

ones who hold the older narrow view
I shall have great pleasure in seeing you
frequently, & such a noble one - I wish
of course to write to him - & also (as I hope)
gall upon Mr. Colenso -
He sent me such a kind message thru
dear Louie, by this very mail -

Thank you very much & darling for
sending of a April letter to dear Louie -
it is such a comfort to me to feel
that she will not have up only that
miserable scrap of a letter (but was all
I'd send her by that mail) -
Yes dear I too hope earnestly that I may
be next for me to come straight to
the Cape to stay - (I can see how deep
but you wish him to go self) - But
we just see here in case of any delay
you feel it may not get to him - and you not
rather that I came in a vessel strange
to Natal it'd be much cheaper - so
that we not have the night thru the
money (thru) carried - for you to come
to Natal & see those who wish to go
long to know you - & perhaps even
take me back with you if that not they
that will argely be -
Besides this reason for going straight to
Natal if I have to go there

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very follows) & this time even more than usual
(I wish understand why) has been a
small a little strong mischievous - but this
we must not mind or think of - It is con-
nected with joy & hope & brightness both & love
at I'd not live without - only perhaps it
gives an additional weight to my not
removing in England (after you are ready)
for me) & to get going well -

I trust to rest more completely when the

Theodore has just been to see me - (he arrived
late last night) - Oh I do like his face & ways
so much - so dear & kind & brother like -

I feel I shall like him very much -
he reminds me so exactly of dear little
Arma & of some dear brother too -
They will tell you how he is just rec'd the
letter (or certificate) of your assurance
of his complete success - I know how
glad you will be & so - I am very
glad all it to -

I was going to go alone when the wind
has gone - even then I've done yet -
Your last letter has been a great help to me
to try, then you know of -

now to lie down for a little -
(I've rec'd a dear letter from 'Sanita Bertha')

I feel very grateful to him for it -
(The C - corner of all these sheets don't prevent
we hope of my kind having by comparing the
sheets of my letters to you -)

add to that & that more for all your
gentle reasoning words in answer to one
part (a very weak & foolish one in all its
microscopic fears) of my April letter -
I will try not to abuse the former but
will consult him ere I leave here if I feel
I can or see my reason to do so -

I don't know, but I don't think he is the sort
of person to whom (without my real & great
necessity) I should quite like to speak all
of health - I mean in order to have an opin-
ion as to the future - for for present help you
thru me I do not need it - as I still trust in Dr
Kimpels skill. Besides of course, more comfort
than I can say in his great & kind
nursing -

But I'll try to do right all I can - I will be
as frequent as I can in this way - & of course
I feel I did not see him very far away
yesterday - having I fear offended him by my
unpardonable but decided refusal - tho
I would not to do so -

But now I must end - Goodbye my
own precious darling
With all my love
your own
wife -

PS Please like me if you read this letter easily
I fear you may not - as heads of hair went
this frontlet "in" framed & seems to
me

C to Halah (if I have to go then I must
at all) there is also a mother - namely
that I think you & I almost rather not
have me come to the Cape (as I have no
friend at whose house I would count upon
staying tho I dare say the dear husband is -
much more wish me) until I come
to be your wife - I don't really know
how to put it into words especially
in this kind hurry - but tho you will
know what I mean intuitively - how
painful it will be to be there together & yet
not see much of each other - & yet how
different it will be in such a place as Cape
Town, to see as much of each another
as we do not only wish, but also feel
entirely right to do before our Father who
is in Heaven - at least, without incurring
an amount of unhappiness & unpleasantness
which I know you & I not like for my
sake - & I equally strongly feel that
have said if her who is to be your wife
& who therefore forever feels her
good name - honor even double dear -
But about all this I need not say
that I shall do quite as you wish -
I ask you here because I can get an answer
to this letter ere long by the next mail (if
your next letter shall have decided
on my return in England)