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My Darling Husband,

I am going to try and write to you a little evry night so that you may know I am thinking about you. The clock has just struck nine as I commence to write. Our little darlings have gone to bad and have but just gone to sleep for the wind has blown so hard all the evening that it has kept them awake. I have really been afraid it would blow the roof of the house off, and have been trembling for my babies, and have felt ever since it began to blow as though evrything I had was in danger. But they have laid there as unconcerned as their father would under the same circumstances. I went to the head of the stairs a while ago to see if they were asleep and they were talking of Josie was at least, telling long yarns. I was looking at our little Josie to night as she sat by the table her curls hanging all around her face and thought I wished her father could see her just so. She says Annie screamed and made so much noise Christmas night that she scared "Santa Clause" away and that is the reason he didn't put any thing in their stockings. Well there - - if I didn't forget to wish you "a happy new year" but you know I do, but perhaps you don't know I'll do all I can to make it so. I intended to have written to you some last night but N. Johnson and wife were here.

Lewis folks were here yesterday. Mother is stoping at Nelsons yet. He is getting along well they think. I was in Mr Smiths store to-day and saw Mrs. Bachelder & Mrs. J. Hall. I hear to-day that William received a letter from you yesterday.

Annie has been to singing school to-day. Oh the wind has begun to blow again as hard as ever I do wish it wouldn't. I wish I was any wher to-night but in this house. If I was only some where, where I could have my children down stairs with me. But I cant write any more darling. I must go to bed with them and I shant feel quite as bad about them Good night from you little coward wife - Emmy

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Well Darling,

It has been so cold since I wrote you that I've not written evry evening is I intended I could not bare to leave the fire to get my writing materials. We had had a cold time I tell you. Three days of horribly cold weather, and it hasn't moderated much yet. Mother come home to night. Nelson hasn't got his leg out of the box yet. When he heard Eastman was going to be discharged he said if he did come home he would have him see his leg, and I don't know but he was almost glad he was coming. I dreamed you were with me the other night but you had enlisted and was wide awake (just as you appeared to be in your last letter) and took me some where, and set me down to a table where there was evry thing nice, but when I tried to eat there came a great bunch in my throat and I couldn't swallow. Oh how bad I felt; if it had been real I could not have felt worse. At that moment I awoke and my throat was aching and it was a long time before I could make it feel natural. Oh I don't wish to live over your going away again, never, never

And I dont dare to think how very very happy I shall be if you ever come home. I should experience more joy in one day then, then I have known <sup>^in</sup> all my life before Oh it is too much to even dream of. Our marriage was nothing compared to the pleasure our meeting once more ~~if~~ will afford, if we ever do meet again, because our love is so much greater. And Oh my darling husband we shall surely meet again in another world if not in this I feel that it is so, I know it must be so

I hear all manner of stories about their having the small pox out there and evry thing else but I shut my ears and wait patiently for a letter from you. I want you to tell me the worst. If you are sick be sure and let me know it. Now wont you dearest? And oblige your Emmie

(Sunday) Dear Husband,

It has been an awful cold day to-day, but I went to meeting because I thought I should get a letter from you; but I come very near not getting it, but after meeting to night I went in to see Augusta and Alva went up to "the office" and got it She was glad to hear from her husband and I think would be glad to hear directly from him oftener

I suppose you will have heard before this reaches you that the Dr's. wive's grandfather is dead. Mr. Folsom thinks the Dr will resign and come home on that account

Will you, and J Hall lose your .situation if he does? Saw Julia at meeting to-day. Oh what a splendid singer she is. I would go <sup>^clear</sup> up there to hear her sing if for nothing else

I will answer your question now, that you have asked me so many times, about your certificate. I did receive it and you know I told you that I had received evry letter you had written. I am going to send you some postage stamps this time The reason I didn't send you any before was because ~~you~~ <sup>^I</sup> hadn't any at the time I wrote, and meant to have told you so, but forgot to, till I seald the letter, I am going to be prudent and send you a few in each letter that I write

The minaturers I am no near having ~~them~~ taken then I was when you first mentioned it. If you were here you would think it was too cold to carry the children to Haverhill and I have no body to go with me. I wish I had had them taken last fall. You don't know how I worry and fret over it evry day because I can't grant so small a favor to my darling husband. But I assure you it shall be done as soon as possible. Do you think there is any prospects of coming home in the Spring if you live? Tell me what you think about it in your next. Oh I long to put my arms around your neck and lay my head on your shoulder just as I did that last morning, that cruel morning that robed me of my precious husband

I am sure if patience and cheerfulness in trials are rewarded I ought to be, for you dont know how well I have borne this trial. But well I might, for have I not been blest through it all? You have been placed in a place of comparetive safety, your health has been good, you have been kind enough to write to me very often, and the children and I have had our healths, and I should be ungrateful indeed if I was not cheerful ~~for~~ <sup>^with</sup> all these blessings while those around me with which I am acquainted have had somthing to worry them, though ~~they~~ <sup>^it has</sup> ~~have~~ not proved to be anything serious as yet in any case. And now good night darling and may you come soon is the wish of Emmy