

1858

Staten Island Sunday  
Night 12 o'clock.

Thanks, thanks my own dear  
thoughtful "little love" for the  
kind sweet thought of sending me your  
Autrotype - which reached me yesterday  
afternoon in company with a darling  
little note which made my heart glad.  
Your picture is like you, my own picture  
is not flattered by any means. It has  
a dear anxious look which I have seen  
you wear some times, & which I would  
fain drive away - but cannot! I am  
so glad to have it - The little tiny one which  
hangs from my chain is prettier than  
this - I saw that it makes you look a  
dark instead of a fair darling - it now  
lets - but this will be a comfort to me  
when I wish to recall the features which  
seem to me now, indelibly stamped  
upon my heart. I do not fear that  
time will have any power upon them  
& pray you if you love me to banish  
any such wicked thought from your

Mind. I love you very dearly  
my own darling. I believe that  
I shall see you do so. with you try  
to believe this also. I so find a  
comfort in your love for me instead  
of a sorrow. You are so young dear little  
love mine - the time which must elapse  
before I can see you again - will be as nothing  
to you. I am as it will mature & ripen  
all your knowledge & perceptions - will  
you think as much of me - love me as  
well then as now. I will believe & hope so.  
It will soon pass to you - if you seek  
to improve yourself in all ways. & then  
you must do - for you are ambitious  
& you are clever. You must make your  
self able to converse with all people  
on all subjects - to do this you will be  
forced to read & study much. This  
will occupy much of your time &  
the love of study & improvement  
will grow upon you the more you  
know & the more you find yourself  
valued for your abilities & acquirements  
& accomplishments - & you will find  
a pleasure in it. Knowing what a

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Maybe it will be to me to find  
you improved when I do see  
you. The disappointment  
to me is you not coming to

New York. is more than I like to con-  
fess to my self or you or paper. Suffice  
it by any mortal means I could  
have reached New York. I should have  
done so. You mis understood me very  
slightly my darling. I said or meant  
had I had known before my agreement  
was made that I should not see you  
in New York before my leaving. I would  
not have consented to at those two last  
nights on Monday & Tuesday - but would  
have come to you. When I did know you  
would not come it was then too late  
& my agreement was made from which  
I could not be released. - Darling mine  
the hard words must be said. They  
would have been softened to me had  
I been allowed to press them upon  
your lips - but perhaps too bitter for  
you that it was not suffered. adieu  
I will strive to think so. & so said I

Comfort. God love thee now. my darling  
I make you happy in every way. I will  
think of you my fondly & lovingly & con-  
stantly. I would write to you whenever  
I possibly can. but you must never  
doubt my love for you if circumstances  
prevent my writing as often as you wish  
to hear. I love you. I love you! Good bye

It is now a busy day - Sunday so  
I will do. I will Sunday I sail. Therefore  
I may not find time to send you much  
word now. God bless you my darling  
I love you. I believe in me! Good bye.

You ask me why you cannot see a letter  
from me more frequently. It will be  
two weeks tops & two weeks for a  
to come & a week interval after my  
so you cannot see a frequent letter.  
I am very tired my darling one. I  
to be. I love you pretty soft loving eyes  
& hands. And am ever faithful

Yours faithfully  
"Lillian" "

Monday  
July 5

Goodbye my darling!