

Rom. Jan 22nd 1864.

"Another six days work is done.
Another (Friday) is begun
Return my soul, enjoy the rest." (see I Watts!)
"Come running with a daughter, Hesh -" might carry out
the nice rhyme - but "Hesh" don't seem quite significant
I would convey. "Bless'd daughter". I mean, for an
adopted daughter, I am I don't think in having such
an one. A whole week has passed & again I am at my
writing table talking by word of pen to my darling
across the sea. The dear ones who occupy some
of my thoughts & my affections. How are they? What are
they doing - thinking, feeling? Do they love me, but in
the world? Do they want me as I want them. do
they think they have the best "Mum" - as I think I have
the dearest children in the world. I hope so. Else there
is a long loss between us. No wonder if I should be in the
long distance between us - I get - in an non convenient
people. we have a speciality for adhering - we have
a special love - we love always - in business? I can an-
-swer for one - I am for two others - I do - all is well.
No thin - no distance - no intimacy can make us
lose each other less. of course we have each of us
strong individualities. Else we should be good for nothing
particularly or generally. we cannot sacrifice them
even to each other, without struggle & contest - but
which side conquers - or don't conquer - the
love & admiration for each other continues the same
unchanged. unchangeable. So - my conclusion is
that we are very happy people. I have only one
fair cause for dissent - viz. Separation - we should
try to be as contented as circumstances will admit
in the time being, finding out compensations
in the love & faith which we have in each other
for people are so blessed in their relations - few
people have so many causes for being thankful

What have I been doing since I wrote to you - just the
same routine of work - with etc. On Saturday, I saw
little Paul for Mary & Mrs. Gordon Dyke of Boston - a
friend who has been here on a visit to her new mother
& brother in law. She was Miss Amory of Boston & I
want you to know her - for she is handsome & rather
attracts your aunt, which will be something in the
favor with you. Mary sent word she was too tired
with packing - as she left on Sunday - I could not
come. However we had our party - notwithstanding
a very pleasant one it was. The Dundas, Lippincott
of Phil^a. The Colburn Murray of N. Y. Hows of N. Y. Tilton
& Mrs. Garland. Mrs. Julia, sister - & the Dykes - & some young
Englishmen who brought an introduction from Miss
Sawley - in had a jolly time. On Sunday, I did not
go to Church but she & her home & read the three
Cantos of Don Quixote in the Journal - of the
Atlantic. How beautiful they are - how thoroughly
they surprise you as being faithful. There is a simple
grandeur in the language & ideas - which must be of
Dante. Our common mind. This seems to me to
be Don Quixote's true creation - an interpreter - a
creator. He is a powerful & accomplished scholar
a charming writer of bills of exchange - a pretty versifier
a purely sentimental thriller of fiction - but his true
place is - a rendering of thoughts of poets - from one
language to another. He lacks the grandeur - which
can be found in the poorest of our poets - reach without
study. But oh how rare is it to find God made poet.
Tennyson - is the largest master of the language
the most consummate wielder of the value of
words & the most accomplished versifier - which
the English language now has. He is a poet! see he
he could not in my mind. read a translation
of Dante - because he could not be impartial
see the full of value of our language into another
he thinks in English - speaks truly in English - but

The accomplished scholar. thinks in all languages &
not being impressed by his master to one speech and
language - alone - is capable of interpreting each fairly
others, we have a translation of Dante's Paradise -
which I do not believe has ever been equalled &
am so thankful for this - not reading it in the origi-
nal. You would say then - "How can you know the
truth is the best in the world." - I can only answer - my
instincts tell me, this is so! there is a something in
these words - which carry me to the heights upon which
I conceive Dante to be placed. and no other trans-
lation I ever saw. You had the power to do this.
- The fair number of the Atlantic - is a rich one. Do
you not think so? East Hamilton's article is good;
have you seen it? The planting of the apple tree
by Bryant is also good. saw you the last two or
three times - which would me with the self assertion
than you see. the letters of the different people to
the New England Democrat - Holmes' was characteristic
to a degree - and have you seen Middlebury's
speech ~~at the~~ in New York. on the President's proclama-
tion - all good? - all things at home seem working
together for good. I quit the Peace Democrats who
hold talking on the subject of sending Comminis-
tion to Richmond - to talk of terms - are found
on the question - by the putman from Kentucky -
to vote the full prosecution of the war & support
to the administration. In administration speak
should. all things seem easy - & the only way the
Peace men have been allowed any share of the
spoils - is by changing their names to Conservatives
War Democrats. I don't know how there can be
such a combination - a Conservative War Democrat
is either Peace or War - no halfway stage of
action - but position does not mean reason or sense
or justice or equity or law - but only policy.

Well, surely & what did you do on Monday. I wish you
could write later. In the evening to see how much I
shall. Mrs. Queen - both of them have been ill! on
Tuesday - we had a grand Bachelor Ball - at the Strand
to which your aunt went in canonicals - Thabit - the
most beautiful white silk dress trimmed with
black lace flowers - which were waiting for me in
Paris - on my arrival. I had a hair dress & I look
stunning. I assure you. It was very brilliant & I
did not go until 10^{1/2} - & came home at 1^{1/2}: Your
England was out for the night - I danced until the
small hours, the supper was splendid & all went
well. Your aunt was a very merry Bachelor.
On Monday - we were at a waltz party at the Palace
- 48 - Tatten - on Thursday another ride on horseback
oh I had such beautiful horses for you both now
English horses - that I like walking - splendid horse
& as good as beautiful! My grey which looks so much
away has been subdued capitally - I now work very
well. My poor barouché has not seen the day light
yet - but I hope it may come out as good as new.
Yesterday there was a grand ball at Lady Stafford
to which I went & had a jolly time. Today I have
been making calls. Looking after rooms at the
different hotels for Mr. & Mrs. Pidgeon's family - but
without avail - nor an apartment to be had for
love or money - & talking of apartments - I ought
to describe them for you. Oh! I. I was in the
in the new rooms how nice they are & how beautiful
every thing looks in them - oh - I am called
Good bye for today -
Saturday - I had a nice dinner yesterday with my dear
The new horse you beautifully now in since his running
away from me. I wonder if my description of that will
suffice for me & did Sally & Aunt see. I hope you
will be all well now - before you could get my letter

The horse is now splendidly behaved. I only wish you could
dine after them. They are the best and soundest horses in Rome
and with the two horses which I have this awful weather have
and necessary in the evening which I have seen you
I have been interrupted by a
I have almost too many different matters
in my mind to be able to write to you much
I have so many
things I want to do Saturday I shall be a busy day
in writing matters. so that I find it difficult to
be steady to my writing. I must tell you - I have
that I have almost no much case. I wish to Mrs
L. the situation is - as I have not had any
news - she is a very nice young woman. I wish to
and such in the house, but she has a horror of any
dinner or dress. She is very kind to me. I wish to
say that she is very kind to me. I wish to
that they represent their own principles. I wish to
according to that they are good. I wish to
this of the world. I wish to
with a narrow purse. I wish to
I wish to tell you that I wish to
income and all means and I wish to
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much from the world. I wish to
and with them. I wish to
he has had a western Editor in 1848 and at Antwerp
has had splendid opportunities of making fortunes
but he has done out of them. I wish to
Every day. he has got a reputation. no can be so well
must prefer living and associating with the best
of people and people beneath him. I wish to
the lack of self respect & dignity & moral worth.
(show in a man's intrinsec - I wish to tell you what
that man is. I wish to tell you what
who would rather see me tell than see me in heaven

but gradually those men sink in the social scale & their
true value appears. I had my mother for one element
in my nature - a rather high grand mother - ambition
I cannot endure the society of people beneath my
position or character or ability. I hate to have satel-
lites of an inferior caliber. So Gen King will never
take a position here among the best because he is
content with something inferior. It makes me
sorry for him - for he is refined sensitive & proud.
If our Generals here all were made of such stuff as
Gen King - I don't wonder we have won so few victories.
No man can win victories - if he has inferior people for
associates - is it worth it? - No - I have a good deal
can you see Gen King who trusts to me with a sort of
childlike faith. I compass all his privacies - do you
know she had some to look after Gen King, could not
surrender for his presentation. He had come away from
New York & left them. He is a weak man, and much
I found out by his leaving him to do every thing - letting all
fortunes slip out of his fingers - he is a vain man
as evidenced in his wanting inferior people as his
associates - who will minister to his egotism & vanity.
This puts me a good deal to do in that quarter. I have
my house is now not finished which keeps me
a good deal occupied at least in thought. I had
sat up there a good deal - then my correspondence
which is no joke.
Darling your letter of the 27th 28th Dr. which came
last week on Thursday - already a week old. I must
be responded to. You tell me with any of your
Andy Eg. - bring no letter - but rather worse. Indeed
I don't wonder it makes you unhappy. It makes
me just wretched. It was such a good looking
fellow - & this eye of his makes him look dreadfully
his face becomes like a mask with it. I fear

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any thing on this Earth so sweet. I wish you would
write to her No. 24 West 34th Street - New York. Tell her
state of delight I am in about 'reception' by her to
you son. You never saw any thing so lovely. 'Mistress
Swift' is the name. I am sure she will send you
- was I not a monster to write to you at this time
- I am thank you for your pretty New gift. I have used
it then twice with the best of success. I do not know
as a pie keeps. Thank you a thousand times for the
I ~~did not~~ ^{did not} see you a New gift. In the picture I
stand to you in that light. My father says you have
a brain before. I am much improved by the works of
I have given you. I am pleased that he likes them
& that you find pleasure in them. I am delighted
with the idea of having an affair - but don't worry
you dear people to the bone over them. I believe me
that I might be troubled into better work. I
will show a page. I had rather finish with
them than you give away a amount of strength in
this kind of work for me. nearly as I love the work of
hands. - I am a little in doubt whether your
father & mother will come abroad. Mary spoke of
it being absolutely necessary that Robert should
at home in August. Whether it is Robert & Mary
don't know - but of the latter - do you suppose your
mother would want to be away from America? It
would this not interfere with your father's movements
Katherine talks of going to America in August. This is
influence your father's movements - perhaps.
Did I tell you I rec'd a letter from Col Hamilton. The
letter cannot be found which I wanted to to get
in shape to read. I had to buy my brain to write it
one again. - I saw by the paper that you had had
awfully cold weather in St Louis. I shattering in the
has Mrs stated you have had awful weather here. I
felt such cold. I've had a knife. - I was so pleased
hear of all your pretty presents. I miss too. but hope
to see you when that Mrs was better in her personal health