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On board "The Baltic" Steam
Tug. Feb 3rd 1858.

Who but the dearest "little love" in the
world ever would have been so thoughtful
for the comfort of his Mistress, as the
one who put up such a nice delicious
lunch - ^{that which} was brought to me on Monday
last - & "Comforted me marvellously much
in my tedious journey to Cairo." Who, ever
would have done so half so daintily,
in such a pretty basket. Such nice little
tricks - & such a nice choice of provisions,
& one & above on the top of all. Sent
me such a pretty nice sweet loving
love note - on the dear "little love" I
have inspired in my "old age" who
made my time pass most quickly
and agreeably in St Louis - after she

clawed upon my path - & who proved
The devotion she professed in so many
ways. That in sum is indeed to part
- unless any. & yet she must be thanked
as truly as words can thank her for the
kind which was most most acceptable,
in the sweet companionship at dinner
times, - for the charming dinner made more
memorable by the declaration which
came on the occasion, thus marking
the day as "bright in the calendar," & giving
me a new & most agreeable interest in
the distant world - which will perhaps
too often give my heart a "hard pull"
towards the sitting sun. - I have to thank
you dear for all of these. & I do thank
you & love you very much for these, &
more than these, for the bright tears you
gave me at parting. Bless you - my

"Child love" for this proof of your interest
in me - in my future to be loved by a
young fresh heart. - The enthusiasm of
youth is too precious not to be fathered up,
as I father your dear. We shall meet
again - & may you never find cause to
in the little idol which you have raised
upon my altar. trouble to pierce at your feet.
You see me with the eyes of your young heart
I would I could prevent any change in
your vision - Maria, Helen! Tom will change
you - & you will wonder why you
could have declared so fervent a love for
me! How - I will trust you more than
most "little loves" & believe that you will love
me true & devoted! - I hope to return to
Louis - by the 5th of April - if any thing should
chance to prevent this - I shall hope to see
you in some way, before I leave the country
at the end of June - perhaps your sister would

Come & see me in Chicago. on the 12th of
April. & you might get permission to come
with me. would not that be charming?
he should be in the same house. But
hope to be in Louis in April.

We are caught here by a bad snow storm &
cannot go on until morning. This gives
an opportunity of sending you my word of
loving thanks. which I sign most fondly.
You must write to me "Charlotte" as often
you will. I shall only be too pleased to drop
you hand writing. - write the 21st of Feb
write to Mr S^r Charles Thaxter. New-haven. for
them to the 6th of March - to Thaxter Mobile.
after that - the week of the 22nd of March I
shall be at Memphis - (always direct Thaxter
the week of the 29th March. I shall be at Nash-
ville - but you must calculate for the length
of time it takes a letter to reach these places
last mentioned - and now Good night & God
bless you. sweet heart, think of me as lovingly
as you will & believe me ever your faithfully
attached Charlotte Fushman