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My sweet one. I felt so sure of seeing
you here that I hardly realized my
parting with you at Peterfield. And
even though I rec^d a letter from your
father saying he could not bring you
to New York. I had such faith in your
power of persuasion & your father's
love of indulging you. That when a
knock came at my door on Tuesday
morning at 7 o'clock. I called to
my maid to open the door for Miss
Crow. It was my mother just returned
from Niagara! At 9. I rec^d Miss Musters
Card. My heart sunk ten fathoms deep
for I felt if you had come I should
have had you in my arms before any
Card could have been sent. I was
just heart sick. & was able to tell
Miss Musters that - & your father

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you never want it do so

when I saw him at dinner. that I
could not have had so large a disap-
pointment in America! & I am sure
he saw that I spoke from my heart.
He is reported that he had not bought
you. It appears, my sweet darling, that
the matter was debated between your
mother & father - the former deciding
that Miss Cushman would be engaged
from 10 to 12 an rehearsal & from 7
to 11 at the Theater in the evening - then
Emma would be a great deal by herself
in a great hotel, which was not desirable.
But answered I, "Emma knew that my
mother & sister were here, who would
have taken good care of her." "I did
not know that," replied the good father
or she should have come! So darling
if you had asked a reason for their
decision, you would most likely have
been able to get away to your loving

friend, who ~~trunk~~ ^{regrets} missing you!
Had I not have believed I should have
seen you here. I would now have acted
on Monday & Tuesday of next week &
so would have come to you. How you
my own darling - dear, fond, true
& Emma shall do so. you shall come to
me at some time - if my will can ac-
complish. I will fetch any thing, every
thing you wish for. I will do any
thing every thing you wish for I do
love you very earnestly & sincerely. Per-
haps too much. You shall keep the
ambrosy for - & no one shall know it.
No you did not talk much fully to me
but like a darling as you are, with to
me all, every thing you will. Your letters
shall be returned as soon as I have
mastered the contents - but it will not
soon to you to have a loving heart to you.
-fide all your feelings - your desires. You

wishes you hopes. you dream. write to
me freely, without fear. My letters are
quite safe from observation. you may
make all your confessions frankly
to me. Therefore write to me as much
as often as you will. all your love falls
on a faithful friend & shall bring forth
fruit. My darling! I should make
you now sad. if I were to tell you of
my disappointment - therefore I will
only say I am deeply grieved. & then the
matter must rest, we cannot help
ourselves. I talked to your father much
of you. I told him he did not realize
the strength of your character or feeling
he must that - by saying he did not find
you persistent - or as you yourself a
purpose in life. I asked what purpose
tho. the right purpose to improve himself
by reading steadily - or teaching his little
brother - - now that I ask this - but I

I should be glad to see the purpose. and a
steady perseverance in carrying it out.
However - I did not purpose writing this
to you but must want to do so now chiefly
only my darling must try to make a purpose
for herself - & this may perhaps bring her
more surely to me, next year! At all
events while you are in this Country. I
am not quite whole anywhere else, &
if the Mountains will now come to
Mahomet - Mahomet will go to the
Mountains! - I leave you now, for I
must go out. & with a mind the distur-
-tion inevitable upon my situation
with my own & my Mother's & Sister's
visitors - but my heart & thoughts are
with you my sweet darling & I would
that my poor body could have their
Company. I will write one single word
of Good bye. before I sail - Ah how hard

My not to have said it upon your life
I would have heard from me before
this. Dear one - but I thought I must
send to some particular address in
New York. I know not what. I must
do it on each I must write this morning
(Monday). so post to me early in the
day. write to me write to me. Every day
which I can hear from you. I after I saw
you with a little every day. I learn to
Condense your thoughts. God bless you
My own dear "little love" I believe me I am
in all fondness & devotion your
faithful Laurel son.