



any serious intentions - I  
should be glad to see her  
well married. Mattie, I  
perceive, is in Memphis,  
visiting Mrs Jacob Thompson  
her health much improv-  
ed - she will probably go  
to Alabama from there, &  
return to Danvers, in  
the early summer. Billy  
has gone to take Miss Page  
to a concert - she is a nice  
young lady, from Chicago  
he is not - his love with  
her yet - he talks of going  
to Europe, next Fall, to  
study medicine, more  
thoroughly. I do not expect  
to be here more than a week  
longer, at farthest. Both  
Jimmie and Mary left  
San Francisco, on the  
wonderful kind and of feet -  
to arrive here, the middle  
of next week - I shall only  
remain a few days after.  
They write, they have had  
a delightful trip. The fer-  
races have not been  
working well, during his  
absence and his fire-buggy  
house has kind of epizootic.  
He gave Mary, an elegant  
silk skin doorman and  
dinner-table carrying. The thing

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to be here more than a week  
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Jimmy and Mary left  
last evening, on the  
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of next week - I shall only  
remain a few days after.  
They will, they have had  
a delightful trip. The fer-  
rets have not been  
working well, during his  
absence and his first buggy  
home has died of epizootic.  
He gave Mary an elegant  
silk skin shawl and  
diamond earrings. The thing  
put down to his credit.  
The paper was not  
included as bridal presents  
but they were nice. Her  
father has been well but  
is barely able to support his  
family comfortably now.  
It was to me, a dinner  
dinner - I had to make an  
effort; a number of dinner  
during the evening, to keep  
back the dinner. He was the  
last brother I had to marry

and I feel now, as if I had  
to start life anew - I shall  
try to do something for a  
living, I hardly know what  
may learn bookkeeping -  
can not do anything but  
carefully until my health  
is restored - I have to take  
medicine every day, to  
keep off another severe  
attack of rheumatism &  
take pepper, for indige-  
stion, before every meal -  
my medicine costs from  
two to three dollars a week.  
I shall stay at Berthens and  
Whit's, probably until next  
fall. You asked about  
Judge George & I forgot -  
he will go, as my last  
letter - he is a cultivated  
worthier gentleman - has  
never asked me, so many  
times and would not mind.

one - he is eight or nine years  
older than I am and  
has a well-bred daughter  
and three little grand-  
children to support:  
Lillian is to be married  
next - Thursday evening,  
March third, at 10 o'clock.  
I presume, she has written  
you about it: I shall  
not get there in time, to  
see her married. It  
had been postponed so  
long, I did not realize  
it would ever occur &  
feel very sad over it.  
I think, her prospect is not  
bright or enviable - she  
will keep house at Aunt's  
and that will be enough  
to burden any one. Aunt  
is old, parsimonious and  
feeble & constantly growing  
more so - cousin Annie is  
highly nervous & delirious

convinced Charles is self-willed  
and terribly set, - his his  
ways and I can imagine  
anything but a paradise  
is straight forward to per-  
suade her to that effect -  
last fall but could not.  
She is generous and unselfish  
and deserves a better fate.  
I am sorry, she did not go  
home to marry. She had  
a quantity of handsome  
underclothes - all made  
by herself & ma - left them  
at home, of price to be  
seen; ma had them nicely  
done up & started to her  
more than three weeks ago  
by express, but neglected  
to take a receipt, - she has  
not received them & I sup-  
pose never will. I am  
very sorry - it is a great  
loss to her. She had been  
working on them, at  
odd times, several years  
and would never use  
them because she had  
not time to be now when  
she married. Ma is  
looking forward to an-  
other visit from Mattie.  
I see, Jefferson Davis's book  
will be out; early in the  
Spring - I am not sure  
if it is of the same

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more than three weeks ago  
by express, but neglected  
to take a receipt, - which has  
not occurred since & I sup-  
pose never will. I am  
very sorry - it is a great  
loss to her. She had been  
working on them, at  
odd intervals, several years  
and would never use  
them because she had  
not them to be used when  
she married. Man is  
looking forward to an-  
other visit from Mattie.  
& our Jefferson Davis book  
will be out; early in the  
Spring - I am anxious  
to see it. The Chicago edition  
praises its style & accuracy  
as a history but does not  
 coincide with his defence  
of ourselves. I have been  
very much interested re-  
cently in Dr. Minnie's  
life - his life was a sad  
and interesting one his  
language and style  
of writing fascinating  
and beautiful. I  
I have worked a bit

and splash on since the  
molding and now, finding  
some very pretty willow.  
The first opportunity I have  
had for fancy work, is  
a long time. I am anxious  
to be with Bessy - I know  
she has lost so many things  
since she left - we should  
shall have trouble to get  
her into - conditions, system  
in habits again - I had no  
idea, I should be here so  
long, when she left me.  
I shall not, stand firm & dip.  
There are on the mountain  
is a large part of them to be  
prevailing in many places.  
I have been very uneasy  
for fear, Bessy would  
take them in school.  
Unless James has quit  
school & will be home ear-  
ly in March. With warm  
best-love, Yours lovingly, B. C. R.