

Bracebridge  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1877

My Darling Wife:

I reached home yesterday at 3 o'clock having been on the road seven hours. Self and horse both nearly exhausted from heat and dust. I am sure the road was never so long before. That may be accounted for in a measure by my delightful visit which I hope to repeat again soon.

The crop (especially the Corn) has improved wonderfully. No rain of any consequence till this evening - a refreshing

shower and quite enough  
too. Thus far the same has  
come to suit me - The first  
cotton bloom was seen  
yesterday - 10<sup>th</sup> - but they are  
abundant to day.

The day I left I found a  
bed-bug in my hat, how  
he got there I can't say  
So you had better look out  
for them -

All well at Jimmie's - Julia  
& Mrs C. are going up next  
Monday -

Am having Tomatoes and  
peaches, tho' not very abundant  
as yet. I feel as if I ought  
not to eat them unless you  
could have some too -

I am unable to sleep as  
usual - You are as soothing  
as another bottle of Syrup.

How I wish you were here  
to night - With love and  
kisses for you all I am,  
Your aff. Husband,

Write by and write more at least the next time