

New York Sunday June 20. 1852

Dearest Wife

After having written to Drivelle
Moir, Ruspelan, Mother and Mr Wood I have gone
to my room and have sat down by the window
sill to write you It is a feeling of tender love that
dims my eyes with moisture, that comes over me when
I think of you and that dear little one, And I am
glad I have not left you alone, It is enough for
me to be alone and away from all I love And knowing
as I do that there is a love just as strong and pure and
disinterested answering to mine and longing for a
reunion, will strengthen me for every trial and
bring me back at the first moment that the objects
of my journey is accomplished Between this time and
that let us hope for good, I think I wrote you
yesterday about the ship that there are Ladies
going aboard and that as far as can be known
every thing promises a good and quiet voyage

The Deck of the Steamer will undoubtedly
be a healthy and pleasant place to spend
time, It is about 20 feet from the water with
a bulwark about 2 feet high all round
and with an umbrella if there is no other
shade must be a good place to read or write
and there I have no doubt but I shall
both read, and write long letters, I have

don't leave to the Tribune office yet but intend
to altho it can make no difference. If I
can write a letter worth publishing they will
print it and if it is worth pay they will
pay for it.

I have bought a pocket thermometer
and map of California and the route
and have bought Magnets very cheap, I got
1 Doz small magnets for 20¢ and a large zinc
one for 80¢. I think they will show up something
new in time in the way of separating gold.

My thermometer stood at 80 when I
got up this morning and now stand
at 87.

I went and heard Christys Friday Evening
and had quite a hearty laugh. I wished you
was there altho it was melting hot.

My ink stand is too small as I can only
dip the point of my pen in the ink and
write but a word or two and then must
dip again.

It is perhaps favorable that it is
so warm before we leave for the south
as we shall not probably meet with much
much warmer at any place.

I have not seen Mr Sears yet
and do not expect to now as he will not

be likely to leave Baltimore early enough on
Monday to reach here before 12 o'clock

A steamer with coal masts will
leave the 24, I hope you will have a letter
in readiness to go by that ship.

I am glad to believe that Elizabeth
got home last week and that James
has got home so that your Mother
will soon return

Monday

The Bonnetiers has come in this
morning and a lot of passengers are
stopping here, I have seen nothing to
discourage yet and hope I shall not

I have not time to write more
the vessel sails in 2 1/2 hours. Write often
God bless you
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