

First summer of marriage

Notes

1876

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> Monday

My dearest Bernard,

I had hoped to hear this morning something more definite as to when you expected to be here, but suppose that tomorrow will bring me the news I long for - I do not feel sure that my last letter posted on Friday will be in time to catch you before you left Philadelphia, so may repeat that Hamilton has all instructions about the vegetables, & fruit, & you are to let him know when you are leaving. Also that Hankins wants varnish for his boat - & a brush to put it on with, & papa wishes a bottle of carbolic disinfectant

it seems that the chloride of lime we sent was spoiled in some way. I think you must begin to consider as to what the family did before they had you to appeal to, to supply wants - but when once you get here, you shall rest from all your labours, sit on the shore, while I read to you, or run us about in the light boat. --

Vape, Rankine, Mr. Seligut & Freddy - have gone down to the paper mill to return on Wednesday but Mr. J. goes further down the coast, & will be gone, or week or so - We still have hot & intensely dry weather, not a sign of rain for the last 15 or 16 days -

Mr & Miss Baxter are coming to tea tonight - & of course we shall be an extremely lively party. -- But I will not trouble

my time in writing to one whom  
I hope to see so soon - What  
an amusement of talking we  
shall have to get through when  
you really do get here!

The majors are becoming  
quite accomplished swimmers  
under Mr Percy's instructions  
& indeed, I flatter myself that  
we all make a very fine  
appearance, in the water -  
you shall take up your position  
on the gallery & judge for your-  
self - if so minded -

I do not feel at all  
sure that you will get this &  
so it does not seem interesting  
to write - Only hurry, love, &  
come soon to -

Your very loving  
Wife -

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Just after

harvest