

Littell Notes
Aug 18th 1844

My dear Love,

Do not suppose
you are going to have a letter
"every single day" - but when
I can, I like to write, & in
my late hurried notes I have
not said various things
of some little importance
but is that if, or when, you
do go to see about the Arabian
nights I wish you wd get
me in cheap form one of
Lytters novels I wd like to
read it - after his life - some
one said lately that the Dis-
covered was one of his best
but - any wd do.

Then as to Mrs Garelou don't
make any great effort about
her - for except that it seems

mean to desert a person simply
because of old age. I will
not be averse to trying a
new one, if she only is not
too proud to be obliging.

Mother gave me the
money for your upjettion
to Kemauski, wh. as it was
entirely to oblige papa I did
not feel any hesitation in
taking, & I have paid for my
bur charges. with it, as she
warranted to send money home
Mother & papa have both
grieved greatly about my
not being in town at this
time, & papa has made me
limited offers of money, or
offered to send 79 \$ down
to look after children & close
the house, or pay Miss Caird
as supervisor here, etc, etc.
Mother seemed to have been
quite sure of my going till
I told her of the "great upjettion"
& says she bought things on
the other side on purpose
to have me looking well, &
also counted on my helping

her with arrangements wh-
Eva is not-experienced maybe
in - none of these things need be
disturbed, no except the idea
that I might have been useful
for I see that mother has
really very little strength
& in details of arrangements
papa certainly carries more
than he assists her - notwithstanding
his excellent kind-
ness of intent - I am as
you know very happy & con-
tented here, & quite feel it a
duty as well as a rest to
take care of my health & tempo-
rarily for the sake of the little un-
known quantity, who may
be destined to set the Germans
on fire - & I only say all this
to you, to impress you with
the fact, that my being here
is a great avocation to my
"patients," & to tell you how
very glad & grateful I sh-
be, for any help you can give
them, or any party you can
make more pleasant for them
in default of my services -
The Drey's Matilda now

quite - declines to come to me
in Mary's place - so I am
trying to make some other
arrangement if I can get no
one but - that french girl, I
shall have to watch both
her & my provisions pretty
well, I fancy - but I may
get one of the girls from the
hotel by waiting a little
wh. wd suit me much better.

Mary has heard a letter
from Annie Kelly - who has
been quite ill with blood
poisoning - caused by ink
wh. she rubbed on her face
from her hands - This may
make her less inclined to
continue with Lovell. but it
makes me more doubtful
as to the advisability of asking
her to come back to us. If
you care at Lovell's try I think
to ask him about her if she
is still there, or if her illness
has finished his connection
with her. If she was satis-
factory while there -
If you will be in the
swift current - which leads

into the B. O. whirlpool, by
the time you get this, indeed
every day new people arrive
I suppose, & occupy your time
I hope you have got the
haunting of the Laboratory
successfully over, & managed
of the wards to prevent your
feeling too much tried by
interruptions, for I sh^d like
you to feel free to enjoy
seeing as many as you can.
I expect to have a full true
& particular account of them
all - Tonight - I have again
got "Stars" with a portrait
of J. Terry, looking very like
one of Victor Hugo's villains.

I was surprised to
hear that Mrs Boney with
Herbert & her baby had gone
off to town this morning.
As Mrs F's baby is ill, it is
feared with Diphtheria, ^{though}
this is only whispered - How
such a thing c^d be got here
I cannot imagine, but if it
really prove to be so, it will

make us all feel a little
uncomfortable - The nurse &
little Wilfred were on the
share this morning with Mary
& Ruth, & had no idea of
going, till called & hurried
off to meet some special
train wh. passed later an
hour or so later than the
usual train

Clare still has that huski-
ness of voice she had before
you left. & the shortness of her
per. I wonder what I can
do for her her throat may be a
trifle red, but only a trifle at
all. The spot on Edith's neck
is nearly gone -

We have had abundance
of delicious green peas & beans
though I must say I have
to do the major part of the
picking process. I never
saw finer peas so large &
yet so tender - We have had
one currant pudding, but
it took so long to pick & pre-
pare them, that I hesitated

to embark upon another
we have indeed had an
embarrass de retour lately
apples from town raspberries
etc. Are there many pears
on our tree? Mother's sup-
per is laid out - & Are there
Illums at all.

Kuthe talks more each
day, & gets more independent
thrice lately she has run
off to the shore on her own
account. - Mary too is gra-
dually inducing her to get
sleep on her own account -
wh. will be a comfort.

now I am getting very
sleepy & have not fulfilled
their paramount duty of
reading the papers - so I
will say adieu -

My Sister has been here
most of the evening looking
so pretty -

With all love
Anna