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My Own Dear Husband:

As I have
just seated myself with writing
materials, for the purpose of
settling off some old debts, (for
you know how debts worry one -
though my friends do not often think
so,) and before I begin a letter to
any one else I must talk to my
dear boy awhile. I have put
Guy to sleep, and am in my
room alone - thinking of you,
as I usually am when you
are away - I really believe, as
you say, - that I am getting
to be a worse baby about
you all the time.

But what must be done? How
can I help it - when you are
last in my thoughts at night
and first in the morning -
and when you go off for three,
four, five weeks - I think how
can I stand it till you return.
I do not sit down and fret
till you come back, for I
find plenty to do - and try
to do what I can - but you
know darling - that I love to
have you come home in the
evenings - I trust in a few years
our affairs may be so arranged
as not to demand such a
personal sacrifice as now.

In the mean-time my dear,
I do not intend to trouble
you with complaints about
things that can't be helped -
and if I am just a little
babyish, please overlook it,
for 'tis an error of the head
rather than the heart.

If you think I'm not dignified
enough for a "mater familias"
I suppose I must reform.
But with all her faults -
which are many - the baby
loves you more than any
thing else - loves you very
dearly - I went to church this
morning though I did not feel
like taking the walk, but
I enjoyed it more than
staying at home - Mr. Binkley
said a great many good things
though I think he is a little
behind the age - taking a
critical view of his preaching
in matters of pronunciation, con-
struction of sentences &c,
There were many truths
however that we could
make profitable by a per-
sonal application

I think Guy misses his papa -
He has been very sweet today.
Roy went to S. S. this morning
and recited her lesson to Dr.
Coomes. When she first got up -
we thought she could not go -
as one eye was a little red -
but she seemed so heartbroken
when she thought she must
stay at home that we fixed
her to go - Her eye is no worse
from it - Ada and Lip left
this afternoon. I got your
note with the 500 enclosed for
which, thanks, Sister Florie is at
Anna's tonight, so Mother and
I feel just a little lonely -
you see I have written you
a long letter so I will stop
now. I know you wanted to
hear from the babies and
me - May our father watch
over my soon dear boy - Write
soon to your loving wife