

Sherman  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>

My Darling:

As I did not find an opportunity to write you yesterday, (Sunday) I will devote a short time to you this morning - not with the hope of entertaining - or hardly pleasing - for I have concluded that letter-writing is not my forte anyway. For with our additional family cares - I am in too great a state of nervousness to let my mind dwell on any one thing intently.

Our little "Keenie" as Warner has not been moved yet - calls her, is going to have colic a good deal I fear, and that does not promise much rest for the next two months. Her eyes are improving, but they are not strong enough for a bright light yet - I give them every attention. She notices the children, and laughs for them, and seems to take great delight some times in looking at her mamma - as if she knew who it was - She will be one month old tomorrow - and it seems that I have lived a great deal in that time - It is fearfully warm the past few days, and the mosquitoes are beginning to come - The tank cistern

has not been moved yet - Mr. Byers cistern has three ft. of brick in the bottom and then cemented and the water still rises in it. Mother is feeling better - She is taking a tonic and by the time she finishes her second bottle of wine, I think she may be stronger - Guy seemed improved with his visit to Grand. Mrs. Charlie is so disappointed because his father won't let him go to St. Louis. He says he may never have such an opportunity again - Warner is getting to be a better boy since I am well, but occasionally rides a "high horse" - We had some delicious peaches off that early tree a few days after you

He once gave some very fine  
left, finer than any you  
thought - and I was sorry  
you did not get some of them.  
You can imagine that I  
am getting anxious to hear  
something from you since  
your last letter from the  
Falls. We had some straw-  
berries yesterday for dinner  
and when Warner saw them  
it made him think of Papa,  
I suppose for he said  
"Papa buy berries". He remem-  
bered your getting them at  
home - Guy wants to be con-  
tinually going some where  
since he came home but I  
am trying to check him grad-  
ually - Mr. Elliott said it would  
be two who get before "Queenie's"  
Cradle came, so he loaned  
me one - and she sleeps better  
in it -