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My Little Precious Baby Wife

Your favor of the 23d to hand & I was in great expectation of it as it was promised in your brief note mailed at Sherman by Gip.(?) I trust you are enjoying a most pleasant stay at D. & hope that after a few days Roy may not be so particular to have your special attention but truly Guy is an exceptionably good boy & I trust that in later days he may trouble his mother as little, & may early prove that he is competent to look after his own welfare - & some bodys else, as I trust he may enjoy all lthe blessings of a peacefull & happy life and I am sure no mans life is complete where a womans is not connected with it. What think you of the woman who selects to plod the way alone.... Had I again to enter life I'd marry you at 16 or 18 & settle down in some quite little place where we could have a cozy little house & gather all the beauties of nature around our cottage. So that with flowers & sunshine without & the beauty that your hands wrought within our home brightened with the glow of love would be sweet as a corner of Eden. But baby we have accomplished more so far in life than very many who are older. We have learned to love each other.

for I believe that very many who pass thorough life believing themselves full of devotion to their partners never realize what it is to be truly in love. the first feverish flush of an early devotion passes & they rember it as the folly of shool days - or a honey-moon dream & the taper that should have been fed to a living flame is permitted to become a smoking wick. Ide rather have my darlings arms around my neck & listen to the words of confidence & realize that I possessed her in full. Than accomplish any of the great conquests that history loves to applaud. I do not intend dear that it shall be long before I can kiss my baby morning noon & night & I know that else would make her so proud.

But had I better return to a little StLouis reality. Mester-day was a holiday with us, The day of the passover I believe - so in the afternoon I went with some Texas ladies to the fair grounds. Mrs. EllingtonQueenCly(?) Mrs. Russell Jefferson & Miss Morris Greyrock & had quite a pleasant time.

The display was very good and you would have found many things to interest you though I do not recall many items which I could bring before you in a in a way that would be appreciated One only I mention a piece of stationary A female bathing a baby boy 10 to 12 months old. He is standing up, her left hand around him & bathing him with her right while he is making an effort to get loose & donw in the water. Perhaps the remembrance of our own precious baby gave it special merit in my eyes. The one figure was as much an object of interest as the other as the mommie is as connected with the bath tub as the boy himself. I was also out Friday Night With Mr & Mrs Ellington to see Barrett in the Merchant of Venice. My only timat theatre this trip and it was the finest thing I have seen on the stage. it was a thing of beauty throughout & all parts of it well sustained. I wished all the while baby that you were there The new theatre Popes which has taken the place of the Old presbyterian church corner Ninth & Olive is the most beautifull building of the character in the city & promises to



do a fine business. You rember the Custom house takes up the blick bet 8th & 9th. Olive & Locust. Bars New building is on Olive bet 7 & 8. so you see how the Street is improving.

And now baby as you ask me about the amount to be expended on your dress, I really am not prepared to say what charcter of good would be to your taste or what it should cost, & baby should not trouble to ask me for our purse opens as readily to her I presume it will be better to get something good & of course that makes up nicely. A Silk would cost &60.00 while I suppose that from 20.00 to 30.00 would provide a dress sufficient for any occasion likely to arise though I do not propose to be the judge in the matter of your dress. I have a very distinct rembrance of the dress of which you speak "as well as the girl" I got with it. & it was certainly very pretty as well as the girl that wore it. And no doubt it still retains it beauty & still looks very nice if it has not improved so much as the one who wears it.

Willie davis is Still here but will start for home I presume Monday night. I have let him have forty odd dollars & I presume 50.00 before he leaves which he will refund to you when he reaches Denton.

Love to All & kisses for our darlings and your own self

Your husband

J F Evans

I forgot to note your remark "that I have but one wife to your knowledge but two babies". please answer by wire, does this entitle me to another wife.