

wednesday morning

my own dearest Eric -

What do you 'pose I did  
last night? Rode on a derby!!!  
yes - and balled, too.

You see our C.E. went  
down the river to Marshall  
Hall on a moonlight trip -  
(There wasn't any moon.) They  
insisted that I go - and  
between Byron & Walter & Chester  
I got safely there, safely  
home, & had a good time.  
It didn't seem quite right  
tho - without you along.

I cant get used to being  
 'single' - I feel so absent,  
 or vacant - or something -  
 maybe you know what -  
 I cant seem to find the  
 proper word to explain  
 it.

we - or rather I - was  
 home at a quarter of  
 twelve last night - I  
 never so much as opened  
 my eyes till a quarter  
 of seven this morning - I  
 was here - (at office) a quarter  
 of eight - & I had a  
 good breakfast before I  
 started too - How's that

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for quick work - I must  
stop talking for now - +  
finish this, this evening -  
I'm feeling fine again  
now - after a week of  
rather lonesome - more or  
less miserable days + nights -  
Oh - but I hope you get  
home before I have any  
more of them -

The weather here stays  
reasonably cool - for  
most July - I'm sorry  
it's so hot out there -  
Have you invested in  
a palm beach suit  
yet - I intended to tell

you before that you  
should —

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Your regular letter didn't  
get to me at office today -  
so you can imagine my  
joy when I found your  
extra - of the 23<sup>rd</sup> waiting  
for me when I got home.  
I've read it & read it - I  
guess you want to come  
back to me most as bad  
as I want you to, don't  
you dearest - I don't know  
where you are right now -  
but I wish I could slip in  
just long enough to ruin  
the part in your hair - &  
give you a smile & a kiss -  
I hope - as long as we both

shall live - that you'll<sup>(5)</sup>  
never, never, have to  
leave me for so long  
again.

Do you still dream of  
our little new England  
Home? It seems as  
if I'm just longing  
for it with all my  
heart - all the time -

It takes just those  
things to complete the  
cycle of a girls happiness -  
her man - her home &  
her baby - I'm so  
glad you love home life -  
I'd rather be your wife  
a thousand times over -  
& work every day of my  
life, than to live in  
ease in the house of

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a man who was married  
to money + power —

To be understood as  
I am understood by  
you is worth more  
than anything else in  
life - I could write for  
hours just telling you  
why I love you so. but  
I guess you'd like to  
have me stop - If  
my letters seem foolish  
& sentimental to your  
conservative, sensible  
self - why hurry back  
to me, so you won't have  
to get many more -

Water Wolfe is in  
his glory now - Blanche  
Underwood is here for  
the summer - They're

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beaming all over - both  
of them - Ruth is home  
from college - Haven't seen  
her much as yet.

Please, dear, can  
you give me any idea  
as to when you'll be  
coming this way - Will  
it be about July 15<sup>th</sup> or  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> or when? I  
suppose it's hard for you  
to tell. - Don't walk  
in & surprise me -  
please - give me the  
joy of planning for  
your return, & meeting  
you in the old Union  
Station where we parted  
just two months ago  
today - It seems  
ages since that time -

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doesn't it?

I did a washing tonight - it's fun to wash with set tubs. I hope we can have them in our home - after we begin to get prosperous.

I'm going to bed now -  
"See - but I wish you were here" -

Loving you always  
you sure little ~~wife~~ girl.  
Alma

P.S. - Here's a kiss for the ring you sent me you didn't forget the date on the inside of this one did you - old pal I like it if it did come off of an old cigar. Don't forget to take good care of yourself -

Alma



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