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Wife. 28th July

Ans. 29th --- 64

mond Morn²⁵ My letter not finish
ed yet Mrs. Gregg is here to stay
untill Wednesday Morn. Robt
went this Morn. Now Husband
I have a strange story to tell
you I suppose you will think
you have the canclest wife
that ever was. Your letter con-
taining the draught I received
Sat Morn about 1/2 past 10 I open-
ed and read it & laid it on
the table I was preparing
for Larie must have his dinner
1/2 o'clock When Clara brought
the mail she brought it in
a basket with a small dish of
laine the laine was covered with
a piece of thin paper I took out
the dish and laid the paper on
the table I had been waiting
for the laine some time I used
some of it. I had occasion to
go down cellar as I passed

We are having
cool after
it keeps
raining
the rate
is falling
now the potato
will be
good
You in
have
you
wife
As I sit here alone
on our front porch with nothing
to break the monotony save the
rolling of balls in the ball alley
of the Neff house or now and
then a scream from some of the
archins at the ark or their
mothers expecting every moment
to hear the whistle of the eve
train my mind is busy far from
home I can sympathise with you
when you say you are tired of
thinking I often wish I could
stop for one moment Last
night I did not shut my eyes
untill after two o'clock I was build-
ing castles & to what purpose They
all vanished in the next moment

Friday Eve July 22

I have forgotten what eve it was
that I ^{first} wrote the first page of this
sheet I ^{intended} to write every day untill
my letter was finished but I can
not tell what I have been
about that I have not had
time before eve I wrote
to Jerry now because Mrs Ligon
was going to start next morn
for Greenland Gap to bring
Eddie home he is very sick Mr
Cone Mrs Dodds came home
the first of this week sick
Every letter or message that
comes says Jerry now is well
& getting fleshy I have not seen
Messrs Cone & Dodds but Mary saw
Mr D Mrs Cone has a daughter
born Sat before M C got home
Mrs Gaps has one about four
weeks old Mr Gunster just

sent home by Larie a couple of
bass that he caught today They
will make us a nice breakfast
Larie has gone to stay with
the Dr. He has two girls beside
Cory with him Mrs Swank is
very sick at the dormitory with
fever contracted in Nashville
Mr Mills family are almost all
sick now Mr M made a great
many inquiries after you He
has returned again Mr Garrison
has bought this house & takes
possession the first of Oct I have
been thinking that I would ask
Mr Eaton if he will let me occupy
his house next winter if you
conclude not to take us to Ill
He is painting at the College
again I shall say nothing about it
untill I hear from you Robt
Gregg has just come to stay till
Monday His mother is at Mr Kellogg

and quite comfortable
Many got a letter
from Gertie last Wednes-
day & one from Mary on
Sat. They were both
well. I hope to
at the future I hope
to get a letter from
her today I feel very
sorry for you in your
loneliness. If I could stop
in & do any thing to relieve
the tediousness of the hours
I would. We are having a
fine shower. I am afraid
I can not get this to the office
before the mail goes

through the dining
room I noticed the greasy
paper lying on the carpet
& said to Clara pick it up
and put it in the fire
When I came back up
stairs I thought of the
check I rummaged every
paper and letter there
was on the table but I
could not find it nor had
I yet found it. The only way
I can account for it is that
it stuck to the greasy paper
& Clara put it into the
fire. She says she did
not for she says Mother
you know I asked you
what it was as soon

you opened it & you
told me what it was
worth I would not have
up so much money. I was
not twenty or minutes
after I finished reading
before I missed the check.
There was no person come
in until Lavin came to
his dinner Clara & I were
hunting & had hunted every
where. Then Lavin hunted
Mary came home & she hunted
all to no purpose I think
there is no doubt but
it is burnt. Now I suppose
there is no way to do but

send and get another.
I am so sorry to make
you so much trouble.
I was full of business
but I had a quantity
of fruit to take care of
baking and dinner
on hand and nobody
to take a step I expected
Robbie to dinner & Mrs.
Geary to spend the Sab.
Sat night one of my bad
headaches came on
about midnight I
kept up until about
10 o'clock now when I
gave up and went to
bed. This morn I am feel