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My Own Darling Wife

I can only write you a few lines tonight as I have been indexing all day long and my fingers are so tired that they almost refuse to hold the pen.

My days' work has been most satisfactory[.] It was all of the quiet, sit down [illegible?] but not the less tiring on that account. Tomorrow I shall have to rush about a bit by way of variety. Mrs. [Lanfer?] came yesterday + today and the wash will go off tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. L says her family are in a terrible way, having no work to do so I gave her a little something to help them along.

Stocks are very much up today as you will see by looking at the paper. If you can possibly get time read the Brooklyn address of Carl Schurz on page 3 of this evening's "Telegraph". It is the most masterly summing up of the political situation that I have yet seen. Call your Father's attention to it.

Rutherford is going to put on our new tin chimney pot this week. He says the portable furnace can be put in at any time on a few hours notice without [dirt?]. I thought we might accordingly hold on for that until the autumn. Cecilia is a jewel of a cook and tosses me up the nicest little dinner teas imaginable--chops and steaks done to a turn with a baked potato, raw tomato or some stewed peaches. I find this irregular sort of prandial warfare better than tackling a very solid meal. I have got the clocks going to keep me company. They make things seem still more homelike. Unfortunately, it is only [underlined] like [/underlined] home for the darling little pet that makes it home is not here. God bless her dear little heart.

I will send the Graphics + [Punches?] tomorrow but will keep the [illegible?] as I want something to read and the Library is closed for the month. Do notice in the graphic the portrait of our friend Lord Carrington cheek by jowl with the Prince of Wales and other big lugs. Do you know that it was from the balcony of his house in Whitehall that the Prince and Princess [inoperted?] the great trades procession the other day in support of the franchise Bill

God bless my dear little love and our still smaller tots. Take care of your darling self. I send ever so much love and a thousand kisses.

Your Own Loving Husband
Larry

I shall make Gippo put his mark to the following--

I send ever so much love to my dear little mistress and am ever her dutiful good dog

Gippo

His X mark

Lewis