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1902 Pine St. Philadelphia  
Thursday August 7  
7.30 p.m

My Own Darling Wife

The best way that I can take to do away with my loneliness in the evenings for a little while is to write to my precious one and to try to make her seem nearer to me.

We have had a very warm and suffering day but I have made the best possible use of it. The index for which the printers were pressing me is done and off to N.Y. and I have begun on another one which will be wanted next week. Meantime proof is piling in on me in great slugs of 50 pages a day so that you see I have my hands full. Tomorrow I shall devote largely to Boyertown

The basket with the clothes, the racket and papers is off by express. I enclose the key. Trust that the basket will turn up before Sunday.

I wrote to cousin M [?] last night so that you can have that off your mind for a while. I also wrote to Bayard who has left the Yellowstone after a stay of four days only instead of three weeks as he intended. Charley comes in every now and then for stray bits of legal advice and makes things lively for me.

My new office paper has just come from the printer's. I ordered it to be made like Merrill's which you favored. Tomorrow's letter will be written on it so that you may judge. We have a sweet little office boy now by name Lewis O'Connell, a nice lad who runs errands well. I have no doubt he will run up to 1902 many a time next winter. His time hangs a little heavy on his hands just now so I am going to take

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story books down to him for his delectation You will be sorry to hear that the authorities who are improving Rittenhouse Square have failed after all to construct a park which will enable you to make a bee line to the 19th St. Market. You will still have to take something of a circumbendibus. How does my pet like that?

I have seen Uncle L twice. He is rather crusty and has acquired a new trick of rapidly turning the conversation away from a disputed point as though his opponent's view were not worth discussing. It is an agreeable feature in his tack now which I never observed before [Mirable dictu] he is actually going to Rye on 14th inst instead of 15th as originally planned.

I see that the great English Dictionary of the Philological Society is at last coming to light. Volume 1 including words as far as ant and comprising upwards of a thousand pages has issued from the press. What a stupendous work the whole will be. Mr. Nell tells me that there are scarcely any new books just out and certainly none that are readable. I am afraid therefore that I cannot pick up another "Giant's Role"

God bless you, my dear little girl. I am fearfully lonely already without you. Kiss little Tots for me and make her kiss you for me over and over and over again. Then when I come to you, you can give me Tot's kisses and I will you an equal number in exchange a great lot more

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to boot. Tots can give me yours too and I shall have to give you more back in kind so get your dear lips ready to be nearly rubbed off by I don't know how much osculation from

Your own Loving Husband  
Larry