

But I needn't be telling you this, you know we will not be able to keep anything. I guess after our trouble about a cooking stove you will be a judge of that article. Get one plain set of white table ware. we must do without the china. I will bring a set of china cups & saucers that were my mothers. I will bring bed-clothes & pillows for two beds.

I don't think I would get any kinds of mattresses but a straw one for the under bed & moss or cotton which ever is cheapest for the upper. I have thought several times of telling you to watch ours & if it kept sinking at the sides to get a shuck or straw - there are shavings, mattresses to put on the lower slats. I don't know how you will go about buying furniture for Mrs S - room - why not let the Capt please himself in that - we furnish our own room, and I will say here I think our room will do without carpet, unless the young gentlemen are very fastidious they could do without, and then you would only have to get carpet for the sitting room. Now husband don't think me presumptuous. I know you would ask me about every one of these things if I was there. One other item - no there isent, only this I expect we will have to have two beds in the boys room, as there will always be some one we would want to keep all night. I think you ought before you rent write to Mr P - to know whether himself & lady will be wanting the room with in

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My dearest husband

I know you will be glad to know that as I pen these lines I am sitting up with my dress on. You don't know enough about such sickness to know how well I am getting along, most women are confined to the bed for two weeks and very few leave their room under four. Every one congratulates me on getting along so well. You know the baby will just be a week old to night, yesterday I got up and for the first time put on my dress, I felt so well that I went into the front rooms, but knowing my dependence on Mother & others came directly back to my own room, as they advised; to-day however I have been up most of the day. I can now attend to the baby myself and I feel so glad. I expect to know more I get along with her in rather an awkward manner, but it all comes perfectly natural to me. She grows and keeps as well as little babies ever do. She will be over the worst of baby dom before you see her, and not knowing what it cost to bring her into the world you will never know how to appreciate her that is unless I let you take extra care of her hereafter. Of one thing I am grieved, I don't give more than half enough milk for her; it is so strange when I am such a great hearty creature, but they tell me of many such instance. There is nothing that I would not do to remedy this, consult some of your Dr friends, and if there is anything I can take or cut, I will do it; no matter what it is. I have calculated that my letter written last Tuesday reached you either Friday or Saturday, I do