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6th [?] toy books for [Sid] and Jim

East Boston
July 15, 1866

My dear Lizzie

It seems I have been doing you [illegible] This week past. You have not received or had not when you wrote all my voluminous correspondence.

Let me [kiss myself] with your forgiveness—my sweet affectionate wife—I found your letters at E Boston This morning.

I have been away since Wednesday to East Hampton Northampton and NY—During the time I have hardly eaten a regular meal. Got back in emergency almost sick. But your letter has made me more cheerful than I have been since I left you—You don’t know what [illegible] before [me] about our precious little Mary—Your previous letter made me more anxious—I am so rejoicing that she is getting well—kiss and tell her “Papa will carry Mary bye a bye.” Tell Jimmy a-bout me and keep up his office time for me. His associates in the [illegible] [harmed him]. I think he will improve when
he is.

I failed in the special object for which I went away last week – t- see Mr. Miles for a large subn and to make arrangements for Prof. Collins’s passage –

I have our $ 2000 promised, but nothing on paper yet. For I want some larger sum than I have yet [found] to [illegible] him with –

I feel confident for imminent success_
I hope to get a start and then with This to introduce me to go into the country up into Vt perhaps – + make colle –
tions – for I must have some funds-- I have now to borrow –

By the way_ you must get a credit with Mr [?] – for such things as you most want or if there is anything you cannot buy now let me know what amt you will want and I will send it.

By the first of August I hope to have many [illegible] my business and have some money to go to go [illegible] and then I shall come out and take care of you for a few weeks.

I have found no place to preac-- In fact I have not looked. And do not feel too anxious about it. as I begin to feel This other burden upon my shoulders_ besides I must visit you in August and be back here in Sep tember

I saw Mrs. Hopkins in Northampton I have received a cordial letter from Mr. H. I write letters – The a.m. time Til Thru about 2 O’clock
This is the time for finding business men – find someone to see or something to do – [the] pm and in The morning to get cool-- for it is awful hot here.

I am in a little room in Spring Lane below Washn[?] [?] right by the old capital-- and last at 7 am. Love t you and the child ren more than I can tell and to [scrawl on first] all in due measure Sidney