

Cin Sunday Aug 24/62

My Dr Wife

I arrived here yesterday at 6 in the Morning & Found the crew all well and the Boat nearly repaired we are all ready for business and have a load engaged and will leave here tomorrow for Gallipolis and may if there is water go on up as far as Parkersburg and take the Freight that we left at Racine the time we broke our shaft. I have had various opportunities of Chartering or selling our Boat but none that I would accept. We will stand a better chance on our return to sell or Charter if the river still continues to fall. Our expenses for repairs have been considerable though not as much as I had anticipated I caught the old lady & Ella in bed yesterday morning when I went in to see them. I went in and ran upstairs as I usually do and found the doors open and the old lady laying on the Sofa and Ella on the floor both sound asleep and the bed standing as it has stood since I first went down there while the Kenton was in the Memphis Trade. Though I suppose it is their choice of course we have no business to say a word, they are both well I promised to go down to day & see them and shall this evening. You ought to have seen me in Pittsburgh the day I left I had to get a pass to leave the state and give One Thousand Dollars Bail that I would return by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of next month if drafted. I don't fear any such thing as being drafted though may be for there is no telling what there will be to do yet, the excitement has abated to a great extent here since I left though all along the R Road the enthusiasm is beyond bounds in the night as well as by day all the small stations that the Cars would stop at large quantities of recruits would flock aboard and an equally large quantity of women and children would be there to bid Good bye, there is no telling the amount of distress that this war has brought on the human family

I will have to stop for I have no news of any importance write about give my love to the children and watch Anna for I think that she is in need of close attention I was in great hopes to see the boat but thus far have been unsuccessful I will expect you to write to me on the receipt of this. Take good Care of yourself and the children.

Your Affectionate Husband  
WB Anderson

PS the old lady got July letter

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