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"Boat" Europe three days Antigua June 23rd 1880
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My beloved - ahem -

I think it was
day before yesterday I wrote you
last. It seems as though everything
was conspiring to exhaust my mental
energies. pen - ink + paper to keep
up the little row I made to you
(in a moment of weakness) for how
you overruled vessel to-day to
New York. Now when your pocket
is depleted and you have lost
that - independence which money alone
can give. Caused by paying postage
on vessels letters. ~~It~~ will suddenly
come home to you what a sad
blunder you made. Oh! by the way
if it isn't wrong give us a kiss
this beautiful morning. I am going
to kiss some good wholesome girl -
Only two kisses since I left you
last year - only two - and they

they were dispersed to a little
eight-year old - dear little blossom.

It may be very humanly but
I do like ^{no!} love - to osculate -
Don't believe could ever grow tired
of it. that is - if the subject was
sweet: - And if I should in the
future insist on one kiss per day
at the least (?) you would object -
but submit like a dear little (?)
lamb that you are.

Surely this will find you at
Holley and I hope well - I hope the
warm weather eased away in the
later days of June. Actually all
Lake Erie ought to send you something
cool - Sounds so queer that away
up north 1500 miles north of here that
you should have the thermometer at
95° + 100° when here it has not yet
reached 90°. Every day 86° to 88.
nights 80° I am so used to this

regularly in heat none as
to enjoy it - and would feel
uncomfortable if colder. I don't
notice the sun (only when it glares
in the streets) at all. carry an umbrella
keep in a general perspiration and
am quite happy.

I never was stronger in my life -
don't have days of depression of spirits
or strength - although this grip has
no exhilarating influence yet have
exhilaration after all -

I have 'boots and work and health'
ful play which ^{all} make happy" from this
one link missing in that phrase. and
you know well enough what it is - it is
your own - shall I write it - dear being
shut self to scold on me when I
come home weary from the days
work. and when I throw myself
wearily down I want somebody to
bring rushing hills and Petchers hills to
bringly regale me with - to tell me to keep
my - dirty shoes off the sofa etc. etc.

I feel that - I can't live much longer without - these luxuries

My life is one-sided cold and full of dreadful monotony in some sense. And can never be a happy one - a real happy one - until your fortunes are linked with mine. I must have the luxuries before mentioned - I am pining - pining for you -

But seriously my dear dear Lezzie I never waited so impatiently at this ~~delay~~ delay - All my friends are getting married why can't I! Boo! Hoo!

Now I would like to tramp through the woods + fields with you this vacation. Ah. Ah! Ah! Skip away sweet visions ~~to warm me myself~~ or I will warm myself. and "farlish tears will flow (ahem)

Now a kiss and "adieu - adieu - until the next letter (about five days)

Yours with great love.

This will take a passing steamer instead of vessel so, will come all the quicker to you - my darling. - Wm