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Sunday afternoon [Undated #21 probably
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I find it hard to write, dear, because I don't know what to say. I am in a fearful turmoil "inside" or else in a state of paralysis. Neither is very good for letter writing! I haven't talked to Lorin yet—partly, I suppose, because I dread it so and find it hard to make the arrangement to see him alone and partly because it isn't easy to get a chance to talk to him alone. You see, dear, I'm on the verge of tears all the time. I don't cry much, (except at night) but I am always afraid I can't control myself. Lou is coming this Thursday, as I think I told you. I am sure Lorin and Netta will take care of her if I want to be away. Sometimes I think I'll go without telling Orv but I am afraid of that—afraid that I won't be any good if I come that way. Of course, I would tell Lorin what I was doing. I am afraid, dear, I won't get much help from Lorin. That's why I dread seeing him. My place in the family has always seemed fixed and I don't think any one will like my tearing up everything. But I think Lorin will be good to me. It's curious, dear, the position I am in. I have done everything I could for the family, too. And I was always the one who suggested to Will and Orv gifts for the married brothers. But no one ever knew that. The very first Christmas, after the French contract was put through, I told Will, who was in Europe, that Lorin had been under terrible expense that summer and I wished things could be eased up for him just then. Immediately Will cabled Orv, "Give Reuch and Lorin each extube Christmas." "Extube" was the code word for a thousand dollars. And another time, on Reuch's fiftieth birthday, they gave both Reuch and Lorin five thousand, cash. That was my suggestion. But it has always seemed to me Netta was jealous of me and put ideas into Lorin's head. Maybe not for Lorin has been a good brother. When I taught school, I gave and gave things for the children and so on. But I think it has all been forgotten. Anyway, I am sure no one ever knew who made all the suggestions for gifts. Will was very, very generous and full of understanding. The more you do for a family the more they take as a matter of course. All families are so, I think. Now, dear, you see I've got down to considering what effect the money question will have on the family!! xxx

How is Henry getting on, dear? You haven't said anything about him. xxx

If I should decide to come, I'll telegraph and unless it is absolutely convenient for Mrs. Lincoln or Mrs. Sutton, I'll stay at a hotel. They ought to have more notice and I know it. But I can't help it this time. Every thing is almost impossible now and I'll have to do my best and let it go at that. xxx

We took Milton and Ann and the two boys to the Miami-Wittenberg game yesterday. It poured rain but we didn't get wet. Wittenberg won 7-0. Oberlin beat Reserve. The papers always report Oberlin's side unfavorably. The other team always plays better but Oberlin always wins, or, at worst, ties. We beat Reserve 7-2. I don't know why but Oberlin never has a big score, but always enough to win. It's funny. Oh, I would like to go with you to the K.U. game. I will, some day, dear, unless I just die from anxiety! Goodbye, my darling boy, my dear, dear Harry. Goodbye, dear, and the sweetest kiss.

Your

Katharine