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My dear Ant Lucetta,

Yours of 4th came in due time. I did not answer at once. Laura was not well Ella failed us and I have had my hands full. Laura has not been well since they came here. If she got better there was so much she thought she must do that she would perform about three days work in one & so of course was down again, and Domestically Tom is about of as much account as Lauras Sally and in fact every other way except -----still in one way he is improving he seems to have found out that wives are regarded by some as entitled to a little regard instead of being of no account except to wait on him and as a convenience.(?)

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How on earth Laura (poor child) has gone through with what she has at home as a girl & thirteen years with him is more than I can understand & yet her anxiety & care for him is first last and all the time. how it will all end I cannot tell, for she will always have to engineer & manage & take care of him as she would a child & still if she ever even seems to fail to satisfy him in any way he kicks If she is sick I have

all the care of her. he can
lie down & sleep as though
there was not a thing for him
to care for where she is sick
enough to die. but Laura
says he was raised that way
& that she does not expect it
She has not really seen
a well day since his
arrival here.

if I should get sick
& Laura not well and as
had to Depend on Tom
we would be in a bad
plight I tell you

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not but what he would
do if he could, but he
never seem to have an
idea that he can do any
thing for any one else and
very little for himself.

I am going to try
this winter to get Laura
restored to health. I am
not very sanguine of success
but shall do the best I can
for her. now my dear
Aunt I hope you getting
a good rest & having a nice
time you must aught to
have to do another days
work in your life. The boys
aut to keep you like a queen
you have worked & suffered
for them until they are all
grown up now they ought
to never allow you to do a
hands turn again. I do
not want you to show
this letter to any one

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What I have written is
for you alone for I
want you to know that
I think Laura has her
hands full & will need
help. I am afraid this
country is not going to
agree with her & again
she may be so broken in
health that she will never
be able to do any more hard
work & in that case she must
have some business at which
she can make her living
& have others do the work
as to the cane Lou had
no gold headed cane
the cane that is lost is a silver
headed cane & was mine
Lou says he never said a
word to any of (unknown)
about any cane at all
and also says that he thinks
he must have left the cane
somewhere himself as he was
the only one that ever carried it
so don't worry any more about
it. Good by yours JS

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