

Ed Hale

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My dearest Wifey

My last Letter to you was a very hurried one and I literally saved the Post by but a few minutes - and I have since received yours of 13<sup>th</sup> giving me accounts which make me more and more long to be at home ~~and~~ I can hardly credit all the wonderful progress that my Cookanoo has made. I shall have no objection to your having ~~the~~ Daguerreotype Pictures made of such of the children as you like - particularly, Henry, Leo & Cookanoo if you can get him to sit still - I am almost late to look after a Poney for Jack now, but went to Tattersalls yesterday in the rain finding nothing there to suit me - I was all day shopping - & have bought Groceries, Crockery, Knives, Blouses &c. & Indian rubbers but have lots yet to procure ~~and~~ I shall have plenty to do tomorrow in that same way. I went to Websters also in the rain but found that they were all at Meadowbank, he having gone out on horseback the day before - they have had sad racing weather since they were there, and it continues so damp and stormy that I doubt if Anne will venture on her drive here until the weather is fair on account of her Rheumatism. I drove out on Thursday to see Mrs Elmsley but did not find her at