

Hence forward I will consider you solici-
-tous about matters & things in general
"and it please you" not to particularize
the coming of parties. But your solicitudes =
= sup (you know 'twas coined for the occasion
I won't attempt to pass it off for any thing
better) of this day I do heartily thank you
for - It has given me the pleasure of a note
from you - proved to me that I have been
thought of, & also convinces me that there is
somebody else in existence besides myself to
enjoy this glorious day. As to myself & my
occupations, you know I am not given to emul-
-tion I will acknowledge that this day was a complete
dampener (I think dampener is a good word too).

But I resolutely set to work to wipe off old
scores & besides getting up & eating my breakfast
have written two long letters. I had just
finished these two minutes ^{before} your cheerer
came, was beginning to feel tolerably discomfited
wondering if my brains & my fingers would bear
me through one or more of these others that were in
fearful array before me & I had concluded that
it w^d be better to refresh myself with a few of

the ideas of others instead of dispensing any
of my own, which I can badly spare as
this precious billet may demonstrate to you.

I would ask in what line you expect of-
happiness to lie, in the dead feel interval
between this & Wednesday, before I answer
your question, whether there be any in store
for you. If tomorrow should be a good day
I hope to be tolerably contented that you
will be so too. I have not heard a word
from Mr. Watson today, which is a great
omission on my part for the Dr. was quite
sick yesterday, but the fact is that my
Mercury is so hoarse that I am rather
afraid of an undue exposure to the damps
of this mundane sphere. Could I fly
I would ingrain of both of you in person
to soothe myself in soothing things —
Adieu — A M L —

Have you seen the pinner — What a shame
for a week day — Absolutely forgot it —

To/ Mrs Nicholas

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