

28th This letter I could not finish yesterday or rather last night because I was too happy. The same I feel now as I think I can say I will leave this or the 9th or 10th for New York & today telegraph Mother that I can be in New York on the 15th & think the 20th of next month had better be our wedding day, if she has not objections to offer. This fixes it, my dearest. Oh, how my heart leaps, tis full of everything – that everything yourself. I put it so far off in order to give the time you wished to make your preparations in as you are not going to California thank gracious you will not be troubled with so many boxes etc. by the way the best plan for you to do I think is to pack all the unnecessary things, cloths, books etc in a box or boxes & I will have them sent by Steamer. The expense will hw [sic] little & I shall get clear of the baggage. I am crazy yet & instead of talking you all sort of foolish things that I know ought to be said. Write something that can be arranged after my arrival just as well. Yesterday, I recd your letter enclosing Niclas & one from Father. The latter kind, very kind & speaking of you, never mind – he gives me some good advice about putting our marriage off till everything is swimming along freely, but I think the few difficulties that remain to be surmounted had better be got over together. It is only a little shinning [sic] as Em would say & as we live in a country where few expenses are to be incurred, I think you will agree with me that we can get along better together. I think of dear Mother much in all this & the love she will sustain when you leave her – but Jeanie, dearest Jeanie, I am even now too excited to write. Will be cool soon & then shall dispatch another though it seems foolishness to write when so soon we will talk together. Only three weeks. If am earlier day in the same week will do make it to suit yourself. I shall not be able to be away over three weeks so that it will be a hurry skurvey [sic] after all.

Give my love to Mother & all & believe me your own

Jack