Buffalo, May 30th, 1864.

Dear Will,

Can it be possible that I who promised so faithfully to write to you, should have deferred doing so until now? But the fact is, I am very quick at promising, but am rather slow at performing. Therefore, I hope you will overlook my tardiness, and I promise on the faith of a good Child, not to offend in like manner again.

This afternoon your Father, Bryant, and I drove to the Farm. The weather was all that could be desired, and the Country
looked beautiful on account of
the trees being in full bloom, but
the roads are not very good in
consequence of the quantity of rain
which has fallen lately, but
nothing tended to mar the plea-
santness of the afternoon, and we
returned just in time for supper
which we partook of with a keen
appetite.

Nothing at present
seems to engross the minds of the
people so much as the War, and
Grant, last Sunday the greatest
excitement prevailed here, and
the majority of them were overjoyed
at the very favorable results which
came from Gen. Stanton. Their
views, but little doubt, but that
Grant is quite equal to the task
which the Nation has entrusted
him with, and I have no doubt

but before long we shall hear
that Richmond has fallen into
his hands. All honor to that fair
due to him, and the poet in future
days will love to sing of his mighty
defeat, but I am not content with
waiting for the future, so I have
immortalized his name in the fol-
lowing beautiful verse (otherwise)
General Grant, with want tilled
Do we speak thy noble name,
Thou host braved so many dangers,
For thy Country, and not for fame;
Wilt thou hast the Nation asked
For the conquest over might;
Then on to victory with thy legions

"And may God protect the right"

A few evenings since Bryan
and I engaged a boat, and enjoyed
earnestly for quite a length of time,
the water was quite calm, and we
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I saw several men bathing, although I think it rather early for that kind of amusement. I must now close at it nearly 11 o'clock, and I cannot think of anything else at present.

I remain
Affect. your Braz.
James

P.S. According to promise I enclose my vignette with the hope that you will think it like the original.

L.C.S.

Please write soon.
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