

Alfred & Louie
were married on
29th June 1852



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Friday June 20

My dear Annie

I cannot let your marriage
day pass without a few words
from me. Not that you can
want from me any assurance
of my hearty good will, and
affection, but that I may have
the pleasure of knowing that
my thoughts will be present
with you on that day,
and know, that you will
receive them with as much

probability as I can feel them.
 Harriet and Fanny agreed with
 me, that there ~~with~~ something
 inexplicable in our united
 absence from your marriage,
 though my presence would not
 approach them in any degree
 of importance, yet somehow or
 other I ought to make one of the
 party. Truly I could feel very
 sad and uncomfortable about
 it, had I not wadded myself
 with the conscientious notion,
 that it is better for me not to
 be there. It is a fact that from

entirely unaddicted to Dissipation
 and I should certainly mistake
 myself on this to be most
 joyous occasion, but I know
 what is considered respectable
 in England, and I am therefore
 quite sure, that you will either
 say or look awfully solemn, when
 I should laugh, & probably make
 others laugh, ~~and so~~ I should look
 that character for sobriety & ^{seriousness}
 which after a long and painful
 contest have succeeded in
 obtaining. Is it true that My Aunt
 Jackson & My Mother see to it you
 Pinchesmaids, or has that

wished you would me, may
 purchase them for me, and comfort
 them in such an auspicious return
 to the banks of youth, may they
 long live to enjoy it. But whether
 or crying Sea Lion I shall not
 keep the 2^d without an earnest
 prayer that God's choicest Blessings
 may be showered down upon
 you and Alfred. May you find
 my tender love in any way that
 may be pleasant or comfortable to you.
 And now Farewell, if my letter has
 been missed, forgive me for my oversight
 and let me still remain
 your affec^t Brother

William

Alfred's
elder brother

I am glad that the Ruby pleases you
 and that you have enjoyed your own taste
 in choosing the setting