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My own Darling Wife.

Well Dearest - twelve months ago to-day we were married - twelve months with their changes trials and vicissitudes have elapsed since we united our destinies for weal or for woe - how great and how numerous have been the changes and yet I expect as great a change in our own feelings as in any thing else - and yet I do not like to call it a change. I know I loved you when we were married. I know that my heart prized you above all others even then - But oh! Dearest how much stronger my feelings now. How much less restrained - what perfect confidence I have in my own love for you and in yours for myself. The idea of either of us getting tired loving the other never for an instant is entertained in my mind. I just feel as if I would go on loving you better and better every day. Darling you have no idea how

proud I feel when I think of the trust and confidence you have in me. Oh My Darling I would not have it otherwise for any thing on earth. If my wife was a suspicious exacting doubting kind of woman I would soon have only a certain kind of respect for her because she was my wife and nothing more. There would not and could not be that perfect confidence without which there is but little happiness. Well Dearest. Do you feel that you regret having married me. Have your expectations been realized. From the latter before the last you almost made me think that you were sorry you had married me. well enough of this for the present. Why is it. I received a letter to-day written and mailed the 3rd Ult. I had not received a letter before since Mr Robinson came. That was written the 27th. You said to-day you had been writing every day, where are the letters, and then the idea of its taking a letter five days to come here. I don't understand it. I have written to you every day for several days. I hope you will have better fortune in receiving

them than I have. I shall look for one or two to-morrow. I really got quite uneasy and was afraid something was going on wrong. and if I had not been so much engaged in moving &c yesterday and to-day I should have gone to Pensacola and telegraphed to know what was the matter. I expect I should have done so any how. but Mr Johnston telegraphed and did not receive an answer until to-day and he sent it two days ago. I was afraid the wires were down or something wrong and waited. I am inclined to think now that it is owing to some derangement in the mails. I hope it will be soon regulated. We have moved back to our old quarters where we first were and I am in a tent under the china tree in the yard. Macon is with me. You ought to have seen us to-day fixing up. I hope we will soon be comfortably arranged. We cannot of course be as well fixed up as we were in our house, but then you know we can't have every thing we desire, at

home and the reasons are much greater why we can't while we are in the army. Dearest I hope I will be able to get a leave of absence in July but I am by no means certain. a great many have applied since the troops left there for Virginia under the impression that there would be no fighting and that Gen Bragg would be more disposed to grant them I have been quite attentive to my business since I have been here and they are generally more disposed to favor those that do, and I hope I shall succeed. Col Forney has left us. From what I can learn of Gen Walker I do not think I shall like him much. He has not yet taken command of the Brigade, but will do so. I hope to. marrow. I am tired of doing extra work for nothing I have drawn my pay up to the first of June and am waiting to see about getting a house. And if I can make the arrangement I expect to make I shall send for you soon. I want you to try your business qualities. well my own sweet darling good by. May Heaven bless and preserve you. a great deal of love to all the family. I will write as often as I can. again good by.

Your own devoted old dear, Hubert