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Letter from Anna Clemson to Elias Baker, 1864 April 17

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April 17th 1864

My dear sir,

Having nothing particular to say, & hoping each week to see you here, I have put off writing, not wishing to trouble you, with your lame hand, to answer useless letters, but I must, to-day, write a few lines, to ask how you are, & whether electricity has been beneficial? I have a friend staying with me, who tried electricity for a buzzing in his ears, but he thought it made matters worse. I hope your experience has been more favourable.

Florida's health is far from good. She has constant recurrence of the trouble of last summer, & is often on the lounge for days at a time. Add to this, that she has an affection of the optic nerve, which the doctor says will end in paralysis of the

optic nerve, unless she avoids using her eyes entirely, & you may imagine I am anxious about her. She neither reads, nor writes a line, & there is no knowing how long she must continue to abstain from doing so.

We have had torrents of rain, & Bladenburg is, this morning, under water. We were recalling, & laughing over your water adventure, there, as we looked at the stream this morning. Spring is, however, coming steadily on. The lilacs are budding, & I think in another week, we shall have flowers.

Galhorn continues well, & I hear from & write him constantly, but do what I will, I am not permitted to see him. It is very hard, & I think unnecessarily so.

I had a letter from Mr C., dated 27th of February. He was very well, but says little else, as the letter

is very short. Even that is a comfort however. He says provisions are plenty & all in good spirits.

Your socks have been done so long I had almost forgotten them only waiting you to come for them.

Florida joins me in love to all & believe me sincerely your attached

Wife

Anna C. Clemons

Don't forget to send "the California" cups for Mr Bartholomew & myself.