


Camp near Lead Harbor
Sept 1842

My Sweet Wife -



This is the glad month of our marriage. How did we happen to hit on such a pleasant month! Almost a year since the happy event. A year of great events besides our marriage. A year full of material for history. I don't know how I would have changed my course even with the aid of experience, expecting to be better, less sinful. But I have the satisfaction of thinking that our marriage has done much towards making me better. It has been a shield agst evil deeds & thoughts. I should like to be able to say in the end that I had never wronged you in thought, word or deed as did the mythical ^{king} ~~king~~ of the fair - well I have forgotten the name, you will find it the