

may do no harm and may even
tend to enliven a conversation
in a pleasant manner but I
think it never does any good.

Now while you are at home,
is a good time for you to begin
and try to break yourself of it
and when you return here you
have an opportunity offered
you to create a new impression
and in a great measure to
cover up the old impressions for
the latest impressions, I think
are often the strongest. I
beg of you to think of this
seriously, and to forgive me
for giving you ~~such~~ a long
sermon, which I had no in-
tention of doing when I sat
down to write and on the next
page will try to give you some news.

put an end to this uninteresting and dry account
Believe me truly
your sincere & aff.
friend
Henry M. Bond

P.S. Can I be of any service
to you in regard to your
is "spread" on Clap Day,
in any way, or help or
manner, if so I shall
be most happy.

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My Dear June,

Having a few
leisure moments at my command
this morning, I will write a
little scrawl in answer to
your very acceptable but an
usual very brief epistle. I
will however, relieve you my
dear friend, the necessity of
thinking, that either in the com-
mencement or some part of
your letters to your humble ser-
vant, you must pay some
flattering compliments to him; for
whether they are sincere or not they
are rarely acceptable or pleasant
to the receiver, and more often