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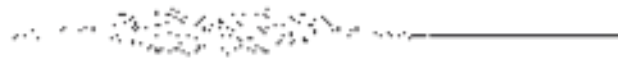
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Abstract

This essay traces a critical development in Dickinson's relation to her daily newspaper, the *Springfield Republican*, during the early 1860s, when two of Dickinson's poems—"I taste a liquor never brewed -" and "Safe in their Alabaster Chambers"—appeared among the paper's literary selections. Printed in "Original Poetry" sections, as "The May-Wine" (May 4, 1861) and "The Sleeping" (March 1, 1862), these poems participated in what the essay identifies as the rhetorical project of the *Republican's* in-house literary editor Fidelity Hayward Cooke (1816–1897). During 1861–1863, especially, Cooke's editing practice actively fostered a relationship between regional women's poetry and Civil War news, such that regional women's poetry became an active and indispensable source of affective renewal for war-weary *Republican* readers. Considering in detail how Cooke materially positioned Dickinson's poems first to consummate and then to

condition this affective renewal, the essay argues that Dickinson's poems became so embroiled in the *Republican's* address to its readers that the epistolary aspect of the paper for Dickinson shifted irreversibly: what was once a letter from friends was now Dickinson's own "letter to the World / That never wrote" to her.



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. . . I thought of you all last week, until the world grew sounder than it sometimes is, and I broke several dishes. . . . One glimpse of *The Republican* makes me break things again - I read in it every night.

Who writes those funny accidents, where railroads meet each other unexpectedly, and gentlemen in factories get their heads cut off quite informally? The author too, relates them in such a sprightly way, that they are quite attractive. Vinnie was disappointed to-night, that there were not more accidents - I read the news aloud, while Vinnie was sewing. *The Republican* seems to us like a letter from you, and we break the seal and read it eagerly.

—Emily Dickinson to Dr. Josiah and Elizabeth Holland (1853; L133)

This is my letter to the World
That never wrote to Me -
The simple News that Nature told -
With tender Majesty

Her Message is committed
To Hands I cannot see -
For love of Her - Sweet - country -
men -
Judge tenderly - of Me

(1863; Fr519)

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