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My Dear Wife:

Your second letter reached me yesterday. I wondered that you had said so little about the children in your first, but there was so much to say, that I suppose you grew tired before you got through. Your second has amply supplied all omissions. On Friday morning before breakfast, I wrote you a short letter which you ought to get tomorrow. I am now very comfortably settled. Yesterday I had the bedstead to move into the old dining room which is here afoot to be Mrs. Ogley's dressing room. The Chapel-lain tells the smaller bed-room, but what they intend to do with the back room, I am not informed. My rooms are very comfortable, and I, Emma, come to clean them up, they are as good as new. She has seen another washing these three days, so I have engaged her to look after my room, for the present. She seems about done. I am not interfered with my occupation to go to the office as soon as I have done my office. She says she wants to live with you if we ever keep house the again. countert.
I haven't seen any of your lady acquaintances since you left, except on the occasion mentioned in my last. If I feel like it, I might go up to the Peabody's this evening. I am sure you can not give a better account of them than I can. You had better get your a pair of modern dance halls, you can have them tuned - not large nor heavy - and try to fill them by turns from which I have seen in the by. Perhaps it must be time to get a pair for each of the children. I for myself and till them all together. If you can make them think it is play, they will take to it very kindly. If I haven't fault the house you may as well buy it. I know you can't do much now, but when you are not able just let them at it, for the keen, it needs never be much or any one. If the is good at it, the in him lead the business better, every time I write. The doctor told me yesterday I had this signed to you. He predicts a very luckily season this, and four of the soaps there always been sick. But I cannot is not yet over, the much better the D T himself for the health. In my effort I can be left in that tradition and look by letting your case of myself to remain be.

You ask my opinion of the arrangements you have made. I am satisfied with it, only I think you have put the stead at too high a premium, in other words, have gone up very much since I left. In my opinion, it is at least $50 too high, the less the pay from the lesson lot. If the next is right, you pay too little; so that either way, there ought to be a difference of from $50 to $100 in favor of your father. If you made the lesson balance, the rent you would not be very far out of the way. These are my views; you can do what you please. I shall try to get some Botanic seeds when I get there again. Have them these for the area left over and don't neglect it go very soon. It is cheaper to stay at home and I am trying to read more than I need to. May Johnston, I learned, attended the President as a Mrs. Scovil to the Gould College with a salary of $300 and a house. I happen to write from designs which affect. The (unnamed) designation tell them on my statement. I have no notions. If I could get a com- fortable position like that I would move assigning myself, but if I can keep just down the academic situation in any way, that is obviously my wish. So, perhaps I can do as much pleasing work for
The field is by commanding them there myself. The first business in order is the teaching of the children. After we are assured that we have a country to live in that is fit for young men, to live in, then we will be justified in looking around to see how comfortably we can live. — Tell Mary I got the paper, and very much obliged, gave her a kiss for me. As to the fence, I think it ought to be painted: the cheapest plan would be to buy the paint, and get some one to put it on by the day. George thinks it would be wise to see the other side. Perhaps, it would be wise to see it. Our feelings can tell when it may be found.

I am very glad the children were pleased with their present. How are Sellers getting along at school? If the lesson is fast there in the day, we may send flowers in the late do, as Uncle John says. How do you like your neighbors? I don't mean to ask whether you like them, but rather what is the state of their correctness. The children, I know, cut us intolerable, and I would advise you to have Anna educated to dislike disagreeable children. An angry word and a manly display of teeth might drive away a multitude of annoyances, and do no harm to anybody.

The box did not hold everything. The grid-iron which Em- ma said you wanted, got left out. The wash- pan I left and did not bring it into the bed-room until the boy was made up. She very much taken a fancy to it herself, but she did not get it yet. Keen and love to everybody, and everybody likes them. I'll come to see them some of these days. Remember me to John Howard and all enquiring friends.