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My Dear Wife:

Your second letter reached me yesterday. I wonder that you had sent so little about the children in your first, but then you, 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 to-morrow. I am now very comfortably settled. Yesterday, I had the bedstead to move into our old dining room which is then adapted to be Mrs. Appleby's dressing room. The children take the small bed-room, but what they intend to do with the back room, I am not informed. My room is very comfortable, and as Emma comes to clean them up, they are as good as new. She has an either washing those arms, so I have engaged her to look after my rooms, for the present. She seems about five years younger than that she now, not interfering with my occupation. I go to the office as soon as I have done my errands. She says she wants to live with you if we ever keep house ten again. Doubtful.
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 shall go up to the Boulevard this evening. — I am sorry you cannot get a better account of Paris. You had better get here a pair of modern dress-balls, — you can have them tuned, not large or heavy, — and try to write them by turn, which I have put in the box. Perhaps it will be wise to get a pair for each of the children, for yourself and drive them all together. If you can manage them, it is fun; they will take to it very kindly. — If I haven't sent the box, you may as well buy it. I know you can't do much now, but when you are not busy just let Mary at it. For the season, it is good exercise and development as much as any one. If the price is good, it is the best I have ever had. Every time I write, — the doctor tells me these needles had this signed by you. He praises it very highly, because they are and don't of the finest cloth, always been very good. But as soon as you get here, the more better the D. himself to the others. As for myself, I am at the lodgings and hope by taking your care of myself to remain well.

You ask my opinion of the arrangements you have made. I am satisfied with it, only I think you have put the deal at too high a figure, which, while you have got very much more I left. In my opinion it is not 750 too high, the best can pay from the license lost. If the deal is right, you pay too little, so that either way, there ought to be a difference of from 500 to 700 in favor of you for the other. If you made the bidding balance the cost you would be very far out of the way. There are my views; you can do what you please. —

I will try to get some Botanic seeds when I go there again. Have a box then from the area left and don't forget to go very soon. It is cheaper to stay at home and I am trying to read more than I need to. — May Smith, I am sorry her situation is so bad. She's been a subscriber for many years, I suppose it will not be as large. But I suppose the situation will be very bad. I have no notions. If I could get a comfortable position like that I would never resign anything, but if I can keep part down the accurate sensation in any way, that is obviously my fault. I wish I could do so much picking up here for.
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weareassuredthatwehaveacountrytohivelatinthat
isfitforyounewChristianstolivelibefree,thentworeally
bejustifiedinboastingarounditbecomfortably
wecanlive,—TellMaryIgotthepaperatseven
much obliged, give 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 Adam I think
painted, the other side. Perhaps it would be well to do
him. Our feelings can tell where he may be found.

I am very glad the children were pleased with their pre-
cent. How does Silla get along at school?

If she learn a fact there or the dog, etc. making
know how the ince do, in Uncle John’s words. How
so you like your neighbors? I don’t mean to ask
whether you like them, but rather what is the state
of their situation. The children, I know, are in an
intolerable and I would advise you to have some
educator to ridicule disagreeable children. An angry
pout and an ugly display of teeth might drive away a mul-
titude of annoyances, and do no harm to anybody.

The cows did not hear everything. The grind-corn which Em-
una said you wanted, got left out. She really it but did
not bring it into the bed-room until the boy was wound-up.
She may have taken a fancy to it herself, but she had not
get it yet. Keep and love to everybody but everybody
“leeches and teetar.” Tell the children to be good and I’ll
come to see them some of these days. Remember to
me to John Howard & W. T. all “inquiring friends.”