

into that state, I have managed
 to keep my seat. Indeed I find it
 much easier to ride fast than slow.
 - The Atlantic for March has an-
 other House and Home Paper - No 3.
 It is not so good as the others - the
 author showing signs of having been
 exhausted his subject, - but it is still
 worth reading. I called your attention
 to these papers in a former letter, but
 lest that may have miscarried I men-
 tion them again. By the way, do you
 get the Atlantic regularly? If not, I
 advise you to buy it, as you will al-
 ways find some pleasant reading in
 it, and generally an article or two
 with substance in them. It is scarcely
 worth while to buy it for the stories
 alone. - I enclosed a letter to Sel-
 la in one of my late letters, but do
 not remember whether it had had
 time to reach you when your last
 was written. I mentioned in a subse-
 quent letter that I had written and re-
 quested you to tell me what impression
 it made on her, and what you thought
 of it yourself. It is so long before I get
 an answer to my letters that it ap-
 pears an age. - I am glad to hear that
 Mrs. B. is improving. - Tell Mr. Price
 that I fear I shall not be able to get her
 any evergreen ferns. I have seen none in the
 part of Va. and I can learn of none in the

pay when I can collect a respectable amount of currency. I don't
 want her to do
 for I have
 frequent her
 commissions,
 must live to
 you all
 think
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plaining that you did not receive
 a letter on Sunday or Monday came
 to hand this Saturday evening. Two
 reached me on Monday evening, but
 none since. So, you see I have a
 right to complain of the mails too.
 I wrote to you on Monday and Thursday
 - the first letter contained \$20, and
 I hope has reached you safely. The
 other notified you that I had given
 Minnack \$120, to send you from
 New York after paying my bill at Ack-
 erman's. He will send you a cer-
 tified check, and if you have any
 difficulty in disposing of it you can
 refer to Mr. McDaniel who knows
 Mr. A. and can vouch for his sol-
 vency. - I enclosed a letter to Sella in
 one of mine lately, has it come to hand?

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Yours of the 28th Com

might be found, I'm afraid, I'm afraid of getting any more letters, but you'll see 'em

The newspapers this morning
announce the failure of Kilpatrick
in the chief end of his expedition.
I wrote you how much he re-
sembled Charley Eaker. He is very
unpopular in the army, being
considered a great blower. He
is said to keep newspaper corres-
pondents about him to puff his
performances. He is undoubtedly a
hard case. Nevertheless I shall be
sorry if he is unsuccessful, what
a great thing it would be for
our prisoners at Richmond to be re-
leased by our own troops, after
sacking Richmond. I should not be
believe it had been done, if I heard
it, until it had been repeated
a great many times. If Kilpatrick
has failed the poor fellows will undoubtedly
be hurried into the interior, far
beyond the reach of our most daring
raiders.

The telegraph brings the news to-day
that the Empire has been gutted
by the soldiers. I suppose you will
send me the particulars once. By
the way has Howard's regt. got off
yet - and where has he gone? I
want to keep an eye out for him
while away. Don't forget to tell me
when he is likely to be, - in whose brigad-
e. - My machine continues to run
very smoothly and pleasantly. I ride
every day when the weather is fine.
My mare is a very good one and
is very fond of being ahead. We
have a race nearly every time we
are out. Some of the officers of my
regiment seem surprised to see me
riding so well, or so fast. My ad-
visee has been nearly killed twice by
falling or being thrown from his
horse, but I was not with him
on either occasion, besides he was
quite intipsycated. As I don't get