Readville April 26.

My Dear Wife,

If you will be good enough to turn over the page and allow me to express the gladness that filled my breast when I read yours of the 20th this evening. As you may be aware of having read for I suppose my letter has not yet come to hand, although as it was mailed on the 15th, it had had time to reach you. I hope it will have been read by this time. It would be a shame for "now folks," like us to lose so much money.

With this I send you some Virginia wildflowers; one is a spring-blossom and another a butter-cup, I believe, but the other two I do not know and think I have never seen them in the woods at home. The blue one is a pretty little flower; the white is not, yet answers very well to past in a vase, too. By the way, what is the etymology of "belle-guy"? Look in Webster and see where the word came from. I have not been the woods for flowers before, but thinking I saw some yesterday
While riding from one camp to the other, I went out to sell the morning news. Not having much time, as I wished to send some in Sella's letter, I only obtained four central papers, which are common at home, and the other two, for all I know. Since the tobacconist affair, I have very little confidence in my knowledge of flowers. — I have answered your question relating to the offices in my other letter. Singular to say I have not heard a word from Robert, why I don't know. Perhaps I offered him in my letter, but I don't think I did. It would be a satisfaction to know whether he is doing anything whether I have any chance, or whether he has given the matter up as a bad job. I suppose I must be patient and wait till the newspapers tell me this story. At any rate, I shall not write any more to Robert on this subject, let it go as it may, unless he shall write to me. I can't see why I should hear any more of a chance, but in spite of myself I catch myself now and then thinking. However, in foreign affairs it is uncertain foundation. Yet, if I live to get back home again, I mean to try and make something out of a certain idea I had in mind which has occurred to me within a few days.