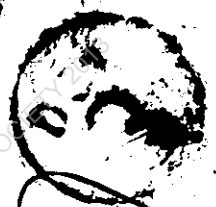


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My Dear Wife:

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> was rec'd tonight. I need not say that I was glad to get it, for I have remained as far from you for the last weeks or two that I had almost forgotten the handwriting on the envelope - It is a wonderful relief, to know that Lolie is well again. I have been so distressed about her that it has even interfered with my work, a great deal. I am sorry for your disappointment, but I do not see how I can possibly come for the holidays. The money for the trip is a serious consideration, the time another and the delay of my work a third. Besides that, my eye is troubling me very much. I frequently cannot see to write or read scarcely at all until after 12 or about

that time, and I do not see  
how I can do one half the  
work I must do this year, with the  
pen and I had determined to try  
one of the improved type-writers, which  
will save the strain on my sole  
limbary - Besides that, I am afraid  
I should do you discredit if I went -  
I am sure I should not know  
how to appear among civilized  
people and your friends would be  
shocked at your having so outré  
and barbarous a husband. I do  
not see either, how it could be  
arranged - I know you could not  
leave India - the devil would be  
to pay if your mother went there,  
and I do not see that anything can  
be changed - I think I must just grind  
on and do the best I can - I have  
tried to console myself all the time,  
by the reflection that you were help-

less and have tried to endure  
all I have had to suffer by reason of  
your going away, as cheerfully as  
I could. You do not know and  
never will know what has cost me.  
I do not mean to be selfish and if  
my depression has caused the im-  
pression on your mind that I was,  
I am sorry. I do not believe that I  
would ask you to forego one hour of  
pleasure for my enjoyment; nor do  
I believe I have shown myself inclined  
to be selfish in this matter. I was very  
sorry that you felt it necessary to go  
when you did - It did seem like  
deserting me in a street. I saw  
you did not so regard it, and had set  
your heart upon going; so I offered no  
opposition and did all in my power  
to forward your wishes. I was con-  
fident that it would injure my cam-  
paign and the result was even more



is not very long, and the end  
sticks up as as to be visible with little  
effort - I think there is no way but for  
you to stay where you are, and for me  
to stay where I am - and make the  
best of it and hope for the best for all, in  
it - I hope you will enjoy all you are  
anticipating during the holidays. By  
all means, join the church; and have Lodi  
baptized too. There is no need for you  
to wait or neglect your wishes or  
your duty. I have grieved a thousand  
times over what has been in regard  
to that. I do not know why, but it  
seems to have produced an isolation  
almost an estrangement between us.  
I have always felt as if you half-hated  
me, ever since and yet I had no  
sort of intention of interfering with your  
inclination or happiness. I was only aw-  
puzzled and at the time grieved. - But  
I could never make you understand

any feeling and hope you will  
now forget that I had any. I was per-  
fectly sincere in it all - I did <sup>look forward</sup> and al-  
ways have looked forward to our hav-  
ing a church relationship together but  
ought not to have made that a hin-  
drance in your way. I do not sup-  
pose there is any reasonable prospect of  
my ever having any church connect-  
ion again, and I can only ever your  
pardon for having wounded you by  
such a foolish fancy in the past and  
say "God bless you" in your new  
desire - I sincerely pray that God may  
rectify the life that I feel that I have  
ruined - I am glad that Lora  
is so good and so devoted to you. Do  
you say she has no relatives? I thought  
she had not less than a thousand here.  
Only yesterday a woman was here  
who, I thought was inclined to sue  
upon me for damages at least to

had written  
to S. saying  
I am  
and had  
heard with  
ing from her  
I thought  
- buty interfor  
and with his  
letters.

It is now  
One o'clock  
and she  
has more  
letters to write  
so good night  
and God bless  
you -

Albin  
This letter  
for me -

a relation as close as blood would  
make one - She said she had heard  
that you would not pay Sara; that  
she was sicker of a fever than Peter's wife's  
mother ever was; was one her way  
home in a state of almost nudity  
and wanted her friends to enquire  
her through. - I told her that I knew  
nothing about it. that I should not be  
surprised if you treated her badly for  
you had just taken the life out of me.  
She said the colored people said that  
you had worked and cheated her terri-  
bly and I told her I expected that was  
not for the last I heard of Sara she was  
sliding = down hill in the snow bare-  
foot and with mighty little on. She said  
her name was Cruzim Siga (I believe) and  
intimated that she had a grand maternal  
care of S. I expect you will hear from  
her. She said they all - I don't know who