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My dear wife: I have been intending to write you a long letter today but somehow or other, I have an attack of the brins and you may get a very short one, instead - No one can tell what I may do under such circumstances. I don't know what has given me such an attack unless it be the effect of a very dark covering day - and I don't see any good reason why that should affect me so - We have been having very pleasant weather, until yesterday it changed very suddenly and has been dark and threatening ever since - I hope my last two letters have gone through to you as quickly as yours of the 11th came to me - I got that on the night of the 13th - I think they will assure you that I do not want you to come back here. Of course, I am lonely, and feel as if all the life was crushed out of me but I don't want you to come and have the same feeling - I do not mean to commit myself to anything - going or staying.

ing - doing this or doing that - until this book is off my hands - But I am going to write and think with the purpose of getting something to do, for a makeshift at least, immediately afterwards. You know, I am peculiarly situated and must have some thing that will bring some money for us to live on - If Douglas gets his cotton-claim, I think that is the best thing I can see. If not I must try anything else that I can find - The winter you stay in Erie and keep as cheerful as you can, for your cheerfulness and hope and brave heart will do me more good than anything else. The last week's work has brought the cases which are digested, up to \$100. There are now 1250 more. The State cases I shall leave out - There are 1622 printed making just 200 pages - At this rate - which I think will be just about kept up - there will be 500 of cases of cases. The index will be at least 200 more - I think 250. I think the cases will be finished next week after

I shall, at once go to work upon the index - I think I can write the slips of about 300 per day and send my proof. This will take two weeks, and by that time the cases will be about all printed - It will take a week or ten days to arrange them for the printer, or say four days before he can begin - and will take him three weeks to complete the printing - So you see, it will be March before I can move. This is very discouraging to me, but it cannot be helped. I will not ask you to come back and suffer as you have done here, and I will account your enjoyment of prime importance in whatever I may determine upon afterwards. Of that you may be sure my darling - I cannot believe that any roots and experience will not bear fruit somewhere. If I should not go to Chicago, I do not know exactly where to turn - I see you are anxious that I should keep Erie in view - It does not seem to me, that there is likely to be any very promising opening there, for me. Indeed, I have always had an idea that the law bus-

ness of Eric, was rather dull and with
very remuneration, except to such men as
Davenport who has worked up a valuable
business practice, by a long course of hard
work - In other words, that practice is a slim
thing to get there - In this I may be mistaken
and I do not wish to discourage you by
anything I may have said in regard to the
matter - If you see anything that seems favor-
able to such a movement, you may consid-
er me as willing to second you in it and
subscribe your wishes, just as far as I can -

I mean to try and get out a new edition of
Lionette - I think it would sell now, what do
you think of it? Of course, I would print it under
my own name now and think it would get
a circulation which would pay something. You
know it would cost but little to print and
the plates are only \$50 - I think a thousand or two
might be sold - and perhaps more.

A letter came for you, this morning from Mrs. - I
forgot her name now, and am too lazy to get up
and look, I took the liberty of opening it, just
for lack of anything else to do - I send it inclosed
I have to go to Raleigh tomorrow, to look after
one of Shaffer's cases, it really makes me
angry, but I must go - I suppose - I shall
come back on Wednesday evening - I may
have to go to Washington on some of Duke's busi-
ness next month - If I do, I shall surely steal
a day or two to go up and see you -

You must tell Solie that I will surely write
to her in a few days. I am not feeling
in the mood to do so now - I know she is
being a dear good girl so as to make her
Mamma happy - I expect to find that she has
grown so big and so good that I shall
hardly know her, when I see her a-
gain -

I hoped to have gotten some more

my last week but was disappointed.
Perhaps I shall succeed this week -
as soon as I get through with my
books I shall sell my reports, if I
can do no better - I hate to let them
go, for many reasons, but I can-
not control destiny - I will try
and arrange for some Christmas pres-
ents, if I can -

God bless you darling - I hope you
are all happy tonight -

Yours

Alfred W. Frazier