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Mia cara sposa:

Your card of the 17th came tonight and though it is pretty late, even for me, I must write you a little morning chat with you - I am very sure I do not think it best for you to come back - unless Loria's health demands it - This is a great self denial for me to say so for it does seem as if I would give the world to take you in my arms. How your voice, feel your kisses and know that I had my Emma once more, in very truth. Oh, I do so long to see you. That old horror has gone away. The distant remote look has vanished from your picture, during the last few days, and now you seem so near and sweet and real. I am sure I have got you back and I so long to hear you say so - to have you with me once more. I am just hungry and

thirsting for you. But I cannot think
that it would be advisable for you to
come. I was fearful that you would
be compelled to come to help me and
it worried me, for I thought you would
consider me exacting and would not
come equally willingly. As things have
turned I think I can get along how-
ever and I know it will be far pleas-
anter and better for you. I want you
should stay and let the winter wind
blow all the Southern horrors out of your
lungs and brain. Then, if I should get an-
other fit of depression, when I come on
in the Spring, you could cheer me up
with your reserved vitality and cheer-
fulness. Then they all need you there
and if Lodie keeps well, it will be much
easier for her. I cannot get over my
fears about her though. I shall have to
stay until Spring. It will be March
before the printing is done. I think I shall

go to Raleigh about Jan. 1st and stay
until the cures are all up. They can
do just twice as much, if I am there.
We are getting on very well now. Have
about 3500 done. Have concluded
to put in the State cures which makes
5000, nearly. We will nearly get through
next week. I shall try and prepare
the index while the printing is going on
all but arranging it. That will be
about a week's work you know. I will
come to you just as soon as I can and
promise to come with a brave heart and
a willing mind and we will begin
our new life - somewhere - and
forget that the old ever was. Be of light
heart darling. There were a great many
things I thought to tell you during the day
but I cannot remember any of them now
only just that I love you, oh, so much.
Oh yes. Tell that little lady of ours that
the paper is very much opposed to writing

my desks - They are bad, awkward
foolish things, for any body to have, but as
soon as I can get some money I will see
if I cannot find something she will like
better - She must not be impatient and
must learn to write as well as she can
for I shall be up there before she knows it
and then she will feel badly if I am
not proud of what she has done - She
looks very sweet in the picture beside you
here - Of course, you know that I was
half in shadow over that landscape I sent
you in regard to Sara - The woman did
make considerable work, but not half
as much as I shortively represented -

I hope you will have a very Merry Christ-
mas - I have kept hoping a quirk hope
that I might yet to spend a few days with
you at that time but am forced to give it
up - God bless you darling - darlings.
Wm. W. W. W.