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My Dear Wife: I am not in a very good condition and only write from fear that you might be alarmed if I were silent - Something or other gave me the neuralgia yesterday - I was in the utmost torture about half the night and find today that it seems to have taken up a permanent abode in my eye - I have done nothing, indeed could do nothing, today. I hope I shall be better tomorrow - I have watched the amount of the terrible snow you have heaped there and am fully prepared to have you write that you are ready and willing and anxious to come back to N.C. No snow here yet. Yesterday was a delightful day, and Miss Lida picked some in the front yard - Today the outlook is very dull with a prospect for snow or rain tonight -

Steve has just come in since I began to write to get me to con-
dole with him, on his ill-luck be-
fore the court of claims. They were
only awarded \$58,000, instead of
the \$164,000, given before. This is
very bad luck, as I suppose one
half of it will be embezzlement in ex-
penses of such and leave them but
little after their debts are discharged.
I suppose he will have \$5000 - per-
haps - He has not said anything a-
bout the matter, but I think it
probable that he will not want
to try the plan proposed on that
basis - It is as well to consider
that evaporated, I think -

I cannot write any more.
It hurts my eye so badly. Give
my thanks to Lodie for her letter and

present received this morning.
I was so sick I could hardly
look at anything but I read it
through before, I quit it. I am
sorry she has another cold - Got
out for her - I have not received
that money yet but I hope to ev-
ery day - I need it very badly
and am in mortal fear that
I may be called on for what
I have appropriated before
that time comes - I hope you had
a Merry Christmas and really
do believe that the year which
is coming will be a happy
one to you -

God bless you

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