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My dear Wife:

I was very sick yesterday but am better now, and think I shall get along all right. I had rheumatism fearfully. Could not turn over in bed for twenty four hours - both I doctored - you better believe I did. It came on after I was all packed up for Raleigh and was to take the next morning's train - and I was nearly wild at the delay and disappointment - I swallowed whiskey and lemons and physic, and - I don't know what else, and blistered and burned and rubbed and scraped and sweated and I am a - frisk scolded some little - Any how something did me good and I have been sitting up today - I wish walk around but am going to Raleigh in

the morning - I don't think there  
could better be a sale of our plunder  
just now. Perhaps, after a few months,  
it would do. I want to see some things  
turn - My judgment does not quite en-  
dorse cutting loose here, because, I  
can see nothing to catch on, anywhere  
else. I have an idea of settling down to  
practice here, with a full understanding  
that I am out of politics forever. I can-  
not, in very deed, see how I could do  
my duty to you and Society, if at this time  
I were to throw myself wholly adrift. If  
my conscience would let me, I might not  
hesitate, but it will not. You had better  
seek the house you have, or another that  
will suit you better. I will look after the  
rent &c. It don't look bright just now,  
but I have no fear but it will before  
long.

I am not very strong after my  
wrestle with rheumatism and you

must excuse a short letter -

God bless you darling

Yours ever

Abraham Bourne