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My Dear Wife,

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Am I not a foolish husband to be writing to you again today, after sending you a letter every day for about a week? Yours came today and it seems so nice to have such a chatty letter from you almost every day that I am very willing to do all in my power to induce you to keep on in that manner. It is too bad that you should be so poorly every time your periods come round. I cannot understand it. You must be very careful. If it had begun while I was with you I should hardly have wondered at it. The wonder really is that I have not injured you long ago. I am almost afraid to think of going to see you at all. Mrs. B. made herself visible yesterday for the first time since I have been here. She seems as placid as ever. I had a moment's chat with her last night. I did not ask where she had been, and do not know now, whether she has been in her own room or away. She says that Mrs. F. has been quite an invalid for nearly a

year, from displacement of the womb - I know you will be sorry to learn it, as I was. Mrs B. seemed to think that I was a very proper subject of dislike, - though I did not think her anger was very deep-seated - Phaffer's second boy is a girl. I am unable to speak of the color, never having inspected it - - I never intended to intimate that Frank Garrison did not have a good practice. I wrote - or intended to have written - that I was not surprised at Gould's unpopularity. Frank could not have a bad practice succeeding as he did, to his father's. I would be very willing to go in with him, - if I should determine to leave here. Of course, I do not expect you to assure me a success there or elsewhere. I have no fear of success anywhere, where I can have a fair show, if I can only get one year's support - I will come up there some time next month, if I can get away from this wearisome book and

shall then know what I want to do. Whether I am going to go from here or stay. This month will, no doubt, finally determine this question. I think that Frank and I would make a very good team and I have no doubt in any event, of success now. I am going to have something to live on pretty soon. I will come and "spy out the land" next month dearie. Already I begin to count the days until I shall see my wife again. Let me see, from the information contained in your last, I think I had better come about the 10th. Don't you? Oh blessed darling, I wish I could send you half as many kisses as my heart gives you every day -

I think you are quite right about the moving. Don't do it, unless you can very materially benefit yourself. I don't know about your house, but I have come to consider it a very comfortable one and I would not

have the trouble of removal, unless sure of
material gain. If I should be with you, it
might require more room, and I will ~~let~~
you know definitely as soon as I can.

Everything is in ^{the} state of preparation
for the ball - Live to all -

Yours truly

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