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1 P.M.

My darling wife: Your sweet letter of the 5<sup>th</sup> was received last night. Your hope has been fulfilled thus far. I have not comforted my neighbor "over the way" as yet, and she talks of leaving tomorrow. I guess I shall manage to hold out. I am sorry that you have been having such a siege with your ear and hope it is over before this time. My own health is magnificent, only my eyes trouble me some. I hope you are enjoying as bright and pleasant a day as we are having out of doors. There has been no snow here this winter, though in him had some very cold weather.

I have been delayed, for four days for lack of paper. It will be here tomorrow however, and then the work will go on again. I am marvellously contented about the future. Only one thing troubles me at all. If things should turn out so as to require me to stay here, I should hate terribly, to ask you to return. I fear it would make you unhappy. If, on the other hand, it shows advisable for me to go away, I believe I shall do it with perfect cheerfulness and without any feeling of useless regret. I am sure that I can now look the future bravely in the face and take whatever comes without any thing like mourning over the spilled milk of the past. There is a propo-

situation here, to start a newspaper. I  
have offered to edit it, for two years,  
at \$100 - per. mo., the first year and one  
half the profits, if any, <sup>or</sup> one half in-  
terest in the establishment. For this  
year, it would only require my atten-  
tion at night. This would give me the  
chance to be in my office during the day  
& go there after supper. It promises hard  
work but it is a livelihood and a chance  
to make something besides. I think we  
could live on \$1200, which would leave  
my books &c to bring us in a little profit.  
I know it is not a bright picture but as  
it would give us some time to get out  
from under our load of debt, &c, it is  
better than nothing. I think we may count  
on books and practice bringing us in no  
much more. Then it gives good facilities  
for advertising the lots and the patent  
and I have hope that it may result  
well. If this is not done and I am not  
guaranteed that salary I will come to  
you, my darling, and we will take a  
new start in life and by God's bless-  
ing win happiness and comfort in it  
yet - I hope you will not be grieved that  
I have considered such a thing. You know the  
times are very hard and I think I ought not  
to risk to much when our livelihood depends  
entirely on our own efforts. I thought I should  
have some money for you by this time, but it has  
not come in yet. I will do the best I can on  
the matter, and you must be very patient  
and brave. I enclose you \$5.00 which  
may be handy to you and I am very happy  
to be able to do even that - God bless you  
my brave hearted darling - If I get a letter  
from you <sup>conveniently</sup> I shall probably write again -  
Yours ever -  
A. W. Torrey.