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Ma chere Marie: I came here today
and found your letter waiting for
me. I am almost sorry to say, that the pros-
pect for business looks very encouraging.
I had, in a vague way, made it a
sort of test as to what I would do, say-
ing to myself, that if it did not look
well, at the opening of the circuit I would
go away and if it did, I would stay.
I don't know how it will be yet, how-
ever, and may find that the show is
even worse than I could desire. If I
have forgotten to thank you for those
sweet letters you have sent me
every day it is not because I have
failed to appreciate them, & if you
could see the childish eagerness
with which I wait for and expect them,
I suppose you would laugh at me.
I was disappointed in the money I an-
ticipated last week, but think it will
be waiting for me at R. when I go
back. At least a portion of it. I am
afraid that Guilford and Chatham Courts
will delay my coming to you, but
will make it as speedy as I can.

Sadie is just right. She foresees - the
coming little thing, that I shall be
so glad to see her, that I shall let
her do just as she pleases when I
come. She need have no fear of
that - She will have a grand time
being roughly then and I shan't all-
ow any Mammas or Auntie to shake
a finger in any way at her
while I am there.

I suppose you are right to
worry about that reading, but
if you knew how hungry I
had gotten you would hardly
blame me. I had hardly read
a story since I could remem-
ber - and, really, it did not seem
as if I had read more than fif-
teen minutes when I got
through.

I have been powerful care-
ful and intend to be. Of course,
I must do my work and I do
not look to less than 16 hrs a
day of such work for the future.
You ought to see how easily and
pleasantly I sit at the desk for
such an amount of labor. I don't
get sleepy at all. I don't know
but having a wife would make
me so but I never get drowsy
at all now, and get sleep per-
fectly the minute I lay down.

If I stay, do you know my plan? I
intend to open an office in R. Get
up at 8:30: breakfast till 9- look
over exchanges & mail until 9:30 or
10. Go to my office at 10- dine at
5 (or go to see you and recreate until 6:30-
per, as the case may be). Go to the newspa-
per office at 8- and stay until 1- then
go to bed. How do you like it? From
5 to 8- I am going to give to you and recre-
ation.

The prospect of Greensboro is ex-
cellent. The recent railroad bill has
made it certain that the Fayetteville
R.R. will be there pretty soon and the
M.L. Arry R.R. built. This will make
it, the R.R. center of the region and
give it an impetus which it already
begins to feel.

I cannot write more now
as it is late and I have several
letters to prepare for the mail
tomorrow morning at 6-

Kiss the darling - love to
all - your ever

W. H. R.