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My dear Maria:

I came back from Randolph last evening, got your letter of the 26th and having sent you a brief letter with an enclosure of \$50 - came back to the Seminars and spent a sleepless night & I have been going over the same old questions, in which there seems to be only discontent and heart-ache and sorrow. I am quite prostrated with consideration of the informal repetition and am half inclined to wish that the devil had the whole problem and am sure than half muddled boys and have a big drink myself.

I cannot see how I can possibly go to see you this Spring. The first duty that is upon me is evidently to fill your mouth and Soles and furnish you something to wear. I have no right - nor have you - to talk or speculate about the future, while that problem is still unsolved.

As you say, it is six months since you left. For that time, you must remember it has required \$700 - or thereabouts and now you write that you have not even had the illustrated papers, are falling to pieces and have not money enough to get paper to write on even. Under these circumstances, I cannot think of spending \$50 or \$75 in going to see you and returning. It will be no easy matter to get enough to provide for our wants, with the closest possible attention. Next week comes Guilford Court, then Chatham, and the week afterwards or at least the first week in April, the Federal Court and soon afterwards Granville. In the intervals is my book. It is folly for me to talk or for you to think of my going elsewhere. You know that while I am getting a practice - say on Erie - we must starve. To patch and piece to an extent not to be thought of, if it can possibly be avoided. I must stay here and work until I can get enough to go to you with a year's support ahead or bring you here with a like prospect. There is no use of fretting or wretchedly bemoaning this fate. I cannot help it; you cannot prevent it. You may as well look it squarely in the face and take the future as it comes.

By close work I hope I may get enough together to enable me to do one thing or another this year. It seems to me though, that I would be of all men, the most foolish, if not criminal to cut loose from a certain support, at this time. If I could think otherwise I would, but I cannot. You will have to stay there until I can do enough to bring you here or go there and be safe from starvation for a year. I know you think this is all unnecessary caution and that I can do anything but you quite forget that I am hampered by the very fact that I have done something and cannot pick up anything like a dock-hand out of a job.

I am sorry for this, but I can see no other way. I had intended to go up and talk the matter over with you but it seems to me that it would be wiser to spend so much money on the journey when I know that you and Lodie need it for your comfort. I think I shall get board in R- and bang along the best I can, saving what I can and making what I can until I can either bring you to a home or know that I can come to you without robbing you of what you need.

I cannot write any more for my head is bursting and I seem to be half-crazy, but I can see no other way and must follow my conviction -

God bless you Dear
Albin

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God bless you
Dennis
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