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My dear wife: I am going to Raleigh in  
the morning - Now another has her sale  
tomorrow - I happened to learn the letter  
I wrote you on the table last night and  
went over to speak to Mr. Hetzer and saw  
her come into the room and take it up  
and read it - I am glad she did so  
but you must expect a few orals on  
account of it - No matter - She has  
never heard truth enough to hurt her and  
a little more will do no harm - Her horrible  
falsity was never so apparent to me as now -  
I tremble for all you girls - I cannot real-  
ize how anyone so sweet and lovely  
as you all are, should be any akin to  
her - I have no feeling in regard to her  
only one of contemptuous horror - I have  
no doubt she will go to Eric as soon as  
she has sold off, and the very day she  
comes to the house you must leave -

Either you must go to a hotel or  
she - Now, don't neglect any work-  
ing - You will regret it forever, if  
you do - There is no other way - I hope  
to send you some money in a few days.  
Please write me if she alludes to my  
or your going to Washington or Denver -  
I have not said a word about it only  
in the letter she read last night.

There is a good prospect of my selling the  
lots I mentioned - all those north of  
the Douglas line + White is trying to make  
arrangements to buy them - The Chicago  
Machine promises well also - I think I  
shall make some money, so that I need  
not leave here empty-handed - indeed  
I have hopes of doing very reasonably - I  
believe God will help us -

Allow me to say one thing to the girls  
about this plan. I am peculiarly disgust-  
ed state of all your minds about the

South, I think you are very likely to  
overlook some solid advantages -  
I don't want to advise, but Annie must  
see that what she could sell here for  
will not buy even a corner of a  
home there - And if she or Missie should  
be unable to tackle the situation without  
this would be desperate - Beside this the  
town is really growing rapidly and  
property is looking up - The Fayette  
ville Road will soon be here and the  
Shops are coming here, Benson  
and Cleetore now building large  
machine shops here - Let her think of  
this before she listens to the ravings of  
a cold and selfish woman to sell all  
once - I think I must say that in  
duty to her - By the way, the taxes on her  
lot are \$11.70 -

God bless you darling - I feel  
that I shall see you again soon

and see you happy too - I have  
been very lonely without you but  
very happy most of the time in  
anticipation of a happy future  
some to begin - God bless you  
and my dear brown little  
darling to whom I send a  
thousand kisses - Tell the  
girls that my heart has beat  
for them every hour that I  
have been here - I don't know  
what is to be done with the skeleton  
I am sure -

Yours

Alfred, Bourque