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My dear wife:

I have neglected to write to you because I feel so badly, that I cannot write. Chuse thinks we are going to have a big house tonight — but he always thinks so. His judgment is not worth as much as a baby's. I hope but have been disappointed so much that I do not feel at all confident — This noon there were some 150 seals sold — that is no much. God bless you and help you my loucel love. I do not know how I am to speak for I feel as if my heart was in my mouth. I have no hope and can see no way out of the tangle —

I send a letter to Lodie. I must think now for in two hours I must

begin to speak - God help me
Him often do I say it - though
I have no hope of an answer
to my prayer
Yours

Dear Mother
I have been thinking of you
very much lately & wondering
how you are getting on. I
hope you are well & happy.
I have been very busy lately
with my work & have not
had time to write you more
often. I am sorry for that.
I will try to do better in
the future. I love you very
much & hope to see you
soon. Give my love to all
the family. I am, dear
Mother, your affectionate
son,
John