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After Dinner

My dear wife -

You see that I am alive which is more than I expected to be at this time - I have come back from the jaws of death and feel something more than grateful for my deliverance. The trial was not so formidable as I had expected and I managed to come out of the engagement without serious result - In fact, I had grown so desperate, that I was quite ready to do anything and could not easily be deterred - I was not therefore so badly embarrassed as usual - In fact I had determined to sell my life dearly and it gave me the confidence which makes a coward-brave when he has no means of escape - I flattered myself that for once I did not make quite an ass of myself on such an occasion and was almost comfortable during its progress - Felicitate me on the unexpected result -

— Sunday —

Our friends came in last night and we had a pleasant game of whist until 11 -

and then went to bed, but could not sleep
As I told you the walls here are thin partitions
only and they do indeed tell strange tales - Last
night soon after I retired my next door neigh-
bor with the young wife came up to bed and
after a moment, his wife already in bed asked
him "to come along to bed" - He asked if she would
not wait - but that she took offense and I
had to listen to a Iron-gizzard of about
two hours duration and after that to a making
up which with the tell tale clanking of the iron -
bedstead was appreciably included - Don't you think
so? I wished you had come then, if not before - Well,
well, it will not be long till Wednesday or Thursday
night - I think I shall cause amendments for it then -
The first touch at dinner yesterday was - "Courage Liberty
Special Term - May we have one every year and
always have Judge Fowger to hold it" - Of course I had
to reply and all on the instant gave. The Bar of course
- Gentlemen who in addition to legal erudition, have
learned as well the art of pleasing as to make the Court en-
vy, ~~the~~ even their former clients - the poor who are
always with them - The bar of Wilson county are going
to request the Governor to appoint me to hold a spe-

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civil term there next summer -

So we go, first up and then down, first cursed and then blessed - I don't see but the people here are all one way about me. They seem to think it a very fortunate thing that they have had me here. There will be but little left of the docket when we get through -

If I have to go from here right up to High Point Wednesday or Thursday I shall send for you a telegram to go up with me and we will make Millie and the Pulla's a call - ~~but~~ don't you want to come to Raleigh a day or two? - If you do come down and meet me there - I do not know that I shall stop there but will if you will come down - I think I shall have to stop there to get that Rocking Chair for Eddie - Tell her papa will be sure and bring it - I can get no letter from you until Tuesday as the train carries no mail east of Greensboro tonight but will hear from you then I hope - I have not been to church today. Thought I would but I must come around

and in coat and tucked all the morning
It looks like rain or snow now -
I presume it is cold at home - Think
and there is a home and comfort and
warmth there too -

Yours ever
Albin

I will send this up by the Conductor
this evening just to surprise you
tomorrow -

Albin

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