

Ames, Ia

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4 P.M.

My dear wife:

I have just concluded the revision of the Chapter of '89 I brought along. I cannot possibly arrange it in this form. It may require three chapters instead of two. If so would you send it on. I think it is well done and am both glad and sorry to have it off my mind. If Roberts don't want it or raises objection we will send it at once to McClurg. "Butter's Deer" is not for sale anywhere in this region. I am afraid Roberts (like you know) has such a much push.

It has been a cold lousy day
and I have sat here and worked
with my back to the stove ever
since I got up.

Reynolds came last night and we
sat up until 1 o'clock - talking. He is a
curious fellow. I entertained him and he
had a fine house last night and en-
joyed myself with discussing "Socialism".

I wish I would drop in and see you
more. I fancy you are all taking the
unseasoned Sunday lounge and would
be glad to see even the destroyer of
your peace from a little while. I
have had no cold and no discomfort thus far.
Start on my winding way to Hustrung, to
night at 1.20, and expect to get there
about 2 o'clock tomorrow.

I do hope you are happy and well

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all the love my heart can hold, pray
that no distracting thought may
come nigh you.

I may come back by Buffalo, reaching
there Monday morning, and staying until Mon-
day night and going on by the Lake
as possibly the Lakeview at 9:30. If I
do I will telegraph you to come down and
see me.

Yours

William