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Castleton N.Y. Feb 4th

Dear Albion,

your letter
come to-day many thanks
when I came to think
after sending my letter
to you I felt I had been
very selfish. I certainly
did not mean any thing
more. you remember I
told you the reason I
had in not consulting
you first I thought your
health would not allow

you to do the work it
would require. you come
to me but I might in
my trouble and I ought
to have known better than
to trouble you again. please
forgive me. but I feel
so lonely sometimes. I can
hardly live. you know
me well enough to know
that my husband was
my all and my life
was bound so closely
with his that I felt I
have little left. may you
never feel the way I do.
please do not blame me
for writing this. but you
were all the while I

know far years, and far
that reason. I feel free
to pen you these lines.
I hope you will enjoy
your mysterious life very
much and sometimes
if it will not be too
much trouble please drop
me a line remember me
in love to your wife and
daughter. I am reading
books without stop
have just finished *Trips*
and *Shastri* drew them
from the *Library* and
send with love I am
your old friend

Ellen.