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My dear wife: I have only a minute to write. The weather is damp and dark. I received yesterday several letters from different parts of the country in regard to the Forum article. I have not seen anything about it in any of the papers, however.

I did not get through the story yesterday. Worked hard all day but it was one of my bad days when I could not get along worth a cent.

I guess there is no doubt but the Forum article is a hit. Every one seems to think it "a new idea" an "original view" or a "most just and striking presentation" of the question.

I am glad you and Lodie are well again and the account of your pleasant day on Sat. morn brought much enjoyment to us all.

While you are getting the dog's collar you may as well look out for a muzzle for him — one of the opening and shutting kind. He will have to wear one most of the time to keep people from pretending fear of him simply because he is big and black.

I wrote Alington that I could not afford to go unless he doubled the engagements on the Court. That is that I must

be able to get \$1600 at least  
beyond the Range to make it  
desirable to go there.

Perhaps it would be well for  
you to write to him that if he can  
make say 20 beyond the moun-  
tains and \$15 or 20 this side - he =  
then ~~May~~ ~~or~~ ~~as~~ ~~Apr.~~ ~~25~~ and July  
1st - we will go. If not he may  
make as many as he chooses along  
now and then at the East and  
never touch but none on the  
coast - All send love

Good bye  
Albina