

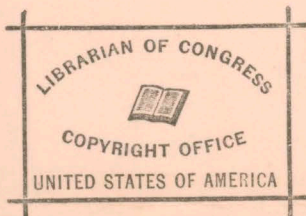
[Dec 21, 1897] at Library - Wednesday

Dear little wife :- If thinking of you could bring you to me, how constantly you would be at my side. It seems that you are always in my mind - which forces itself the old question in philosophy as to the ability of a body to occupy two places at the same time, for you also are in my heart. Since I know that you still love me, the thought of you keeps me cheerful where there are great temptations to be depressed.

I was a good deal disappointed when I did not get a letter from you this morning, but I shall hope to be more favoured tomorrow.

I look forward to Christmas day without exultation. I shall go to some place to a quiet dinner with some friends: at the same time, I should like to have your own opinion of the expediency of a young man of positionable standing drinking 295 - mg with his mother on Christmas night in the seclusion of his home. Your opinion will be of value and of weight.

I am sending you money - order for 25⁰⁰. I am sorry that I cannot send you some other present, but the despatching of a cheque for \$50 by this same mail leaves me broke. I hope that you will have a merry



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To

Christmas in Boston, and envy your
family the joy of seeing your dear face.
Don't neglect writing me in the hurly-
burly of pleasure there and don't over-
wear yourself.

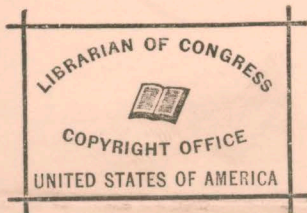
How glad I shall be when we can
spend all our holidays together
in that future retreat is yours and
mine.

Your devoted husband -

Paul. (DEWBAR)

Remember what letters I receive you

think best before going to Boston.



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