



MAXWELL HOUSE,

Nashville, Tenn., 14th Oct 9 pm 1870

My Dear Wife,

I expected a letter from you this forenoon in reply to mine of the 11th in which I thought it best to take S Box to Memphis, having a good chance there to win one or both Stakes, but expressed a willingness to return home from here if you considered my presence indispensable in order to have the farm stock & improvements go on well. As I was disappointed in not receiving the expected letter, I have made arrangements to start to Memphis with the ferry tomorrow evening with the expectation of arriving there on Sunday at 3 p m by passenger train -

Pat^r Farrell who returns to Lexington tomorrow has promised to take this letter to you Sunday - In the mean time if I get your letter tomorrow - I will either answer it from here, or even return home if you deem it indispensable -

I have a slight cold but am getting better, my appetite is good & by care I hope to be as well as usual in a day or two. Farrell is very kind & is entirely trustworthy -

Love to all, good night.

Your affectionate husband

Address me Care of Charles Stone

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Memphis Tennessee