

At Home Nov 10 1860

My Dear Anna & Cooper =

I wrote to Ma about
the 1st of August I think and enclosed a
check to Helen for twenty dollars to pay off
those miserable accounts so long standing
I have never heard a word from any of you
since nor for nearly a year before
what is the matter that some of you will
not write a few lines. I am almost past
writing now, and am hardly able to
sit up at all. I am just recovering from
a violent attack of diphtheria or quinsy
as I call. with which I came very near
dying. I could not swallow a ~~crumb~~ of
any thing for a week and breathed with
the greatest difficulty. I hope never to go through
such a siege again, my health otherwise was
poor enough having had the chills all summer
I am now threatened with dropsy of the heart
and I don't much wonder at it, for this
country would kill an ox.