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Dear Wife.

I got a subn of  
\$.500. at Hartford. Where by the  
way I mailed a letter for you.  
Yesterday got \$1000 from WE [Dowd]-.  
Have now \$17500 definitely + a  
bout \$1000 in prospects. The [times?]  
are "closing down." I rejoice in the  
park with Trembling for the future –  
I dont see how I am to get  
\$.50000 – I shall get the \$.25000  
probably. I have nothing to [wish]  
of. Little Alice here is sitting  
opposite to our talking of her doll and  
it is. so That I am interrupted.  
She is about Jimmys size [illegible]  
+ is becoming cordially familiar  
with me. Our family here con-  
sists of Mr + Mrs [Illegible]. Mrs +  
Mr [Humduhill]. Their Daughters +  
Son in Law – June of 16. [illegible]  
+ [illegible]. Mr Haydark. Mrs [illegible]'s  
brother + wife. They have recently  
lost Their only child of about a year  
old. Rev Mr Hull a congregational  
Minister + Teacher [manly] + his  
son.

I have the back - parlor  
To myself generally mornings.

I inclose four shoe strings -  
Hope you will be Thankful as you are  
in deed bound to be. + to not look a  
gift-horse in The mouth. I [illegible text]  
little showering--by  
yesterday.

It is exceedingly wonderful

That God can look with comprehension  
+ without hurrying his [movements]  
Through so many ages upon such  
Infinite suffering as is experienced  
In this world continually. I [illegible]  
at the little I can see.  
yet I believe + know that God  
is just + merciful  
Love to the dear Children.  
I wrote J.[illegible] a long letter the  
other day.  
Yours Faithfully  
Sidney