

C. E. Dutton
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My dear Sir,
A very long time has passed since I had the pleasure of hearing from you. I fear, however, that this is owing to my own fault. I still hope that Mrs. March and yourself have been well during the past winter, and that you will enjoy a visit to Switzerland this summer, should you be about to go there, as you did your visit of last year. I wish that you might soon return home, if you could do so with satisfaction. Vermont could in no way serve the country the better than in choosing you as one of her Senators. I know not what the special political conditions of the State may be so far as they might affect the choice of Senators, - nor have I any political acquaintance in the State, - but I have always been in the habit of publicly expressing, to whom I know to be a common wish among your friends in Massachusetts, the desire that you might be elected to the U. S. Senate by the Vermont Legislature this autumn.

Without at all