



Amica Lock M^d Sunday eve,
Nov 2nd 1862

My Darling wife

I wrote you a few hurried lines this morning before the mail left, but am not satisfied with that for an answer to your good letter of the 28th. The "Shadows" I am very glad to receive, for I was almost forgetting how you looked. I think they are first rate and I do not see what made you run them down so. You can preserve this letter as one written during an "awful battle" for as I write the ground is jarring all the time with the continual roar of Cannon.

You take notice of the papers and see if you do not find that an awful battle was fought Sunday afternoon - it is now just half past four and it seems they roar louder than ever - it is somewhere in the vicinity of "Aldie," and "Charlottesville" and has been going on since Friday afternoon - it was quite hard yesterday, but