

Washington, D.C., Feb. 18, 1871.



My Dear Mr Marsh.

Your letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. was duly received & read with the avidity with which we always pounce upon all your communications; & Lucy begs me to thank you for the pretty little photographs addressed to her.

We were very sorry indeed that you had the trouble in your eye, & trust that before this you have entirely recovered from it. We sympathize with you in your affliction caused by the illness of your niece, & regret that Mrs Marsh has such a trial added to her own responsibilities.

I hope you will like my articles in Harper's Monthly & Harper's Weekly, although I am afraid I shall fall under your ban by doing the very thing that you object to, in the case of some others. I do not generally give any references to the titles of the works or articles from which my matter is taken; partly because it would disfigure the general appearance of the page, & partly