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My dear Mr. Marsh.

I am in the receipt of your letter, & proceeded to make the inquiries you desired in reference to the Gettysburg water. I find that druggists in Washington do not think much of it. It was very much advertised, & great efforts were made to push it a year or two ago, but very little is sold or even kept in this City. Indeed, I found no druggist who had it at all, but was referred to a grocer who was said to keep it. The amount of mineral matter in the water is so exceedingly trifling that its presence is not appreciable to the taste, this being more like that of good, fresh, pure Spring water than any thing else. The most important ingredient in it is said to be lithia, but the quantity is so extremely slight that a good Chemist told me he found it impossible to determine its presence even by means of the Spectroscope. I can, therefore, give very little