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Dear Sir

Yours of the 15<sup>th</sup> containing your photograph and note from Mrs M. came last night for which please accept many thanks. We were all of us very glad to hear from you and to know of your good health. I must say that you have improved in looks and I am somewhat inclined to doubt your story of hard work on your book. It seems as if so much work must "tell" on you but really you look younger than when you left this land of strife and contention. As Mrs Marsh says in her note to Mother I'm tiling over with politics and news. You say you did not get through your book in season to declare your independence on the now doubly glorious 4<sup>th</sup> of July. After the long dark period of