

Burlington Jan'y 25th 1864

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Dear Sir

After I wrote you last I received a letter from Scribner saying he should not send your books till the first of Feb'y or March. In consequence of this I have not yet sent your things to N.Y. but have just got them together and shall get them off tomorrow or next day. I thought they would be just as well here as to be lying about Scribner's for a month. The "Grim Portfolio" is not in the library. We have searched thoroughly for it and it cannot be found. The other books I have found and they will go with the other things. I could not get a leather covered Register or should have sent it.

We are all in usual health I believe and as usual scrambling for the almighty dollar which as usual keeps out of our reach. Your last letter seemed to have a blue tinge in regard to our national affairs. You have doubtless before this heard better news. I tell you we are bound to lick 'em.

Jobs are awful, but still such men as Fletcher to whom a dollar looks as big as a wagon wheel, say "put it on" we are bound to fight it out" and when such as he are willing to pay you may judge what decent people are willing to do.

We have had a very mild winter here so far with just snow enough to get along and no more. The mercury has been to zero but once or twice and our coldest snap was only 15°