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Mrs Maria S. Parney
(Swanton Vt)

Dear Wife

How do you do this bright morning. I hope you are well and how are Carrie and Fred. I imagine I see you about this time standing at the sink washing your breakfast dishes and Carrie at the end standing in a chair wiping them for you and her tongue running at a great rate asking all sorts of questions, as in my imagination I dont see Fred he is probably in the Chock cutting dopes to pieces, I would be extremely happy to be with you at present and enjoy with you the pleasures of home and of Pack^{thors} Society with those darling little ones around us and dear Maria, I think when I once more am permitted to live with you I will know better than heretofore here to appreciate the comforts of a pleasant home. This war has taught many a sad lesson but withall it has taught some very usefull things and if we will all be content with many less usefull things around us and with a coarser but better quality of food, we will also learn to respect higher authority and not be quite as apt to expup disloyal sentiments towards the president, or our Superiors. Also as I said before we will know how to prize a good home and have sweet