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Tuesday eve., Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 1862

My Darling Mary Jane

Again, as soon I am seated at the pleasant duty of writing you a few "cheering words", to keep your spirits up, and assist you to bear all your (many) troubles - I thought all the time I had missed one of your letters, and sure enough when the mail came in this afternoon, I found your nice good letter of Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, (just before Thanksgiving) and another Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, while I got one last Saturday of the 7<sup>th</sup>, so you see one of them got mislaid somewhere. I have told you before how much I wanted to be with you Thanksgiving day, and well I know how you grieved when you found I was not coming - but we must not look back, but forward to the bright future - there was some talk of our going with "Parks" Expedition, but it was only talk - However some wanted to go very much -