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My dear Wife,

I was disappointed in not receiving a letter from you last evening. It has been now nearly a week since I have heard from you. I have had a visit from Messrs Baker Cutting & Rand - and we had a good time. I was very much surprised to see them. I took them all over the country - and showed them all the sights. You must see men more astonished than they were, every thing was so much more gigantic than they had any idea of. They staid with me from Wednesday noon till Saturday morning - We all took pains to make their visit pleasant - It