

Camp in the Pinos near Culpeper Va Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 1864  
My dear Wife-

I received yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> this morning it having been left by mistake at Division Head Quarters last night. I am very sorry poor little Potts suffers so much from her cough but I am in hope that it won't last long. If the medicine I prescribe does than any good continue to give it.

How little it takes to make children happy - I suppose they would be pleased with the letter but I did not have the remotest idea that they would be so much pleased with it I feel amply rewarded for the trouble of writing it and pledge myself to write more.

You ask why I do not write more for the paper? The fact is I do not like to write articles for the paper unless I have got something to say that is interesting and instructive. I hesitated some time about sending the first article for fear that it might prove dull and prozy. But as I find material for writing I shall probably send some articles

I am sorry to hear that Mrs Sargent is so ill - hope it not prove serious - Tell her and give her my love.

