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My dear Wife:-

I am sitting here all alone with a good cheerful fire and nothing to do having just made my evening rounds of the hospital and thought that I could do no better than to write a few lines to you, But I hardly know what to write about.

This afternoon I called on Genl Grant (our Blackstem friend) and had a very pleasant time talking over old times together. We handled Dr Kimball rather roughly - and some others.

It is no small matter in a military sense for one of my rank to be on equal terms with a general. It makes my social position much pleasanter