

Hygeia Hospital At. Munroe
August 24th 1862.

My Darling Wife

I received your second letter from Concord, last eve. stating that Father is worse. Am very sorry to hear it. I wish I could get home a few days. I thought he would get well at Castrogo, and I think he will yet. I never thought but he would recover. But he will need the utmost care and quiet. Nothing should be allowed to disturb his mind. You can do a great deal for him without wearing yourself down if you are but prudent of your strength. But I know you won't be, for you will do a thousand things about the house that some one else could & should do. Women are always foolish and I suppose they always will be. But let him have every attention possible. That was a curious dream about Mrs. A. but we would do well not to let it pass without its influence on us. The uncertainty of life is brought more and more vividly to