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[May 4]

Wednesday 11 o'clock 1881

My beloved wife. We sail in an hour I saw the Captain a few minutes ago & all hope of delay to allow me to see you once more is past.

But never mind dear all seems sure & true & righteous as to the trip I am making & I feel sure that I shall return to you better than I go - better in every way. I have been losing all appetite during the last few months & am now as nearly fleshless as I ever was. All my friends look in my face as if wondering at its whiteness & ask if I am well. So this trip is a necessity for health if no more. I feel a little better though wearied with writing & buying. I shall send about \$100. home by Mr Payot or Upham. They will visit you in a few weeks. I have just found Charley & the baggage I have laid in abundance of woolen clothing. but the polar garments we will procure from the Indians on Behring's Straits.

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