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Dear Mrs. Muir ,

When telling the good wife last night that I had written to Mr. Muir , she told me that you despatched the box . I said that was news to me : whereupon she smiled and said that she told me so upon arrival of the box . - If I was absent in the flesh & at that moment , you must pardon ; I take such flights many a time and transpose to regions that I ^{am} have in possession of since I found time to think about such things. But I now know also that the label was addressed to Mrs. Hansen and in this little addition to your writing you have spread the purple of love over the grace of gold of your sweet fruit . I shall be ^{feasting my eyes} ~~fixing~~ on that henceforth whenever an orange passes my vision . Do half of us realize the worth of woman in our makeup ? What would a homeless man care whether he were well or in health if despondent in an uneven struggle ? What is it that gives me ^{all my} ~~the~~ smile but the consciousness that a greater one than myself is it that stoopes over me in my affliction ? What is it that makes my ~~lot~~ such as to desire health once more and forever so as to devote my days and thought to repayment of her longsuffering ? - And of her it is that you have thought , of her who is now walking about the house as if well fighting off the collapse that has been trying to throw her down ever since my worst spell last fall . Not a line of thought expressed in her face betrays the good fight that she puts up , and when the good help that now assists her to some extent is to go again , God knows a substitute and has

