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411 W. Meridian St.

April 23, 1894

G. W. Hendricks  
Chicago, Cal.

My Dear Mr. Inair:

Yours of April 15, came  
me yesterday, and I hasten to give  
you my brother Thomas' address.  
It is Chicago, Cal. It pleased me that  
you asked for it, for I hope you are  
either going to write to him, or what's  
better, make them a visit. They are  
all great admirers of yours and would

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be delighted to see you. Lijia, the only daughter is a fine interesting girl. She came to the Fair two years ago, and visited her Hoosier kindred. Perry, the only boy is, according to account a fine manly fellow. I have not seen him since he was a baby. I want them both to know you.

It was kind of you to write so promptly. My fears are at rest. I hoped they were entirely groundless; but joking is rather hazardous, because it is liable to be misunderstood. I am not afraid of you when I am talking, but writing is different. We do not always succeed in giving our exact meaning. Never be <sup>you</sup> afraid of me. I have always understood every little joke you have given me either verbal or written. Do not think I was influenced by Sidney Smith's dictum regarding the difficulty encountered in getting a joke into a Scotchman's brain. I wish you had told me when your Alaskan book is to be launched.

Ever your friend  
Pl. S. Hendricks.