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[letter addressed to "[Mrs] Ann Green Washington Ky"; double postmarked "PHILADA Pa. Sep 9 10"]

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My Dear Wife:

While all the word [world] seems to be going to church, I am writing to her, whom I hold dearer than all the world beside, and believe me every day increases the ardour of my feelings. What would I not give at this moment to be with you & Dick instead of this city, where no one cares for me, and there is no one for whom I care--but if you are only well and I can return in health and find you and Dick as when we parted, I shall be amply compensated for our separation [separation], as well as for the fatigue of the trip. I Shipped our Carpets yesterday, in hopes they will be in Pittsburg [Pittsburgh] at my arrival there, so that I can bring them with me, and aid you in cutting and fitting them before the goods get on, should they not be in Pittsburg [Pittsburgh] when I get there, they will reach home in two or three days after I do at any rate. I also bought Knives & forks, candle sticks, and our Queens ware yesterday, all of which I sincerely wish may please you, as I selected entirely with a view to your taste.. Before this time I expect you have seen our chairs and of course have either approved the situation [situation] or regret that you could not have been along to choose [choose] for your self [yourself].

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I dont [don't] know whether I shall have time to write again as I shall be extremely [extremely] busy this week therefore dont [don't] be uneasy should you receive [receive] no letter after this. You no doubt will hear from some of them here during the week. Now kifs [kiss] Dick for me and I almost said your self too, however I will do this my self upon my return, and that will pay for all the toil and trouble of the trip, provided your lips meet mine as some times they have.

Sunday seems in the city as long as a week and to appears longer than usual because if it were not Sunday I should get a letter from you this evening which I shall not receive [receive] until morning owing to all the business [business] houses being closed and they don't receive [don't receive] the letters arriving on Sunday until Monday morning. Is not this enough to render the day long and tedious; and intolerable so to one very [very] anxious to hear from home? Indeed Ann it may with perfect truth be said that an exile from home splendor dazzles [dazzles] in vain. For are not all the feelings, wishes, and desires [desires] of a true heart, and a properly constituted mind consented in home and those that are there? There is said to be less sickness [less sickness] here than usual at this season of the year, I regretted very [very] much to learn that the Cholera has again appeared [appeared] at Paris, and that Mrs Lyle and Miss [Miss] Mary Chambers both have fallen victims to it.

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I am very desirous of hearing from you and almost afraid too lest some of you are sick.

I am indeed your

devoted Husband John Green

all well