

In Camp - 19th Feb 86

My dear wife

I returned from San Carlos
late last evening to Fort Huachuca and
to Camp Coates. While absent I had
no opportunity to write you - on account
of being constantly on the go or in Company
23rd went to Thomas 30 miles. The
road is down the Gila and passes through
three good sized Mexican Villages - and
several smaller ones the whole valley
is tolerably settled - and looks something
like the Snake River Settlements - road
horribly dusty and the Country uninteresting
Got in at 4 pm. Thomas is an Adobe Fort
built for 3 Companies - Major Owen Mills is
in command - his wife is Mrs Klein Billie
Met her first time since 1868. She was then
a bride - her hair is now quite gray - and
she has two or three small children - was
very pleasant - Doloman - Mr. Davis & Mrs

Elements and myself were of the party. We
 stopped by previous invitation with Captain
 Lee of the 10th Cavalry. At dinner met Capt. Horner
 whom I had not seen since 68 - and May Worth
 of the 8th. That evening met Agers - who came
 back with me to camp and is here. In the
 evening called on Mrs. Miles only - as the whole
 tribe were in to see us. 14th went to San
 Carlos Agency 35 miles still down the
 Pila. Commenced striking Apache villages
 at 10 miles from Thomas. The Indians have
 irrigated ditches from the Pila and Pancho
 rivers and cultivated the soil just as the
 Mexicans do. They are now busy putting
 in crops - of wheat corn barley and vegetables.
 The women do most of the heavy work - but the
 men drive teams and plow, also help with
 the ditches. These Indians are scrubby looking
 but very strongly built - about the chest - the
 women are immensely strong in the chest - and
 carry wonderfully large loads - in the regular
 Indian style. The Tepees are conical or hemispherical
 - like a Crow sweat-house - and are

built in the same way being roofed mostly
 with brush - and often having a partial roof
 of old canvas or domestic stretched on the
 outside of the brush-thatch. If there is a family
 these lodges are connected with additional
 ones - having an entrance from one to the
 other thus -  sometimes four are built
 around a central one with the fire in the central
 one only - which is not roofed - thus  It
 would surprise you to see how little they have
 in these brush lodges - a saddle outfit - a blanket
 or two - some cooking utensils a little cloth - and
 perhaps - an Indian cradle and a couple of large
 baskets - and nothing else - no skins no robes
 head work - Medicines - beds - nothing that would
 give an idea of comfort - Reached the Agency
 which is also of Adobe - and quite a large
 affair - Several buildings - and three Wakas
Thuris - The Agency is built on a flat bluff
 above the Gila and in the bed of an old
 Red land Lake basin - which has been drained
 off through a Canon a few miles below.
 It is a tedious looking desert locality - just

Above the Agency the San Carlos River comes
in - and follows it but above the Canon
the Valley of the Pila spreads out into
a Malpais flat - where hundreds of
Indians live and farm. Above on the
San Carlos for 40 miles there are more
of them - In all there are about 5000
Indians - attached to this Agency -

We met there Captain ^{1st-Subt-} Pierce - ^{1st-Subt-} St-Stephen
St ^{10th-Cav} Watson and St-^{10th-Cav} McDonald. Pierce is Agent
Under the Interior Dept. - and has Military Charge
also - The three other Officers report to him and
are on duty - in controlling the Indians - including
one Co of Scouts - There are besides - Spies -
and secret-service men among the Indians
who are only known to the Agent and the
Interpreter - and not known to each other
We got in too late to look around much
and were comfortably promoted for

Will give you more in my next

With many kisses from Mrs

got - two letters at Thomas G. Johnson

on the way back - before the Board, enclosed

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Capt G. C. Towne
New Cavalry.
Holmerville.

Via
Bonnie Station
P. R. R.

Arizona Territory

be attended as it is only a month
more until the gun falls -
So Maria. & wife. Mrs Jan Quessett
Mother. & Mother are here. on their
way to the Dept of Columbia. Mrs
H. has been coming on a most
desperate plantation with Mr
Pocell. (Gen Wingtons Cousin). &
much so that the whole genome
is talking about it. They say I -
left the Cavalry because all the
Officers shirked with her so -

Resid. S-7-

Feb. 13/85.

My Darling Husband,

no
letter yesterday. but I
expect one this morn-
ing - Mrs Thompson
told me yesterday
that she had a letter
from her husband
who is now at Bowie.
& that Gen Crook
has not gone to meet
the Indians, at all

given performance my self - but
perhaps I am no judge - I have
not heard any one else express
them self yet - The Tarbors & Lee
Pope. are preparing to leave. Mr
Kaylor. has begun packing - I do
not hear any thing said about
who will come there in the kin
place. but think most of the
artillery hope for Tamm - but I
think it is very uncertain who
will come - still it will soon

but is still at Bowie
& Lt Mance. is at the
Law Boonidens Ranch.
& they are going to
have consultation
with signals & were
preparing accordingly
Lt Mance. is not able
to come into Bowie.
on account of his
horses being in such
bad, worn out
condition. so he
doubtless will signal
his reports & consequen-
tly the matter will
take long time be
settled. If it is at
all - I think this is

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Mrs Van Ness. Mother
is here also on a
visit - We are having
lovely weather now.
& I hope it will
continue - I am
having a little
trouble with what
they call "Cat-Boils" -
had one under my
chin & now have 8
one behind my
ear. They are not
very pleasant - but
nothing serious -
hope I wont have
any more. It is a
new experience to me
& I do not like it.

we are going to the
Matinee today, will
tell you about it tomorrow
Sebastian brought me
a list of vegetable seeds
he had grown. you
perhaps will understand
it. I do not - am unable
to tell whether it was for
a crop or for both -
all join me in love to
you - every one sends
kind regards. I hope
you will soon be able
to tell me you are coming
home - with more love
than I can express. &
thousands of kisses from
your loving & devoted
wife & many -

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Capt G. C. Drake
and Co. Cavalry -
Solomonville.

Via
Bowie Station
S. P. R. R.

Arizona Terr.

he is always so sanguine of the
results. Having written the
same thing for months past -
still I do hope he may be correct
this time - Mrs Davis & Mother
leave for Bogman. The 15th of
next month & Mrs W - will stay
until the 15th of April - unless
I should go to you - in which case
she says she will go about the
15th. I do go to school with
Maudie & Mabel - Mrs C. Wood

Presidio S.F.
Feb - 14/86 -

My Darling Husband,
We
went to the matinee
as expected, & was
very much pleased.
Selma, takes the
part of King Lear
very well. & his son
takes the part of
Edmund the legitimate
son. & acts it out
splendidly. altogether

going on. seems as though he
needs would get through with
those Indians - every one is
wondering why there is not
news one way or the other, by
this time, and waiting anxiously
from day to day to hear the
result. Capt Thompson writes
to his wife that he hopes to be
in a home here with him by the
14th of next month. But how can
we find out what he says as

we were very much
pleased with the
performance & only
regretted all the time,
that you could not
have been with us.
I was disappointed
on getting ^{home} to find
there was no letter
for me. as I had
felt sure I would
get one. as I had
none the day
before. Still no
official news of
Cannon, or Gen
Lesoto. efforts. do
not know what it

I hope you need letters will
be able to give me some news.
as to what your dream of the
situation, I have as anticipated to
know - as I do not want to stay
here. if you are not coming home
soon - I want to be with you -
All friends send their
regards - to Mrs. W. - send
love - a thousand kisses for my
brother - Adam ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~my~~

2/14/87
Bailey of Angel Island
is left without a dollar
& will be obliged to
give music lessons
for her support - she
wanted to keep house
for Dr. Bailey her
father-in-law, but he
told her, the children
would annoy him -
& he could not stand
noise - & consequently
he could do nothing
for her ^{or her children} - those who
know him say he
is amply able to
assist her if he chose
to - & every one
thinks him a horrible

staying alone during the day -
You will see all the ~~particulars~~
in the paper. of Rev Hancock's
death & funeral as will not
write them. Bentha Febyer was
out yesterday & staid all night
with Anna. They came over in
the evening. Bentha sing for
us. she has been taking singing
lessons lately. & does very well.
promised to have a song
voice - & ~~will~~ ~~also~~
old "hog" - I feel so
sorry for her. her
mother is poor. old
& not able to assist
her much. but they
have taken a house
together, & hope to
get along. by keeping
house. & Mrs B. - of
music lessons -
I am alone today -
Mrs Wakefield of
had gone to
spend the day with
Mrs W. Brothers
family - but they
will be back before
night. so I do not

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Capt G. C. Toome
and Cavalry
Solomonsville

via
Bowie Station
S. P. R. R.

Arizona

There is a small bill of the buttons
for some kind. being up by "A"
loop - amounting to \$100 - Dollars.
which I will buy tomorrow. &
send you the price bill - I'll
succeed in getting the rough
her photo's made. & so now
I'm going for school - goes in
with me today - & there nothing
I can send. or do for you & send
I'll send you the clothes you need -
I'll send you money - a redignation

Presidio S.F.
Feb. 16/66.

My Darling Husband:

No

news yet of any
surrender, although
Gen Bingham was
in last evening &
told me that Gen
Crook had gone to
meet the Indians
a few days ago - &
we hope to hear of
success at any time.
as the Gen. thinks

one day over regular time. I do
hope it will ship as - as it is a very
great auto facility to hear from
you regularly if you do but
have any thing to write about -
~~I~~ I have not heard of your self -
& what you are doing. Teach
camp that is quite a job factory
to me - I am very glad you are
going for a while. It will help
to plant the automobile & give
you a chance to see the country.

the Carrot - will get
prepared to take
them in, if they do
not surrender -
We are having
perfectly delightful
weather, lovely
calm moon light
night - days very
warm - just like
summer - I enclose
another receipt
from the Parents -
Yours of the 11th
just received - &
am so delighted to
get - now we are
in almost close
communication, only

Some kind friend
has sent it here for
two or three weeks
past. & I am sure
it must be intended
for you, & so send
it. hope you will
enjoy the contents.
* Profitable by its
teachings. I still
send papers to Mother
when ever there is a
fresh supply of "free
reading" at the depot.
no doubt she enjoys
them just as much
as though they cost
many dollars. I do
not hear any more
complaints from the

men & hope they are
forming better. I am
feeling very well
& do hope I will
continue so - am
gaining in strength
daily & every one
speaks of my looking
so very well - we
are on the go every
day & walk miles
& still I am seem-
ing well - all join me
in love to you. friend
send regards - and
because of love from
your own darling
& many kisses - your
loving & devoted
wife - Mary -

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Capt G. C. Hoane
and Cavalry.
Solomonville

Via
Bowie Station
S.P.R.R.

Arizona

I do not look upon him as an
irrelevant anecdote - any way - &
consequently do not speak much
of him - I have just rec'd. ~~from~~
letter from my broe. dated the
8th - 9th & 10th - I am so delighted
to know that the foree. time of last
arrival, & more all night. & containe
what you needed - You speak a
little about. as to my. complaints
about letter coming in the way
they did - I do not ~~remember~~ of having
said any thing very of ~~interest~~

Residia L. F.
Feb. 15-1866

By Darling Howard.

Yours

of the 7th came
yesterday - & I was
so very glad to
get it. I saw by
the paper. that the
S.P. was delayed
fifteen hours. by
the train being
off the track, & I
suppose this accounts
for my two days

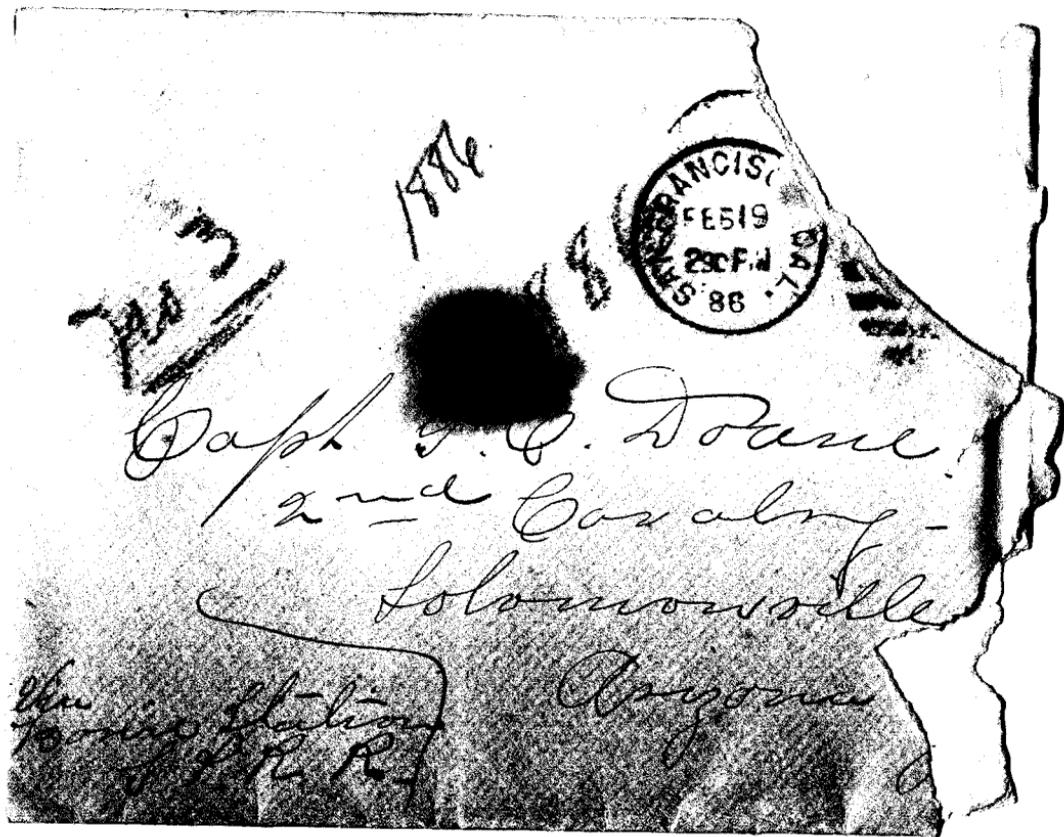
did not even see him from
Sunday night, until Friday
night I would say some five
cobre in his place I did not
own emerald. Fortunately I
did not need any one. I do
not think, as I said before. That
you don't matter any more
apart. he does not care. so
long as he is comfortable. & has
nothing to do. but go to the City
to the Club. where you may be
since he ~~spends~~ most of his time

without letters. Your
worry about
Malcey. I have every
reason to believe, it
correct. as he came
to me again on
Friday. for more
money. all of which
he did not get. I
met him at the door.
& told him I had
none for him. so I
do not think he
will trouble me
again. He has
come off Poovash
last Friday night
having been on
the shore west

It should be no disgrace for
any use. if you get or don't get
cabaret checks for home - that
place is just a dull & stupid as
possible for it to be - nothing
going. I am sure of any kind -
if you can get some for ~~some~~
John Cactus. bring a few
home with you. for Mrs Postfield
she is frantic for some - I am
sure very impatiently for
the like to come which will
- with us - either one way or
since sunrise. So
imagine that long
practice has begun
again. - Mr Slator
has a few days
leave from the
Garrison - having
taken Mrs Slator
away. for a short
time to a friend in
the City - she has
been dreadfully
depressed. You
speak of being fearful
of a sudden rise
in the steam, what
in the world did
you camp on the
wrong side for -

The other - did say to all your
she has this of carbon. to go through
the amiable ordeal of be served
up for her photo. & is not very
happy in consequence - I have
told her all this. I have
this time as well be of light to
Chas. - all send love & regards
with love - to Ripart -
"As you - being -"
Mary

about. ^{22/18/62} but if I die. I
most humbly beg
your pardon, & will
here after, not mention
the matter if it is
at all disagreeable.
I hope you will be
allowed to go to Thomas
& then please your
desire to visit, as I am
sure it must be very
shipped to stay. in
camp so long - we
are still in ignorance
as to any news of
Gen Cortis movement,
but as you say. are
expecting it hourly.
I have heard that
sound of guns even.



not send it to me - but I suppose he
will shortly - The weather still
continues fairly - & we are on the
edge most of the time, but today we
will all bring at home - tomorrow
I hope to get an ambulance to
take them through the Route for
a drive - I shall not expect to
hear from you today. our common
as it will take two days longer for
Thomas - all four in love. & will join
our pre-arranged with bunches of love for
him - & bunches of kisses for my father
I am sure of it & don't think I

Residio S. F.
Feb 19/85 -

My Darling Husband:
Your

short but very welcome
little letter of 13th
written just before
starting for Thomas
came to me yesterday -
as today is the 14th
since then. I have no
doubt but you are
again in camp. I
am sure you enjoyed
your trip & I hope you

to be kept open to the children. when
ever they come there, & as long as
they choose to stay - so no doubt he
will live with the "old lady" - still
no news from Gen Crocker up to
late last night. but we certainly
should have some thing in a day
or so from him. I enclose the
small bill for land - gotten by
Woop - I have not. raised again
till at the chud. but have better
Mr Webster for it, & as yet he has

had a lovely time. do
tell me all about the
Ayers? I have heard
she has two children.
is it so? - May Taylor
goes to Washington -
after leaving here.
I am told there is
absolutely no place
for him! as all the
stations for Ordnance
Officers are filled.
it will be very nice
for him, though, as
his Mother lives there
& has a very large
house, & his Father
left in his will that
the house was always

Residence S.F.

Feb. 20/86.

My Darling Husband;
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news yet. it does
seem as though there
should be something
very soon. I am
attentively worn out
waiting. in anticipation
of some news that
would settle the
question one way or

the other, & long for
the time to come when
we can be together
again. I can hardly
bring myself to wait
at times & feel that
I must go to you.
Capt Macdams must
be with his troops
long before this. It
is generally understood
that his extension
was not granted.
Because Gen Sheridan
thought if he could
stay in Montana on
his sheep ranch, he
could doubtless serve

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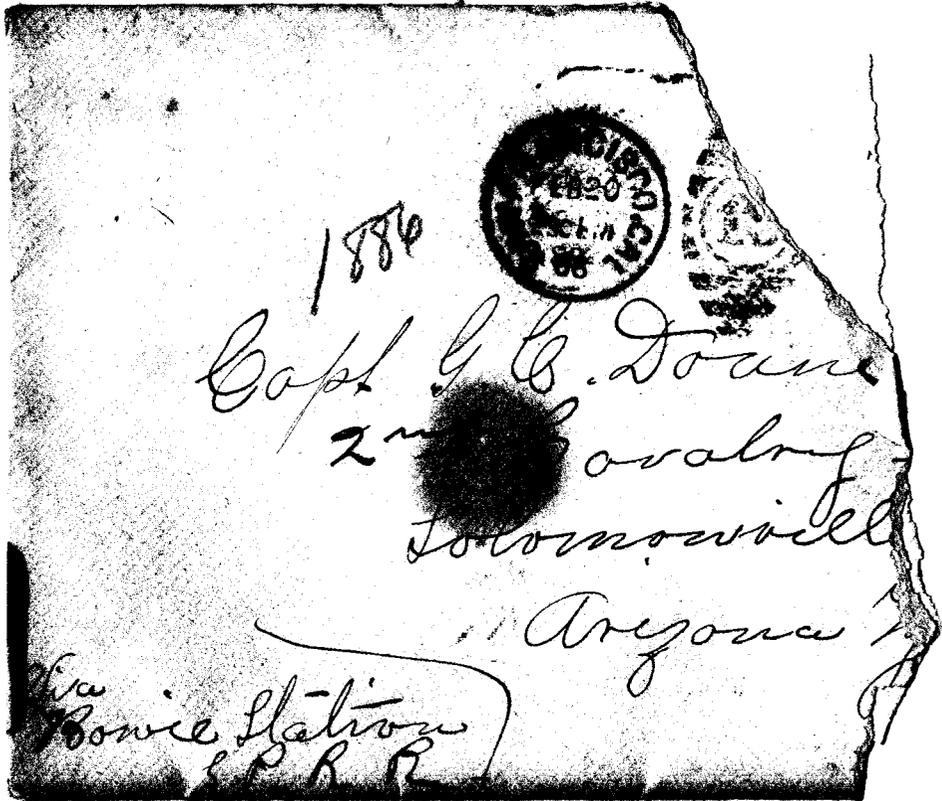
some place in his own
Department, I imagine
his performance
with "Ma" is pretty
generally known
throughout the Army.
& Mrs Gordon said to
me the other day that
she would not be at
all surprised if the
old hag was near
at hand. while he was
here. I know he did
not stop in the garrison
& refused Gordon's
invitation to stay at
their house, notwithstanding
he had to be out here.

early & late - in order to
accomplish his prepara-
tions to join his troop.
I have not heard
from ~~Mamma~~ since
she returned & have
not written. I can not
bring myself to write
to them at all - as I
am too utterly
disgusted with them
for their performances -
we must to have gone
to San Rafael tomorrow
but Mrs N. & I are
not feeling very
well - so concluded
to postpone the trip -

[22/20/86]

I had a very short
letter from Effie
in acknowledgment
of the James things.
They are on the ranch
& quite comfortable.
The Post is more
stupid than ever
before. Literally
nothing going on -
every one goes to
town daily as usual
& to the theatres when
they can - The body
weather still
continues - & I hope
it will not change
for a while -

every one sends
regards - & all the
"Family" join me in
love to you - with
any amount of love
for my darling - &
lots loads of kisses
I am your loving
& devoted wife
Mary



1886



Capt. G. B. Doane
2nd Cavalry
Tombowville
Oregon

Bowie Station
R.R.

In Camp 20th Feb 76

My dear wife.

We lay over one day at this Agency - and collected a few baskets and other Indian trinkets - I got an Apache blanket an Indian fiddle a set of bows and arrows - two baskets - ordered some more - and engaged a deerling mule to be sent down after while. In the afternoon Captain Rice took me up the San Carlos river to look at the Indian farming. It was well worth seeing - considering that it is only this third year at this Agency. They have in several thousand acres - and are adding to the amount - very largely this year. Men women and children were at work - out in the fields - plowing, hoeing and clearing up land. One man raised this year and sold six hundred dollars worth of grain - and many of them had 100 or more worth to sell. These Indians do not carry on like the Creeks. They are like their beggars - and tramps - but really work and are subject to discipline - I was shown one who

brought in to the Agent - the head of his father
 for a few dollars reward - and another
 one - who blacked our boots and lit the fires -
 at the Agency - had killed his Squaw for
 refusing to get wood - They are Carrier Indians
 and when they get whiskey will kill each
 other for more amusement. Several of them
 had gone down to Ft. Bowie to see General
 Crook - who has not yet gone South as
 at first reported - This delays matters
~~and is a~~ ~~great~~ ~~inconvenience~~ - I do not know
 what to think of it - ~~When the Agency was~~
 returned to Thomas the next day - In the
 evening I called on Mrs. Vile who is there
 her husband's troops being in the field
 at one of the lower Camps - Her back
 of the man is also there did we see his
 wife Mrs. Vile was very pleasant - I told
 her I was going to send for you - to
 come down - She gave me a very cordial
 invitation for you to come to Thomas and
 stop with her - and was very pleasant
 generally - Next morning Mr. Dennis came
 down to Globe - we had a vacant - seat and

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I asked Ayers to come with us - which he did - we reached Polsonville after dark and spent there until next day.

Mrs Ayers has one baby a year old and expects another in April - She is at home in Va - with her father - Ayers says she often spoke of you - and the old gentleman it seems took a great fancy to both of us. Ayers himself is looking well - and is pretty straight - thought on this trip he has burnt loose on Veg - juice - so that I have not had much sleep - tonight we go in to Polsonville for a dance - as Fuller is here - sent up by Mac Adams who passed through during our absence - and is down with Rheumatism already - I saw that he's down today - to fix him up - Brett and Fuller are in town already - and we go down this afternoon - am bothered a good deal in writing this letter - and can not get in what I would like to - Wells Co is at the Brownie - as there was nobody there to do general - It does not mean anything

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In fact nothing means anything - until Geronimo
 surrenders - which he has promised to but
 has not - done - yet - I am glad to hear
 that you are so well and weigh so much.
 I long to see you - and - enjoy your caresses
 In fact - I am beside myself about - you to
 whenever I think of what I lose in being
 absent - I must - close now and get ready
 to go to town -

139 - lbs. to ~~_____~~

~~_____~~ with thousands of Horses for
 my Uncle's sake -

Shelton