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My dearest Lis,

I have been kept in a terrible vexatious state of suspense and anxiety about the fate of my application for leave of absence for some days past and still the papers do not come around yet--but from their long delay I feel quite certain that they will be disapproved.

I am not sick--neither am I well--by a long ways. I am nervous and restless and feel greatly disappointed and could almost cry about it--and would if it would do any good.

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If it should turn out that I am right in my impressions about the fate of my papers, you and the children must come down and see me.

I am sure it would be a pleasant trip for you and children, pleasant for me too to see you.

*Pavilion N.Y.*

I know I am selfish about this matter but I did wish to see you at home--with our own surroundings--it could be so pleasant for me to be with you there, but I guess I must forego all that pleasure, but you will visit me won't you?

I should have written before but have been waiting from day to day to know exactly about the fate of my papers.

Kisses and love to all.

Affectionately

Henry