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My Dear Wife

I omitted in my letter just sent to mention that I heard from Annie that you had sent for some material for curtains for the window in the West Room. I told her I thought you would find Matting the best screen. It excludes the light & blows about so as to admit the air and does not fade or rot in the light. I thought you had enough to appropriate some to this purpose. & if it is too wide to go against the window. you could hang it at the opening into the room. or cut it & bind it. or I could send you some of the proper width. I remember how cool and fresh it was formerly & saw it in use lately at Upland. and was delighted with it. I have just paid for the Sewing Machine and enclose the receipt so that you will know what should be with it. I examined the several kinds & found the Medium (price $75) was the one and think that the finish is much less likely to ~~you~~ become injured by your damp air. I am quite sure the $50 sort would not last so well and therefore added myself the extra dollars rather than send one which would disappoint you. Annie Perot will be able to give you some lessons on the use of it. There should be with it 4 Metal Spools. 12 Needles – 1 Screw Driver – 1 pair pliers – 1 oil can – 1 needle wrench – 1 presser Spring. brass Spiral wire – 1 thread hook