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My Dear Wife

I feel vexed at myself and at no one else about the state of the Cistern — my judgment was satisfied when I saw Mr Smith put the wall of soft brick in before he coated the sides that it would let the water run out. I stood there and should have insisted on the adoption of my plan — the only thing to be done is to have another wall run at a foot from the present or the Cement and then carefully take down the present wall and Cement the place as has occasion. The water on the ice house has found its way there from the Cistern. I hope it is certainly either from that or from the place at which the waste pipe discharges — If from the first it will cease to flow there so soon as the ground gets dry the water it has imbibed from the Cistern. If from the other the leaden must be let lower down the bank. I shall say nothing to her about the Garnoway and try to have it with more observing if they go.