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Aunt Mary pretty well this morning

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My dear Pathie,

Your note enclosed in Grandfather's letter was recd Friday evg. I had not written as we looked for you that evg, & there was no news to communicate. I am glad the horses & cow got along so safely. We were very much hurried in getting them off: & James informed me the next day that he had forgotten the reins, which I will send by Express tomorrow so as to be on board Tuesday's boat if possible. I thought that as you had double reins there already you would not want them immediately — & so plainly, as you havent used the horses yet for the want of them that you intend holding your head a good deal higher than old Governor Spring did, who when he objurgated his coachman on account of a prolonged ~~delay~~ stoppage of his coach & four & desired him to proceed, received for reply, "No done tie rope yet, massa". Have ropes got scarcer since then? By the way you have a night- & a day- blanket of mine which James sent in mistake: & if my carriage has a linen cover it must be there also: please bring them on when you come — also Galy's rifle if it has been still omitted.

My little nag is improving every day in looks & spirits: when he is in condition I will sell him for $175 — provided I can find a purchaser. He is worth it, & will do a great deal of hard work. Still, he is too young & too small for me: & when I find the right animal at the right price I will take him. Jesse says you thought his horse too small for me.