

made yr servants shoes — Represented
an amt of \$62 — & desired immediate
payment — I was a little surprised
that a shoe bill of that amount had
stood so long & felt for a moment at
a loss to account for it — but told
the man that he had better write
to you; ~~as I did not know~~
after he had gone, I began to reflect
on different circumstances & that I
recollected yr having sent money at
one time & Wheat at another on
purpose to pay this bill & concluding
there must be some mistake — but
on Mr. T. G. Mearns coming home I
told him the circumstance, and
from his manner of receiving the

communication & acknowledging that
the amount was sent by you — I have
to understand that it never was app-
lied as intended — God knows my
suffering & sorrow — & only knows where,
where it was expended I know not
unless ~~in~~ the same gulf that has
swallowed up the hundreds perhaps
thousands of the last three
years — — as to saying one word of
apulpation I cannot — it remains between
him & his God — I could almost wish
I were in my great home — indeed but
for my poor children I would ask it
of Heaven's mercy to take me — how
it becoms the wants & necessities of a
family that had driven Mr. T. G. Mearns
into the fearful course I could
perhaps better ask forgiveness of Heaven