Williamstown, Mar. 4, 1871.

Dear Martha,

I have been here now some three days, and am beginning to feel settled again, having got most of my things unpacked and in order, and finished some of the miscellaneous business which always accumulates in one's absence.

When I was at home I made diligent inquiries about the moose, but fear with not very satisfactory results. The animal was cut up the very day it was killed, and was very soon distributed in various directions. From
what I could learn to judge that it will be possible to
sew the head and perhaps one or two of the legs,
if the latter were merely
joined at the knee, and
not sawed off. I engaged
a good man to attend to
it, and he has promised
to get the head and
what else he can, and
forward them by express
to your address, which
I gave him. I hope they
will get to you safely
and soon. The animal
when killed had a strap
around its neck, with
an iron ring in it, and
had evidently escaped
Williams Town, May 1, 1871

Dear March,

It grieves my heart to be obliged to cause an additional pang of disappointment to you, after the misery you have undergone in the matter of the moose. I made inquiries about it when I was at home, but found that nothing could be done. The legs had been "sawed off" and were distributed far and
wide, and the metric
geniiuses were saving
the bones as trophies,
and could not be
induced to part with
them. Another don't
had got the head,
but what he intended
to do with it, I hardly
the faintest idea,
but he steadfastly
declined to part with
the treasure for science
love, or money. The
man whom I sent
to gather up the frag-
ments said the fellow
had cut off the
dower jaw, so that he
has doubtless rendered
it quite unavailing
for purposes of science.
I am sorry, but such
is life. It is tolera-
ably quiet in this rural
town at present.
Carter has not yet
returned, but it is expect-
ed this week.
What news in N. & I?
Would that I might
be there a while
again. Give my
affectionate regards
to the club. I shall
be glad to hear from

you if your fossils can spare your attention for intervals long enough to write a letter.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur W. Wright