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My dear Mr. Latta:-

[MARCH, 1889]?

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My wife and sister join me in regards to you. We remember with much pride and pleasure your brief visit to our home, and would be glad of some future opportunity to offer you better entertainment. My wife has recently presented me with another little Chestnut, a girl, which makes ours a respectably numerous family.

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Sincerely yours,

~~Chas. W. Chesnut~~ ^{attemp}
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