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Dearest Mother

I am dreadfully in arrears to all the family in the way of letters & you especially, as I believe I have not written in a fortnight, but I have now a quiet evening and will try and make up for it. My time is a good deal cut up by various calls upon it Pacific Rail Road - the wars at the other office, and visitors at this, so that I have fallen behind - besides this I have had the Indian delegations to look after -

Last Monday evening I gave an oyster party here at the office to the "Megatherium" a little club of naturalists - asked Georgi Riggs to meet them and read a paper myself on Washington -