Peggy had a letter from you today enclosing one from Sadie, and one from Sarah of about the same date enclosing one from you. So you see that we are pretty well posted. What an acute old bachelor we have, finding out new mares nests in the estate. I wonder whether the Perry estate don't belong to his branch of the family entirely & Shaw, the idea of me taking down you each share of the Perry farm! They might as well give the whole property away! Why it would bring double that cut up into lots. I hope Mrs. Parker will explain the whole plot. Robert must have had a pleasant tête a tête with the old gent at the Fremont House. Thank Heaven the boys have gone to bed, and I can have an hour's quiet with Peggy. Now I have given you a good long story to repay me in kind. When the estate is sold and I can afford it, I shall leave the Army, and come and live among you all. But then — nobody that I know of will be with you now, who will give a dance for Robert or

Affy.