

Hampstead Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 1867

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have said five years ago if any one  
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this. But I am getting on to forbidden  
ground, so I will stop.

I am glad you liked the handker-  
chief. I will get you another soon

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more, I have got to wash the children  
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