

Plainfield Nov 16th / 62

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a visit Now if you could really know what
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my old friends and relatives and just make
them a short call, you would freely excuse me
But it was hardly possible to do otherwise
at the present time. I felt truly disappointed
in not being permitted to just call on you
again and bid you good bye, and kiss the
little ones (for I don't remember as I kissed
Jose at all, but you must kiss her for me)
but it looked so likely to storm that I
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desire to change the pictures, but the more
I look at them the more natural it looks
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clude to come with her, the undertaking won't
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all) he had a new coat that was pretty
stout and I wish you could see it, it is
tore about all to pieces, and a pair of dub-
le mittens that was in his pocket are now
just the same, they look truly frightful
It drew him so near that it bruised
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I know I feel grateful ^{for} gods preserving care
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~~and mine~~, Well, I must close hoping
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