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My dear Johnson:

After heartily thanking you for your letter, (and also, through you, Theodore for his,) allow me to request, if you do not happen to be otherwise engaged, that you will come after tea on Wednesday evening next, and spend an hour or two with me in social chit-chat at Wendell's boarding-house, 155 East 10th street. Of course, in this invitation I include Mary-Ana. It would give me great pleasure to see Theodore, also, at the same time; but his living in Brooklyn makes it reasonably out of the question. I will not fail to see him, however, on my return from Washington.

I mean to improve the kind and generous overture, contained in both your letters, to write for the Independent—with this proviso, that what I shall send must be as freely abridged, or omitted wholly, as though the author were unknown. Remember this.

