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11 O'Clock Friday evening Feb 14th

Dear Wife

This is Valentines day and I now proceed to pen my valentines to you altho I would much rather come & tell it to you. I shall fill this sheet & then I will retire to my comb & that I could lie by your side instead of here upon my hard & lonely bed.

I shall be home some time next week you will find me in a box at the station ~~at~~ enclosed in a neat little frame just as natural as life. how I wish I could come & bring my self it would be a pleasure to me