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My dear Walsh,

I have been in God's country nearly two weeks, very ill, but am slowly recovering. I think I have rather neglected you and the manuscript you sent me. You would not wonder if you knew what my state of health was for weeks before leaving New York. The manuscript is unfortunately in one of my boxes not yet arrived. I'll have it out the moment it comes.

I've been out at Lily's grave. It is very pretty, and will be more so when I've done with it. It is to be enclosed with a substantial stone curbing.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours, Ambrose Bierce.