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Dear Jim, Last evening Miss Vanderee bore the glad tidings of your marriage to my ward. I was so astounded that I feared lest I would again be incarcerated in the local asylum.

Having overcome my initial surprise I now feel a strange elation and a certain disappointment. I am elated to think that you have finally found the right girl and taken the first step toward the fulfillment of your ideal of home and family; and I am disappointed that, after enjoying the privilege of your magnificent friendship for so many months of happy moments and so many more less happy ones, I could not have been present to witness the supreme happiness of this culmination of your military life.

With what impatient anticipation you must look forward to the pending pursuit of your career and the future foundation for a new home!

You are fortunate indeed to have found a wife who shares with you the same dreams, ideals and standards of excellence, and who presumably sets the