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Chelsea, Monday

My dear Miss Wilson,

Ever since I saw you, as before, I have been half-deaf, very busy, and almost altogether miserable: I seem, as it were, wrapped in a case of Catarrh, which will probably last me thro' the bozoff months. There is nothing for me but to crouch low, and keep quiet thro' the they came down. Taylor was here one night in my absence, making a-boud lecturing; - it makes me shudder to the marrow of the bone.

I remember an innocent-looking young lady who came here once with the Misses

Somerhill: she shall see me again to her
innocent heart's content, since it will give
you a little satisfaction that she do it. Thus
say the 14th, or any day. Only I must beg
that you would say tea instead of dinner;
the latter being, in my present caterwaul
state, a very serious enterprise.

My wife, with thanks and compliments
to you, reports favourably of herself; and indeed
seems by dint of care to do wonderfully well.

I will hope to see you one of these
afternoons, for my hurry of work will abate
ere long. — (A shocking hen!)

Ever most truly Yours,

J. Carlyle.

