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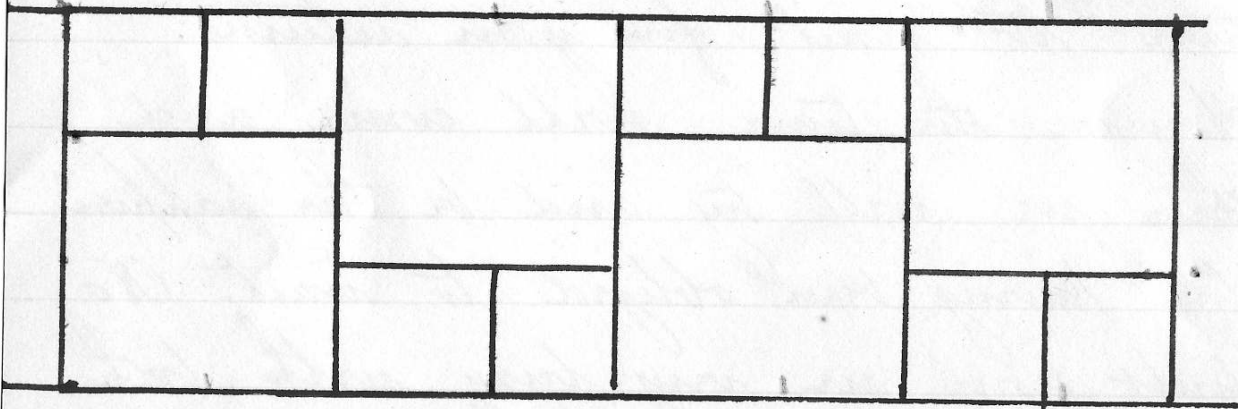
My dear wife,

It seems a long time since you were here and a long time to wait for your return! However the time will come and then we will try and be the happier for having been obliged to wait. No doubt you are very busy with both book-keeping and teaching and I am glad you had a months rest for it is a wearing care even if you do not think so.

We are progressing finely, have chosen all the carpets and expect to get all but the halls carpeted this week. Hope to get all mechanics out of the house

by next Saturday night. The halls
in the ell are painted instead
of papered which makes them
look wider.

The columns of the
piazza are placed and the
rail partly done which is to be
as follows:



The front fence will be
the same except the large squares
will be filled in with scroll
work.

Albus' room is finished
and gives him entire satisfaction.

If we would only get
entirely done so that I might
know where I stand I should

be greatly relieved.

Lizzie has put off so long the many little things she intended to make for her room that she now feels quite over-run with business and wonders if she will ever get done. She has a fit of economy one minute and extravagance the next. However, she will recover.

We are all very well considering tediousness of remodeling a house where there are so many and nothing suits everyone.

With love to all and love and good wishes for my dear wife Esther I remain

Your forever
Will.