



## MAXWELL HOUSE,

Nashville, Tenn., 29<sup>th</sup> September 1870

My Dear Wife,

I arrived at the depot here at 9:45 this morning - after a quick breakfast rode out to the depot R Course, found Sauce Box looking very well, galloped her 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles in light clothing, last mile 2:15 & scraped her nicely, Anroid along for company. No accommodation near the track & have put up at the best Hotel - have a tolerable single room - shall rest & hope to feel over my journey tomorrow. Diddy had paid & accounted for the money I trusted him with all right. He & Ben cook & eat at the Stable, which is on the river bluff & they use river water, horse & man - Birknow Ansel is here, nor were any arrangements made about Anroid, so that he is in my stable - He is amiss & I don't think can make a good race here - Buford's horses are turned out so that S.B. will not meet Hollywood - I guess the sister to Bonita will be the hardest to beat, but too soon to form an opinion - The track & Stables here are very poor & barely fit for stabling & running - I write so you can hear from me on Saturday - Will write when your Friday (tomorrow) letter arrives. Hoping all will go well at home & that you get a cook & washer soon, and with love to all I am  
Your aff husband  
John M Clay  
Mrs J M Clay.