

Love to all at home.

Your affectionate husband,  
John M. Clay

P.S. You to have a cook & washer  
You are already worked down.

JMC

Maxwell House

Sunday 10<sup>o</sup> p m  
9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1870

My Dear Wife,

Your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
inst & enclosed Fair Invitation I have  
just got at the Hotel Office upon  
my return from High Mass. which  
commenced at 10.30, at the Cathedral.  
We had a long sermon from Bishop  
Felan, but the subject was inexhaus-  
tible, the Blessed Virgin. I sat in an  
Irish pew nearest the door, & heard  
the sermon tolerably distinctly. The  
Church is not near so fine as St Paul's  
in Sex. in my opinion, and not so  
large: the ceiling is much lower &  
I have not been to the race track  
to day but will go this afternoon.  
I am invited to dine directly with Col  
Woods, whose cousin Margaret Woods  
was named after, & who has a daughter