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Dear Henry

Your letter informed me last evening that you intended coming down west and to stay some time with me and I was very sorry to inform you that owing to some circumstances it will not be convenient for me to have you come until after New Years. I have a young woman here helping me sew and I am trying to help her all I can so that she may be able to get through in time so that with doing this and being obliged to attend in the kitchen so much. For I have a miserable poor girl it would be impossible for me to pay you even attention enough to make you feel happy. I am very differently situated this winter from what I was last. I tell you my dear Henry excuse me for being so frank with you. I certainly should it not have sent you this notice if I could have made it at all convenient for me but I think when I see you I can explain in all to you so that you will very readily excuse me for being as I have done. You must be sure and come the week after New Years.

my love to your Mother

Your affectionate friend

Samuel S. Rodger