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My dear Mr Hawthorne,

I send you by wren mail with
for a little book which I wrote
last summer for the benefit of small
farmers, & have flattered myself with
the thought that you are enough of
a rustic, to find something here
& there, relishy in it.

And I want you - some
day when you are upon the Wash-
ington Street corner - to write your
name in a book called "Our
Old Home", which Messrs T. & T.
will forward to me. I don't ^{know} what
you think of this book; but I

rate it - next after Scarlet Letter,
 & the Marble Faun - which is as
 good as saying - it is the third
 Am. book of our time. I observe
 that yr friend Curtis pounds
 us with the same pestle; & for
 my part, I care very little whether
 his arm grows weary, or no.

Very truly yrs.

Donald G. Mitchell

Edgewood Mt. Jan'y - 1864.
 New Haven.

Donald G. Mitchell - whose
 "soubriquet" is
 "The Marvel"
 author of "My form" &c

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My dear Mother
I received your kind letter of the 10th inst. and was glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the city and have not yet seen any of our friends. I have not yet seen any of our friends. I have not yet seen any of our friends.

Jan 12 1864

Yours affectionately
John C. [illegible]