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EAST FORTY-NINTH STREET, CORNER OF FOURTH AVENUE,

NEW YORK, Sept. 11th 1891

Mr. J. Watson Cambridge

Dear Sir

I am considerably discouraged because it appears that I cannot live decently here on twelve dollars a week month while the smaller sum answered perfectly well at Cambridge. I shall hunt up the man who got me this place on Sunday, and if he does not advise against it, and the firm is not disposed to pay living wages I think I shall write and

Allen

ask if you can give me the Ball job again in case you
have not got anyone else for it. It makes a great
difference with ones' peace of mind whether he gets five dollars
a month more or less than just enough to live on, and
I feel as if I had made too great a sacrifice in changing the
wrong way merely for a chance of permanency. If I could
see any way to follow up botany as an occupation I would drop
chemistry altogether. I have sometimes thought that perhaps
I could get a living as a collector in tropical and uncivilized
countries. I will write again Sunday

Care Rickette & Banker
104 John St.

Very truly yours
John A. Allen



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