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But I will not try to make this much of a letter now, for I did not begin it right for that. but I exaletter from you tonight. and then I will try and do better next time. Yours truly Leander