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New York, Oct. 3. Thurs. 1872.

My dear Mr. Brewster.

You must excuse me for asking you the following question; but did you receive about a month ago a picture in shooting costume of myself, which I promised to you at Rye Beach in exchange for yours? I mailed it from New Haven on about the 12<sup>th</sup> of last month, and not having heard from you, I am very much afraid the letter has been lost.

Following your suggestion I have subscribed to the American sportsman, and to the American Naturalist; I have also been reading

late "Land & Water" (published in England) have you ever heard of it? I find it quite good.

I have had my gun thoroughly refitted, locks cleaned etc (is it customary in Boston to charge 6 \$ to bronze a pair of barrels?) Amongst other things I have had the heel plate, guard, trigger plate & triggers nickel plated, it's a world of trouble in cleaning and does not make the gun flashy, you remember I spoke of having it done at Rye Beach. I should advise it by all means on a gun that is meant for hard work on the sea shore.

Another of my discoveries! is Nervose for the purpose of keeping barrels through the winter (in fact whenever not in use) I stop the nipples with wax

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fill the barrels with the fluid, and stop them with a cork. This method possesses the double advantage of dissolving whatever rust there may be in the barrels, besides sweating through the metal and keeping the exterior free from rust.

Hoping soon to hear from you I remain Yours in haste.

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P.S. My present address is merely School of Mines, Columbia College.

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New Haven. Wednesday 11 Sept.

Dear Mr. Brewster.

I suppose you have been thinking that I had entirely forgotten my promise, but such was not the case, it was merely a little laziness on my part, as I detest to make up my mind to sit down and write a letter, although when I am at it, it is all right.

I left Rye Beach last Saturday morning; the shooting was excellent during that last week, although I went out but twice at half past three in the morning, I shot three teal.

Besides this yellow legs both winter  
& summer have been flying along steadily,  
in fact every time you would go down  
to the marsh you would be pretty sure  
to see some; and as for the beach it is  
teeming with piping plover.

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August  
we had a rousing storm at the beach,  
quite a large brig was wrecked on that  
point of rocks to the right of the wooden  
bridge; on that same day I shot one of  
these large sickle bill curlews on the  
beach.

I went out on the ledge twice

with Herbert Philbrick, but the loons  
had hardly commenced to fly.

Can you tell me what the  
enclosed article means, what kind  
of a gun is the one mentioned?

I tried to pay you a visit  
last Saturday when I was in Boston  
but the early departure of the train preven-  
ted me from doing so.

I believe I have told you ~~the~~ now  
about all that has happened since  
your departure, I therefore bid you goodbye  
wishing you much sport during this fall  
yrs. in haste:

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