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My Own Dear Love

I have had a very busy day in court and am happy to say that the catch of cases on trials has been finished. The court are [sic] now taking up individual cases and the calendar and trying them one by one. I shall have to wait until Thursday so as to pick up and try my cases as they come along and hope in this manner to get through six or seven of them.

Last night I went to see [Kellar?] the prestigidateur who was certainly very amusing and interesting to me. He did all the old tricks] and a number of

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new ones very cleverly performed The inexhaustible bottle was duly produced and served out sherry, rum cognac and burgundy and then being forthwith broken was found to contain a live guinea pig. The [opportunistic?] [illegible] also tricked me greatly.

I have no news from you as yet but I trust that by tomorrow I shall hear something. Reading G.M.Cs have gone down a point] or so, so that I lost nothing by deferring a purchase. God bless you my dear love. Good bye.

Ever your own loving,

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