

but I may be able to bargain
for them in a week or two -
We are all as usual at No. 96 -
I send much love to you & yours.

Faithfully your friend,

J. L. Ferry

New York, Feb. 5th 1861

Dear friend

I am troubled about that Copenhagen Journal - having looked for it without success - My library is so small, & the possible places in which it could be concealed are so few, that it seems as if I must have returned it. Pray write to me at once what kind of a volume or pamphlet it was - & when it was lent to me. I must have had it before the Mex. Boundary Mt. was printed - which is more than two years ago. I thought it might have got bound up in one of my volumes of pamphlets - but I have had no binding done for about three years - Nevertheless I

looked over the last batch of
of those volumes, & found it not.

I will leave no hole or corner un-
searched till it is either found,
or proved not to be in my possession.
Of course I could not have lent
it as that would have been wrong
without your consent - & besides
no one but ourselves would want it.

I am, I am, indeed, that you
have sustained a painful injury.
You don't tell us how the end of
your thumb was bitten off - per-
haps that it is as much as you
choose to say about it. Maggie reads
her love & sympathy - if - on the sup,
there is enough of you left to feel.

He says that now you must allow

that same is really & literally your
best half. I would not joke
about your mischance, had you not told
us you were over the worst of it.

The news from the South looks better
this morning. At least it appears
as if Virginia would not secede.
If actual war can be kept off
for 4 weeks longer, the danger will
over -

As I can not leave home until about
the end of the month, it may be
as well to send the H. Bras. & such
matters as ^{have} accumulated in my pigeon
hole, - by express. Let me know
what are the charges. I will remit.
As to those plates of Mex. B. Nat.
I do not see my way clear yet,



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