

✓ has it so thoroughly, for  
all who know anything about  
it tell me that there is not  
no possible chance, or  
at least not one in twenty,  
of my taking the Yellow  
Fever, should we have it  
here this summer. I don't  
feel afraid of the Y. F. one  
bit, for I am very sure  
that there is more in the  
name than in the disease.

With a good nurse & no  
doctor almost any one  
can get safely through.

If the Pochontas comes  
out again, or the Geo. Peabody,  
or should father charter  
any boat by which he could  
send a box free of expense  
I should like a few bottles  
of Port & Sherry Wine and  
one or two of Whisky. I want

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My Dearest Mother  
I have taken a full  
holiday today from the office  
and mean to stay quietly in the  
house until tomorrow. I know  
there can be nothing very expensive  
to do there & I'm in rather a lazy  
mood than otherwise. I think  
moreover that an entire  
days rest may do me a great  
deal of good. I wrote to Father  
yesterday I think and I believe at the time I  
had a slight return of the fever.  
If I remember right I got  
down to dinner though and  
out for a few minutes in  
the afternoon. Yesterday  
I was at the office for two  
or three hours but didn't



attempt to do anything  
in the way of writing or work.

To day I am entirely free from  
either chills, or fever, and  
am feeling stronger & better  
than I have since I was first  
taken sick. As I think it  
was my going to work too  
soon before, that put  
me back, I shall be more  
careful now, & shall not  
try to begin work again till  
I really feel able. I have  
not taken any medicine for  
a long long time - I never  
saw a doctor who gave less  
than Sturtevant. He says  
that all I need is strength  
& so has told me to keep on  
with the Iron Pills, & to take  
Porter, & Wine & water, to eat  
supper &c. I found how  
soon that the Wine & Porter ab-

ways throws me into a fever  
which sometimes lasts  
four or five hours, so I drop  
ped both, & yesterday I did ditto  
by the Iron Pills, so you see I  
have cut the Doctors altogether.

Mrs. Roper has fixed me a  
Tonic which I am taking  
instead. It tastes very much  
like Cherry Brandy & is not  
at all unpleasant to take.  
But I believe it is Port Wine  
with a little Penicillin & Wild  
Cherry Bark in it. She is  
a capital nurse & has lived  
here for 25 years, been in the  
hospitals a great deal, & of  
course knows all about all  
kinds of sickness - especially  
in this climate. She has been  
very kind to me & I could not  
be in better hands. I am very  
glad that I have had this fever



will come thro. safely now.  
My pain was so bad I had to  
give it up & take to pure cod.  
I hope she (the Thairist) stops  
at Pensacola some little time,  
for I do not want her to arrive  
here until I am strong enough  
to go down to the levee, & on board  
etc. I shall wish to talk more  
about the towing business here  
(in relation to Achilles coming  
out) as soon as I can get a ray  
further information, which  
will be in a few days I hope.

Please give my best love to Grand  
mother Russ & Ed. I believe  
Love almost all in the former  
letters save Father & your self but  
I think I shall go on owing you  
some time, if not longer! Tell Sever  
tell Ed. that I have not got the stamp  
Hudson wants & know nothing about  
it. Perhaps Jim Pullman may.  
Remember me to Mary & Bridget  
Your loving son Apper

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them entirely as medicine  
& therefore want them pure  
and I know that all in the  
house are really good. A pure  
wine cannot be got here.

I had to get two or three bottles  
while I was sick & although  
I got the best them was to  
be had (\$2.50 & \$3.00 per bottle)  
it was very far from being  
the real article. The best  
I had was from the St. James  
Hospital. Do not try to send  
this until there is a chance  
to send it free of expense  
for I don't expect to need  
it for this attack most  
certainly, & only want it  
on hand in case of emergency.

I have still a good part  
of the whisky left you sent  
me in the box - all in fact  
but what I used in Baton



Roug. I believe Claret  
is the only thing of the kind  
that can be got decently good  
here.

I left off yesterday for Home  
I was getting a little tired, but  
I shall finish this morning especially  
as I have but little more to say.

I have gone back to Homeopathy  
this morning & am taken two  
sits & Bryonia (tea spoon full)  
every two hours. I am taking  
them under direction of Mrs  
Russell, - whom I have told  
you about before I believe.

She is a very firm believer  
in "sugar pills" & has studied  
the whole subject a great deal.

Did you ever hear of a medicine  
called Staphysagria - I'll  
answer for it curing nine  
talgies. I got your letter  
of 31<sup>st</sup> March yesterday &

was very glad indeed to  
hear from you again. Is it  
not queer - on 8<sup>th</sup> Apr. I got  
a letter 27<sup>th</sup> March, & since then  
have rec<sup>d</sup> 5 letters all dated  
12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March. Your home  
is the latest date I have rec<sup>d</sup>  
from any body. You ask whether  
we went alone, when Lt. Mumford  
& I were out that night acting  
as extinguishers, or with "a body  
of soldiers." Generally with  
one or two men, but some-  
times alone - in the latter  
case however a Detachment  
was always within hailing  
distance. Always however  
with our swords or Revolvers  
drawn. We ran very little risk  
I am very sorry to hear of  
the accident to the Thames  
coming as it does so soon after  
the first one, but I hope to be