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Rockland State Hospital
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Dear Bob:

I received your letter while at ^{Northway} ~~Marcy~~ & was glad to hear. Shortly after hearing from you, I was released "without psychosis." This finding was arrived at after appearance before what is called, a diagnostic board... In view of experience it seems peculiar that I am generally regarded as self-sufficient & competent, as was the matter regarded there.

Probability is due to the present day psychological novel, story, play, & movies. The man of the street is becoming conversant with generalizations that are incident to psychiatry.

At the present rate, it will become increasingly difficult to diagnose a paranoid who knows all the right answers. However, there will always be persons that are truthful enough to insure the continuance of these modern Bedlams, which assail the eye as Camelots on every hilltop...

I left ^{Northway} ~~Marcy~~ on Dec. 12th with ten dollars & the admonition to go & sin no more..I purchased a ticket to N.Y.C. but while on the train & before reaching ^{Riverpoint} ~~Albany~~, I made a decision that it was a difficult task to begin anew at my age, with my limitations of earning power, & revolted at the forthcoming associations on what would become my social level.

And so I disembarked at ^{Riverpoint} ~~Albany~~, purchased the ambrosia, that makes kinds out of paupers, that dispels the fears & sorrows, that infest the human soul. It was only a temporary anodyne, as it always was. Some few days later, I was admitted to Bellevue with a case of incipient "D.T's."

The undeserving sick (read alcoholics) at Bellevue are attended by internes. The one who attended me was youthful & his innocence was invigorating.