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Washington.

Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

My Dear Doctor:

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> of Sept. has not been received. I hope before this arrives that you will have received your Berkefeld filters and valve attachment, ag. I had a personal letter from Col. Brown, only this morning, under date of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> saying that "the 4 filters were sent by mail, last evening," (Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>) and that he had the promise from Eimer & answered that the valve attachment would go forward "this evening" (Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>). I am so glad to know that your patient did alright. I hope that you took a number of blood covers from him. Do pray bite all the insects that you can & keep them from 5 to 15 or 20 days before preserving them. I am very much afraid that you will not have so good an opportunity again for trying the filtrate before it is time to return and you must start back by Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. I should have felt tempted to have "dynamited" Springer had I been there. It only goes to show that you cannot trust anybody! I do hope that you may yet get another opportunity before the end of the month. The Columbian opening exercises begin on Monday next, 7<sup>th</sup>, & I hope to start the class on Wednesday or Friday. Nothing has been done towards fitting up on laboratories here for the larger class, but as Dr. S. returns on Monday, I hope that we can get the money promptly. We begin on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> you know, and with both yourself & Neate away I shall have my hands full. I send you by today's mail the ½ dozen mailing cases with wide mouth bottles. The weather is beautiful here but somehow I have managed to contract a horrible cold which has nearly done me up.

Have you heard that the Marine Hospital service has started what they call "A Yellow Fever Institute"? It is intended to raise hell generally & Damnation in particular, as far as I can hope from the Circular issued. Gen Wyman says that the time has arrived when Yellow Fever should be studied! A little late, don't you think? What howling asses! Write & keep me informed. Sincerely, W. Reed.