

Las Animas Hospital,

Havana, Cuba,

August 24h 1901.

My dear Jennie:

I received two letters from you today, one written on the 19th and the other on the 20th. I am delighted to hear your finger is better. I think you answered Dr. Nash properly. You must be very careful however for special reasons that I need not mention because everything you say will, with certainty, be repeated. I shall send you a cartoon in a Spanish or rather Cuban paper which hits the mosquito men badly.

I hope you derive great comfort from your dream of future wealth. My explanation of your dream is as follows. Your finger hurt you and you were expecting the doctor to cut it, therefore you dreamed of blood; you are looking for money to spend out of that \$50.00 check and thinking over it, so you dreamed of money; and thinking about the little baby's cough and having that on your mind too you dreamed of her. I do not think for a moment that your uncle will leave you a cent because he has a family of his own and he has forgotten all about you and thinks you are provided for.

I am sorry little baby's cough keeps up so long. I trust by this time you are giving her some iron, and ten drops of food sherry or port in a little ice cold sweetened water 4 or 5 times a day would do her much good or, say 5 drops of that brandy I brought home, well diluted and sweetened in ice cold water 3 times a day. Give her plenty of fresh air during the day and at night have the windows open so that the room will be well ventilated. Do not keep any light burning at night because that poisons the atmosphere. Give her plenty of sound, ripe fruit to eat. Peaches will not hurt her so long as they are ripe and fresh and good fruit. Be very careful of her milk and rub her little limbs and belly and back as well with cod-liver oil every night.

Please do not insult me by accusing me of running around. You ought to know by this time that I have lost all inclination for that and my whole time is devoted to my work and reading. I am bound by courtesy to make certain calls but I do just as little of that as I can possibly help.

I enclose another dollar for two weeks' Sunday money for the children.

With love & kisses to all including yourself as ever your affect Husband, James