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My Dearest Mamma

I suppose you have thought from not hearing for so long, that I had once more started "up river" or on some wild goose chase to Bernice Bay &c - nothing of the sort however, I've been here in the city the whole blessed time & the only reason I have not written is that I have been very sick.

I have had what they call the "acclimating fever" & have been down for nearly 2 weeks with it. I am very much better now however & I expect to be able to get out a little ways by Sunday, & to resume office duties by the middle of the week. I shall take time & not hurry though for I have no fancy for a relapse. My