

San Nicholas Hotel
Room 383

My Dear Wife,

I was very ill last night, but thanks be to God, an Irish Catholic read to me from your sweet little book, and by instrumentality of your pious & affectionate prayers I am I am though very weak still trustful & greatly relieved. After a very light breakfast of tea and crackers & by keeping quiet I hope to be able to leave the City this evening on the fine Steamer St John. I am learning, thanks be to God the good lessons we can teach ourselves, by a quiet style and a prayerful heart. I can get along in any crowd, and am free and easy still.

I will arrive at Saratoga tomorrow morning and shall expect with eager delight your next letter. I am a little disfigured but still in the ring, and a game and fearless heart. I will keep dis-volunte in spite of all adversities and may we soon meet again is the sincere and affectionate wish of your most devoted husband

John N. Clay