

Dear cousin Sam

Will you call in at 7 walkers chemist and ask him if he has any terabithine, a kind of gum for kidney complaints, and also to send me half a dozen bottles of Vichy Celestine by the carrier or post?
[David Goss] I have an account there.

Auchencairn
20 September 1911.
Dear cousin Sam

Many thanks for your excellent letter. I shall indeed be glad to see your mother when she comes, though I don't know if I will be out of my bedroom to receive her. However, that won't matter. She will understand.

The fact is, I was never rightly better of the influenza malaria I had before I came home and I took a severe sore throat with other symptoms and have been laid up since Sunday week. The doctor does not think it's serious, but forbids me to work or go out. I am also on the lightest diet 'slops' indeed. And no solid food of any kind. However I hope to have better to report. And also I hope to see your mother (though I can't yet speak much) on Friday. I should like to have a talk with you also before I go. I mean to be here most of the autumn if I get better and settle down to work. At present I can't do much but I hope this nasty relapse will pass away.

Affectionate regards to the girls your mother and every heartiest token of goodwill to yourself.

your friend and cousin

SR Crockett

PS Miss Cannon has been exceedingly kind during my illness. She is very heartsome and mindful also a good friend of yours.