

U.S.S. Alabama
Navy Yard, New York
Nov 4 1902

Dear Mr. Henry:

I enclose check for \$5.00 in payment the semi-annual interest on \$200.00 loan of the children to Nov 1st. I returned to the ship on Sunday evening after a very pleasant week in Washington. We are now taking on coal and are scheduled to sail for Fortress Monroe on Saturday. I have not seen Rob. since my return but Reg came here to see me today and took lunch. He tells me that Joe has sailed for home to be mustered out. In thinking over Reg's prospects it occurred to me that possibly we might be fortunate enough to get him into the Pay Corps – especially as it is quite likely that Congress may make a lot of vacancies by increasing the Corps this winter. I trust I can muster a little influence for him not enough by itself but it might materially help. To begin with – Mrs. Davis's brother married the sister in law [sic] of the present Paymaster General – and I am pretty sure I could get the influence of the man who is likely to be the next Paymaster General. I trust later I may be able to get a little influence to bear on the President. It struck me also that Col. Thompson who took much in interest in Sid on account of his fencing success might do induced to do something. He is a power. Capt Bronson also has a lot of influence. Altogether I trust the matter worth looking into & trying.

Did I ever tell you of Charley Robson's apparent good fortune. [sic] As far as I can judge he has bettered himself very much since we saw him in June- and he now lives in a nice little cottage in Flushing. He left Mauson & Co and got into The American Copper Co. a new company recently formed that apparently has brilliant prospects. He is employed as book keeper or accountant to start their books and keep them. The Company was formed to work a lot of Copper mines in Arizona, but after investigating their property they find the yield of gold to much exceed that of copper so they anticipate an enormous rise in the value of their stock when they begin to work – as yet they have not put up sufficient machinery but hope to get it under way in a year. Of course if the company succeeds, Charely being in from the first is pretty sure to be well fixed. I went to the office and saw the Treasurer and so far as I can ascertain it is a very substantial company. I brought a few shares as it did not cost me much. If it fails I wont [sic] lose enough to feel it. If it proves a success I will make a big thing of it.

While I am writing I hear the election fireworks going off but the news of the result has not yet been brought on board ship. I trust your cold is better.

Very Sincerely Yours,
F. Anderson

(P. S.) Please send me Frank's and Miss Irving's address. I forgot the name of the hotel you told me.

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