

Wednesday [20 June 1900]
At sea

My dear Mary,

I was delighted to get your letter the morning we sailed & to hear how well everything seems to be going with that poor knee. I do hope you will stop as long as the M D wants you to, & that you will finish with a perfect cure!! We have had a smooth sea part of the time, & again a nasty sea & much "wind & weather." She is a slow ship. We do not expect to reach Liverpool before Thursday morning, which is a great disappointment. There are some excellent things about her, but the staterooms & births are the smallest, most uncomfortable I have ever encountered. If I had not had a maid I do not know what we would have done. She has to take my hat & clothes in her room every night. Fortunately she has a room to herself. We do not find it as clean as the N German Lloyd. The truth is that poor dear Mary has been & has been & is so miserable that we could not like anything. She came on board not well!! & has had constant suffering with her head & back. She has no vim or courage for anything. Generally she is so bright & cheery. I am thankful to say that I have been well & able to be at all my meals!! The tables seemed entirely turned. There is a very uninteresting crowd on board. Very few we know. Bishop Dudley it has been pleasant to meet & Dora [Ilendock ?] from Baltimore. There are also one or two New Yorkers we knew before – no one else looks very inviting or attractive. Charles Richardson is on board & has attached himself to us! We do not know where we will go from Liverpool. After Chester, we will be so near Scotland that I feel greatly tempted to run up but Mary is certainly in no condition to travel. She may, & I trust she will be all right as soon as we land, but I doubt it. I am writing on board, & will not post this until we are safe in Liverpool, so that you will know. Love to all -- & much so you from

Yours lovingly,
H. L. J.

Write soon & often.

