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Dear Will, May 4<sup>th</sup> 1891

My dear Mother I have just received Aunt Maria's letter, I feared my poor grandfather would be worse from your accounts; but from what she says I do not feel alarmed about him, I would go out to New York directly, but I cannot see that would be of any use to him in any way or for my good either and there is no use in crowding people together to be only in the way - Mr Rogers had had great experience in nursing, his father for years was an invalid and he was his only attendant, he says he thinks travelling would be the best thing for him in world a few miles a day till he gets here - but just of all things to consult Dr Phelan in Philadelphia, there is a nonsensical report that he is growing old and eccentric but that is spread by physicians because he orders nothing but diet, he is so sick that he has no objection to tell the truth and that he does pretty gracefully - As to Physicians I would not trust a line so precious to one on time, or be governed by any prejudice, I know Dr Rogers



both personally and from his wife of Clinton  
and I would not trust him. If I were in your  
place I would do all I could to get him to  
Philadelphia, and Phoebe who is acknowledged  
the best in the country could attend him, but  
it is impossible for me to judge, I merely  
submit for your consideration - Lloyd recommends  
Dr. Payne Payne, he attends his sisters, and  
he formed a very high opinion of him, I  
only mention every thing that occurs to  
me of course you elect Mr. and Mrs. and  
the best judges being on the spot -  
I think if I could get him here, perhaps he  
would consent to stay and let Sarah and Jane  
go on, on all accounts recruits before he  
goes on further - our physician he stands  
high Dr. Donaldson, besides some several  
considered very good, I think if he were on  
in the steam boat and he would feel  
better - read him what I say and I think  
he will agree with me - all I have to  
be is that some one will drop me a line  
every day, - do not give him ~~too~~  
too much physic - I have been so unwell  
lately that I have not written to you often, but I  
suppose by this time you have received 2  
from me ~~and~~ I was so sick last night that  
I thought I had the scarlet fever - however I  
feel better today, but can scarcely get up but I  
believe it is only cold - I will write to you  
with this - if would rather I should come on  
only say so, I will in a moment, I shall begin  
to say to wear my baby, I can't suckle her any  
longer I have not strength -

God bless you, write me only a line as you sit  
in your paper room - I shall wait in  
retros till I hear, do not be guided by the  
words of those I know nothing of his professional  
talents but he struck me as such a goose in  
concentration that I fell prejudiced against  
him - once more adieu -

My last letter if you have got it was  
accidentally forgotten, Mr Rogers took it  
into town & forgot to put it in the  
office - Love to all, Mr Rogers  
says any thing in the world he can  
do command him, he will go on on  
week you in Philadelphia or any  
thing you on your paper may wish  
to see however I must close  
Mr Rogers your affectionate  
son