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New York, October 9, 1897. 1896.

Dear Uncle Elias,-

I have written to you apart from this another letter which I enclose herewith. I trust these trials are not wearing upon you and that you are taking them philosophically. We must have trouble in one way or another, and the man that does not take them too much to heart is wise. I believe that you will pass the scrutiny of the enemy and emerge with clean hands.

Sallie goes to Richmond Monday to carry Walter to Dr Maguire's Hospital to have an operation performed. Poor boy, how he has suffered.

Jake is now with Bennett, Sloan & Co., a large Grocery house. I preferred his learning that to this business. He is a faithful clerk, very accurate, punctual, obliging, polite, honest and ambitious. He has to work very hard and gets a salary of \$7 a week. He forges ahead and complains very little. He has a great many of his mother's fine traits of character and not many of my short-comings. He is a fine boy.

Mr. Holmes is away after cauliflower this week and I have promised to meet him here at 7 o'clock to-night. He is a fine man - too good for this line of business. But it is strange how our lot is cast.

I will now close with love for all.

Sincerely your nephew,

W.C.Y. Parker.