Hobart, 4 June 1892
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Cheeriest Reid,

Sahh has taken your letter
over to Kangaroo Point. So have
not yet seen it, but I hear it
happened to be faced down
with the very dynamite explosion
she and I were so excited Paris
must be.

You will first be anxious to
hear how the dear little mother is.

Well, think in the whole she is better.
She has not much pain, and best
of all, takes more interest in
things. Of course she only sits up
for a little while every day. Her
gratified of her desire & the poor.
She has been reading her Bible and
her Bible, which is such a time she
was too ill to do. At her age there
is little recuperation power and
it takes a long time for her to set
I should have spent the week at the West Coast with the Marine Board trips. They had a frightful passage there, having been obliged when near Macquarie to run back towards Port Davey for shelter. There was a tremendous sea & the waves broke over the boat several times. You will see the report marked in the "Mail." I have been congratulating myself on having been prevented from joining the trip, indeed.

I came down to the office just now to see Charles Hallett who had just returned, and he says that they had a splendid & most enjoyable trip, having been up the magnificent Wilson River to Wilsons Promontory. They had a good time altogether barring their one day's storm Thursday. Hallett says that he was awfully sick. Both he & Pasteare are getting well after their attack of typhoid.

Poor Rob is very weak - run down with overwork. He told me yesterday that for the last week he has not been able to sleep at night, I have got to wonder that he is quite hysterical at times. Besides his work at the office he has been taking a great deal of interest in the local affairs of the district, being so about election, and this has done him no good. I know how excited he gets when parties get into a fight. Fehilly has been running very heavily on the election. John made a speech at the meeting on Thursday. According to his own account, he made a good speech of himself, but this is probably only his idea, for the newspapers report of his speech read very well, and it seems to have been well received, except by the rowdy element—Old Hogan who was drunk & challenged John to fight. Fancy Grandpa having around with old Hogan, but today I met him last Sunday I went in to Roberts to dinner. They seem to be getting on well, if Rob is as much as usual, perhaps a little better than before. I don't know when
We have had Katie. I am in a good deal lately. Katie is a nice child who has been useful as a help of companions, letter bearers or small errand bearers. Always alone now at home, except for Douglas.

Since she left I have been going over to the Point either in the boat or car. The trips over are often lovely. Last Sunday night just after sunset the water of the hill, the purple clouds with a thin crescent Moon & the evening star just above it were a perfect poet. Last night there was a great meeting at the Point of all the candidates for the town board; there are 15 of them. They called to take an alphabetical order. Harry Forell seems to have made an amusing speech. I am afraid Harry is not in harmony. It is a pity they didn't meet at the Point. It has thrown him into the
greatly pleased. She told me in the evening that that dear boy, Frank, had been over, and that it was very kind of him to take the trouble when he was so busy. Frank is quite coming out of Sanitary & City Improvement Committees, which he did very good suggestions. He is also taking a great interest in a sort of Stoopkens' Association, which has been of great dealing and treating of employees with great directions.

To-day I was in at the Bank to decide. Mrs. Campbell allays enquires about you. Very truly, before. (I don't think you have ever written to her. It is not too late now, but would please her so much.) Louise has been ill. There is going up to the nurse on Wednesday to look after her. Her family object, thinking the weather too cold, but she is going for all that. It has been very raw lately. To-day is a dull, heavy day with a raw feel in the air like dew. It has been very changeable. Cold always, but with considerable bits of bright clear weather which are delightful.

Please early fill the regular two wheels, as it is a quarter to 9 and we conclude and go off to catch the boat. Make the most of what remains of your time. I take care of you, and am all longing to see you going especially the little mother. God bless you, my dear - Yours affectionately.

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