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My dear Aunt Sally

I want to tell you how sorry I am that I was not able to accept your kind invitation to stay at the "Ridge" while I was on West River. As it turned out I might just as well have gone with "Cousin Bob" when he came over for me on Friday, but then I could not foresee that the storm of Saturday was going to prevent the sailing party I had promised to go to.

Both my father & mother have been somewhat under the weather, yesterday my father staid in bed most of the day, rather an unusual thing for him, ~~but~~ nothing serious however merely a little bilious attack the doctor says, today he is feeling much better, and now