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My Dear Sisters

It is about two weeks since I wrote a short letter to father, informing him of my having permitted, through Mr. Adick's, about \$500, and of the disposition to be made of it. At that time, I considered that my practice was sufficient to support me, and I have since been confirmed in that opinion. For reasons mentioned in former letters, the practice of this place cannot at present be very profitable. I am positively certain from the fact that my own practice is at this date the most profitable in the place, & yet nothing to boast of.

It is true that, with little exception, my occupation thus far is with the poor & middle classes, yet these pay the same price with the rich. Providence has blessed me wonderfully thus far, and it is certainly admirable that, in less than two months practice my reputation sh^d. be so extended that, if no reverse takes place, I shall in less than a year be decidedly the Physician of the place.

My collections thus far in the month are about \$100 which continuing at the same rate should make me for the whole month \$300. I suppose this to be even the average of the whole year. My plan is to put up a Botica, of which you two sh^d. have a portion of the profits & Charlie the other portion. By my practice I could

throw a large business into this Apothecary, whose profits sh^d. at least equal those of my practice as just estimated. My last letter from Father dated Nov. 5 was rec^d. about a week since - It informed me of the death of my cousin Henry -

The more I see of Zacatecas, the better I am pleased with it - The climate this winter has been most delightful; much more moderate than usual - I have attended two handsome Balls & am always treated with much attention. The society is in fact extremely liberal towards foreigners, and more frank than that of Ferris Adentro. There is a fine band here, maintained by the city, which plays at what is called the "retroita" two or three times a week. At 8 o'clock they commence playing in the Plaza in front of my house; from there march slowly through the main streets to the Barracks, where they continue playing about an hour - This pastime is very fashionable, & on the moonlight nights one may meet most of the fashionable beauties - Little parties are frequent. The little leisure time I have I pass pleasantly in the house of my countryman Kimball, whose wife and daughters always adore me as "pay sano" or countryman & I in return style them "pay sanitas" -

My house is not yet at all well furnished but I am about to lay out my reserved \$150 in fitting it properly, as much of our success here depends on this

style - You should see your plain brother in full
dress, mounted on Gregory with his handsome saddle,
followed by his mounted servant, paying his visits
at a gallop - It would be almost as much of a contrast
with the care-worn student, as is presented by the two
daguerotypes - When will we have the portrait of the
Persian General? - Speaking on this subject
reminds me that, I had forgotten to mention to
father the disposition to be made of my ~~things~~ ^{things},
I must insist on having the separate daguerotypes
of every member of the family sent to be - some in the
best style. In my next letter home, for fear of
mis carriage of my last, I will repeat the most
important of the purchases I wish made - I had forgotten
to put down ^{fine} a frock coat & overcoat from Fryell, and
two pair of fine ^{strong} black casimer pants - and a section need
a piece of platinum for Galvanic battery 4x4 inches. The sooner the
box can be despatched the better, as the battery in particular
I much need. It is now so late at night that I
must conclude - Until 9. to night my visit were
not concluded, & you may judge that I am somewhat
tired - At this very moment my servant has called
out that somebody wishes to see me - I believe it
is to report progress in a bad case of Typhus, a
disease which abounds here. - She is dead - A case
of sad neglect on the part of the parents, who to save
money did not call me soon enough -
I have recently had letters from my friends in

Calitto & Montevrey - Those of La Chata's family
always send their love - My health remains good, as I hope
does that of all of you - Remember me to all friends, to
the Harris, Pendiets, Flemings & handsome Mrs. Radcliff, to
Charley Gantt, & above all to Drydale, to whom although I
have not written hitherto, I mean to write when I
get leisure - Miss our dear parents, and believe my
dear sisters that I am as ever yr. aff. brother
Pagan.

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Miss M. M. Prevost
Care of H. M. Prevost Esq.
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~~Atty. W. C. Chapman~~
~~Antwerp~~

Received March 23/49.

My adopted name of Julio is that by which I am
known here - even in an official despatch of the
Government placing me on the board of health it is used.