

The Olympia,
Washington D.C.

Dear Walsh,

I find a letter of yours dated Oct. 5, which I do not remember to have answered. But I'm not very clear about anything that occurred (or did not occur) in the last few months.

I am glad to say that Helen is out of hospital and recovering. She was in there for eight weeks. She will probably go back to California soon. She sends good will to yourself and the pretty sister.

My own health is better, but not perfect. I have moved into a sky flat on high ground and expect good results, but after such a summer as I had cannot expect immediate recovery.

It is hard on your little nephew, but doubtless the privation has its compensations. For one thing, he cannot be a soldier and get what I got at that business—a smashed head and a sense of having deserved it.

With best regards to "Lily's sister" I am am sincerely yours,
Ambrose Bierce.

Nov. 4, 1901.