My Dear Wife,

I have been anxious about you ever since I received your last, on Wednesday, and feel more anxious because I write you so short and unsatisfactory letter in reply to it, as you will not hear from me again until this comes to hand, while you may be sick, you may be distrusting yourself by imagining that I am sick and need your kind nursing. I shall be very sorry if my fears have been realized on your part, for I only feel very bad this morning I tried to write. I have had only a little tea and milk which the hands made me two or three times.

I did not write, however, because the Old and I finished writing and got by the man again. He ordered me two or three days since to go on an officer of the day and I am now wearing the rank. This is contrary to the custom of the service and I think in violation of the regulations. I wrote to miss a letter arguing the case, which she returned with an endorsement, affirming the right to order me on
I returned it to him with another endorsement and suggested that it might be forwarded to you at once. The latter note the Japainian likes a pirate and I think it will take any side of the law a chance; so he has some trouble with it.

The morning when I went to report I found at the Post Office with his letter before him and a copy of the regulations in his hand. He was in great excitement at a breakfast of ship.

I wrote you about the trip of four weeks. But I did not tell you how he treated the Japainians. He had had no notice of the trip, and no preparation had been made. He learned he was leaving and posted down, making his appearance without a button on his shirt. The Post Office sent him home.

"How are you, Bill?" "When is your uniform?" He answered, "I don't care what time it is. I don't care whether the time put it on or not. You know, and I went on saying them whatever all day.

But the old Post Master has been on a high old bust for them or four days past. The afternoon he was found sitting in the floor in the

with just enough sense and strength to call for his order. As it was found impossible to get money without making the usual requisition to the Governor, the man landed on the docks to bid. As soon as I went on an office of the day, he came up to me and intently asked whether I had any "specie." I told him to put your arm round a drink. He sat down and talked a little while and getting up said, if I had no objection he would take a little more of my "specie," which he did and went away.

He came in an hour or two afterwards and stayed about three quarters of an hour; that time, he took about five drinks. He then had five or seven drinks since. I tell you he is nothing by some little bottle of "specie." into if he comes to the docks because it is Sunday, and he cannot send his story to Shichi, he just asks, but he hasn't time since Sunday. Do you any imagine he is an interesting object? What I wrote about that is. He is not one and a half beyond the adult member of the household, but I would not let him know that I wrote such things about him, I stand to I do so if you had never been a known him.
Last Saturday week, Mr. Luay and Fanny were here; it was Monday last, when I woke up to
Sheephead Bay with Mr. Young. I was getting up
a picnic for Thursday. I understood they were
my son to see me. I didn't hear anything of the pic-
nic until Wednesday evening when Mrs. M. C. spoke to
me about it. As it rained on Thursday the thing fell
this, but nobody was going back here. Mrs. M. C. told
me that Mr. Luay and Fanny told her sometime ago
they were coming over to see her. As the coming
one afternoon she met them just outside the village
but she continued her ride to Coney Island! When she
was coming back she met them again and they told
her they had been to see her. Cost business!

I called to see the Warf last night. Mary has
not come yet, but is expected every day. The old
woman says Harrison is the most indifferent here
the ever saw. She girl, have fairly to beg here to
come and see them, she says she feeling, he was dark
when he persisted and that he is trying to get off. Harri-
tson has been promoted to a first lieutenant.

We had a hope at one coming here last
night a week at which a part of the battalion
was present. Some people were not there; so there
came out an order from the General forbidding
them to go out to play at any public or private
house without his consent first thereinto offered.

evrybody who persists to go to the late ball.
right was summarily discharged. — How darling, I have
finished my little budget and wish bid you good night.
May the day bring you well and happy. Love and kiss
to one dear little one. Your much loving to. Y. M. S.