

My dear Doctor:

I am sorry to have both-
ened you about the matter. Of course
your information so far as actual knowledge
of symptoms is meager. You know about
the pain at the base of the head and
probably several prostrations which I at-
tributed to that cause. I made no fuss
about them because I knew ^{on thought I did} that ~~was~~ ^{was}
my relief was all I could hope for. So I
applied such remedies as had sometimes
given relief - turpentine, bromide, applying
ice and chloroform. I found that strych-
nia was only valuable when numbness
came on. You can only say whether
such symptoms as I stated would arise
from such injury.

I suppose the character of the injury
was fully established when the suspension
was granted in 1862.

I do not think you ever made
but one examination about the

and that was probably hasty. I remember
now your testing the knee-jerk. What-
ever it may have been I remember your
growing very serious about it and
begging me never to attempt to cross
a street on a truck in front of a
team or car and always to hold
to the ~~to~~ balusters in going down
stairs. Directions I have always
religiously obeyed and found I had
obeyed for years unconsciously.
For nearly a month I have been unable
to travel and do not know when I
shall be able to do so again. I do not
fancy there will be a very big fight over
the matter but never mind. If you
do not see I referred to you simply as one
who had been cognizant of ~~some~~
~~the~~ a disability which I supposed to
result from this injury, and suppose I will
have to have something from you. I shall not
spend any time fighting it for if I have to fight

like a thief I will let the matter slide.

But there is a difference about the fighting ^{— as to who is to be fought, that is. My statement is full and frank and clear. I am pretty well} I think the Crime of Pensions would rather have the deal on his back than me. He has my claim marks on him ^{known as} now and he would rather not ^{besides that,} invite more. I know too much about him already and he thinks I know more than he does. So I think I have the advantage of having my case tried by a judge who will not even to make too much trouble