



4.29.91.

Dear Cousin,

Yrs 27th duly received with ok, 5\$ as stated, and I send you today by Express a cane such as I think will please you and the judge. At least I hope so. Of course by paying a higher price I might have had something a little more fancy, and if this does not meet with your approval I can change it if you wish. You gave me no guide or idea of what you wanted other than that it was for service rather than fancy looks. The stick is an imported one, "French Crab" and I hope you will like it. The largest cane mfgs in N. Y. E. J. Kaldenberg & Co., are old friends of ours to whom we used to sell considerable quantities of Ebony, Snakewood and other fancy wood goods.

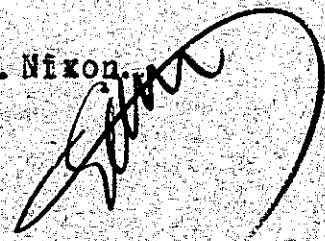
I happened to find at the store today one of the concern whom I used to know when we did business with them and he at once recognized me, and when I told him who the cane was for, he said, "what the Fool's Errand man?" I told him yes, and he said well I will pick out the sort of cane that I think the Judge will like, and this is his choice. Ret. il price \$5.75, I paid \$4.50 and there is 50¢ to your credit. I am sorry to hear that you have had a set back, and glad that you are better.

Kate is feeling better since Monday and I hope will get along all right now. We have another girl who seems to do pretty well, and shows no evidence of being crazy yet. Guess she is all right.

We are almost wild with work here and one of our men off sick. He is sick about half the time, and guess I will have to let him go, as this is no hospital, and we must have healthy hustlers around.

Yours Hastily,

Ed. H. Nixon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed. H. Nixon', written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.