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Dear Judge:

Before giving you time to answer my last, I write this as a 'P.S.', to say that I cannot let Melchora go to the public until finished according to my original purpose, if I live long enough for that. Something in my identity will have to give way before I can give up anything once begun, until it is done as well as I can do it. Am sorry, but I cant learn to give up, even in poverty.

E. J. M. Clemens.

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While I suffered both bodily injury and extortion, neither of these is the motive of action: But Dr. Pratt's arbitrary usurpation of my inherent right to myself, and to decide for myself.

He took advantage of my physical weakness to administer chloroform, against my protest; and while I was anaesthetized, performed operations which I would in no case have allowed, had I known anything about it; and then laid me under financial obligations which I would not have voluntarily assumed.

As I look at it, his action was an outrage against humanity, and ought to be resented, - especially as he keeps on committing such outrages, although I tried to explain to him

the wrong he had done me.

If your legal brain and knowledge can see any heading under which the case could be entered and action get brought, I will be grateful to you to point it out.

If I do not succeed in bringing Dr. Pratt's action to a legal test, I am afraid I will never be able to rest until I get the Illinois statute changed, for the protection of future sufferers.

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P. S.

A long time ago I asked Mrs. Youngé if she would be willing to appear as a witness in a suit of damages against Dr. Pratt. You answered the letter saying you were sorry if I had suffered from incompetence or extortion. I did not pursue the subject because I was then both physically and mentally incapable of doing so.

As soon as I got to the place where I could take the matter up, I wrote to a Chicago lawyer and received reply that I had a good case but ~~was~~ barred by the statute of limitation.

I have looked up the statute and find that an action for 'bodily injury' is included within the two year's limit. Sundry other classes can be brought within five years.