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Uncle John Bayless.

Dear Sir:

The return of our family since their enjoyment of your delightful hospitality has been productive of rather serious consequences to me, inasmuch as I am without doubt a victim of the Kansas fever now raging so virulently around your place. It is a matter of regret to me that I have not yet quite finished my studies and a term of Hospital Practice which I am at present engaged in and which must occupy two years more. I then, at the expiration of that time, will have what will be equivalent to ten years medical experience without Hospital benefits. The character of your Circular or prospectus much pleases me,