

New Orleans La

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Dear Sisters

I have just returned from a long walk. I have been out exploring the beautiful Crescent City, there are a great many curiosities and pleasant scenes here which even imagination could not depict. therefore I will not attempt to describe them. I will in the first place inform you that at this time (about 1. O'clock) it is raining very beautifully, which is more than you can say. I am certain I am enjoying most excellent health and have none so ever since I left, and I hope you are all enjoying the same good health. Tell Mother not to be the ^{least} ~~least~~ alarmed about me for I have not the ^{least} uneasiness but what I will improve on the trip. The rest of the Boys have all enjoyed unusual good health so far, we have all appetites equal to a starved wolf, you may be certain of one fact and that one is, that when we all assembled around the board, no difference how much the load, we soon put a stop to its groans, it is seldom you see or hear of a more jovial set of fellows than we are so far and I have no fears for the balance of the trip. I will now proceed to give you a sketch of our trip so far. you have already heard from us as far as Evansville. well we left there on Saturday Evening the 29th Dec. on Board the Steam Boat Niram Powers, for New Orleans and a finer, pleasanter set of Officers, as well as passengers, I have never seen in all my travels, with the exception of one or two days which was rather uncomfortably cold, we have had nothing