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Date: May 19,
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Place: New
York City

From: H.H.

Fassett
To: Harry
Fassett, MD

Fifth Avenue Hotel
New York City May 19th

Harry Fassett, M.D.

Dear Father

I arrived here Friday evening at 4 o'clock after a very pleasant journey via Steubenville Harrisburg Philadelphia & Newark N.J. and am now engaged in getting ready to start off on Tuesday 21st. I have my ticket purchased and am going on the North Star connecting with the Sonora at Pannama as it is a very pleasant time of year to go. & the boats are both good, anticipate a good time. I have seen 4 of our passengers from S.F. 11th February, and spent the evening with one of them.

Begin p. 3 I do not as yet hear of any one with whom I am acquainted who is going this trip but presume I shall yet see or hear or find when we have started some one that I know I shall not finish this until the day I start and would not have written now only may not have time to finish a letter then and you would be short of particulars. I like this Hotel very much some people put on a great deal of agony but that is nothing to me. It is a quiet House and everything very fine & nice and unlike most large Hotels you can go to sleep without being annoyed with that incessant din which with this class generally spoils the rest if they are ever so good One thing I forgot when I was at home to ask you all to be sure and write me often and tell Harry I beg his pardon for not asking him and want him to be sure and write often and I will do the same I will write you again from Aspinwall and then not again until I get in San Francisco. I hope to be there by the 15th of June. Give my Love to Mother & Brothers & Sisters Uncle Aunt Amanda Kate & Ella and all enquiring friends and reserve a large portion for yourself

Begin p. 4 Tuesday May 21st 10 o'clock
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I am well and in fine spirits and shall be oph in 2 Hours and will I not be glad when I get home.

This trip is a hard one and I am sure one must think well of ones relatives to make it. I did and may do so again sometime. hope on until then. It rained all day yesterday but I went on board of the great Eastern – saw nothing but the upper deck as they would not let us go below – She is the Boat. I could not describe her if I would try a week. Adieu Venerable Gentleman Your Loving Son

H H Fassett