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PERSONAL LETTER from Edwige Lauve in
New Orleans, to Paul L. Declouet in St. Martinville.
New Orleans, October 13, 1876

My dear Paul,

A word in a hurry to give you news about our dear sick one (Jane, your wife). There is nothing to be worried about her condition, only a little fever caused by the flu which reigns here. Even physicians are not safe from it. Dr. Souchon himself has suffered from such upsets. But let us return to our dear Jane. The doctors' visit tired her a little as, a new trial, she was requested to find out how much a demi-john could contain and you already know what bother this new experience brings to her. Her general condition is very good and at this moment she bitterly complains of her diet which requires her to take only liquids.

Before she had fever, we went out almost everyday. Often, she make a face when this suggestion is made to her, but I ignore this and drag her out just the same. I received today a letter from Nemours (my husband). He is quite interested about our dear Jane's recovery and asked me to send you his remembrances and caresses to the children. Do not worry too much and be assured that you left your dear Jane in the hands of attentive friends; first, our good Blanche (your sister) took your place, it was her right. I do not say anything about myself as you know what I feel about her, but what is good to tell you is that the doctors are faithful to their mission and that in spite of fever, the little physician came twice today.

Jane says that she could write herself and is sorry this pleasure is denied to her. Kiss well our dear children and believe in the friendly feelings of a sister and friend.

Edwige

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