Extract from a Letter Written by a Lady to her Brother in New York.

Strange to say, the fever has broken out in our neighborhood. Last night I could not sleep because of the screams of a mother, whose only child died before midnight in the house opposite. He is the fourth of the famiy. The others were adults. Next door, a beautiful young lady also has the fever. On Sullivat's Island and Mount Pleasant, heretofore exempt in other epidemics, it is worse than in the city. The nephew of Mr. George W. Williams, our most prominent merchant, died on the island on Monday. After he was laid out a letter day. After he was laid out, a letter came for him from his betrothed, but it was too late, and at his mother's request, I placed it unopened, on his bosom. He was the color of an or-

ange. It is truly a fearful disease.

Every car and boat from here is quarantined. Even the interior towns are closed against us. Truly we can only trust to Providence. A pall overhangs, and God knows the

Our young men have to be out all night, and every night guard the city. Last Monday evening the Radicals intended to have a torch light procession. Among the transparen-cies of which the negroes boasted in advance were two; one representing a white woman at the feet of a negro, suppliant and debased; the other a white woman nursing a negro baby.

Think of this! Would such a sight

poor Bob, I never saw such excite-ment. Old gray-haired men turned out resolved to shoot on sight any negro who dared to display this hor-rible insignia. Troops are stationed all over the State. Gen. Hampton, with tears streaming down his face, exclaimed: "My God, we are in the death throes, and fighting for our very existence." Mrs. Gen.—has organized the ladies, and we are sending refreshments to the young men who are guarding our lives every night. God bless them, for our only hope is in their strong, brave, patient arms. Our city is a camp and it is the knowledge that it is so that keeps the blacks in check. Just think of being shut up with yellow fever and insurrectionary negroes. If death came to us in less objectionable form than through such agencies, how gladly we would covet it.

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