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Dr. Harvey Cushing,
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My dear Harvey,-

While preparing the article on Dr. Kelly I wrote Dr. Osler for information. I had heard of the "Kensington Colt" story but was not absolutely sure about it. His reply was as follows:

"The circumstances were these: Goodell had resigned, and there was no end of discussion as to who should take his place. On several occasions I had gone to Kensington to see Kelly operate, and I happened to mention to Pepper that I had never seen anybody do abdominal work with the same skill. He knew of Kelly, but had not, I believe, seen him operate, which he immediately arranged to do. Then one evening at the Biological Club, Horatio Wood and Mitchell were discussing Goodell's successor, and I said that Pepper and I were backing a dark horse - a Kensington Colt. With that, Leidy chipped in with a remark that if it was young Howard Kelly, his former prosector, he would back him heartily. This is how I remember the story."

"How extraordinarily successful he has been! Only those of us who know the work as it was, realize how much the profession (and the public) owes to such men as Kelly."

Here's hoping that you may get any number of letters of the Chief's.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours, *Thomas S. Cullen*