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~~write~~ write his last word to the world, direct from him thro my pen, which I did under the title "Buffalo Bill's Last Interview" in Outdoor Life Magazine, 1917, April issue, I think. Later, I wrote what is practically a continuation of it in "Buffalo Bill's Grave" in the same magazine, of some months later date. I was the last man he talked to, or saw, except the doctors. He was dying then, he knew it, his heart was kept going on nitroglycerine, his kidneys had stopped for ever, and with two doctors behind him, I had to be very careful not to kill him then and there by letting him get excited. I told only a part in that "Interview" of course. And I longed to ask him certain questions, for I knew that by another sun it would be lost forever, but dare not do so. The doctor would raise a warning hand, and I'd have to turn to his sister Julia--who was a mother to him all his life--who died in Honolulu recently, as no doubt you know?--Taking the signal, she would break into the talk, and then we would talk casually till Cody became quite again. During that talk, as I have written in the interview, he made one of the greatest remarks ever made by a human tongue, if you will consider all that it means--"When a man looks at his last sunset he can tell the truth".

Broken in health, and in hope, an old worn out penniless man, he went to his sister's here, poor herself--to die. He did not have the price of coffee and cakes in his pocket. His newspaper interviews given out from time to time, were just his customary ones of "Never say die" --But I read an armful of his letters, several hundred, in his own handwriting, covering his life time from about 20 to just before his death, to his sister Julia, so I knew the inside story of it all. She was going to give them all to me so that in time I could write his life, but later they went into better hands than mine, no doubt, the Cody Association. I recall the last one, almost word for word, and I think I have it mentally exact, but am not sure, of course--

"Dear Sister Julia--