1865
FAMILY LETTERS

Brooklyn Jan^{y} 2nd 1865

Dear Son.

I thought proper to congratulate you on the new year which we have been permitted to live to see through the goodness of the almighty I hope for some wise purpose through very few estimate the priviledge as they should do I have but little to communicate, as I wrote last with I have not received a letter from in some time, but you know full well I cannot receive unless you write I have the pleasure to inform you that we are all pretty well including our friends in general

I hope your little ones are all enjoying the blessing of health bad to have children sick. I think your are healthy I presume yours enjoyed their holiday presents I sat a sensitious table to greet his friends I did not witness but little of it, as I had a cold so I remained in my room to avoid having sick as health is the most desireable as your will decide with me. I intend to send in a package by a boy that is to be send to Mr Charles S. Bulkley John says it will be just in by is request it contains the shirt you made when 7 years of age your Patchwork something for you to exibit to your friends & children take great care of them as I have done in respect and a few more articles, remember to inform me, when you recieve the package, likewise the reciept of the papers of your property, which I sent by Mr Moses Howell, I do not wish to ask him about them, as I do not doubt his giving them to you in respect to mine. therefore send me word — I think it is time I had Franks letter, tell him Grand Ma is waiting then I would like to write him another poor child he cannot see his Grandma Wheley. do send me his likenes as now he is growing to be a big boy. he looks fine I know he does — The day is beautiful but cold. I trust your health is improveing. How does your house progress and all your stocks I hope prosperously. better than the War does I see by the papers that Lincoln

has sent a peace commissioner to the south I would a cessation of killing of the men they have tried long enough I should think Oh what a shame to destroy such a country but it grieves me to write now my dear child I hope to hear from you before long. Reuen love for you and family.

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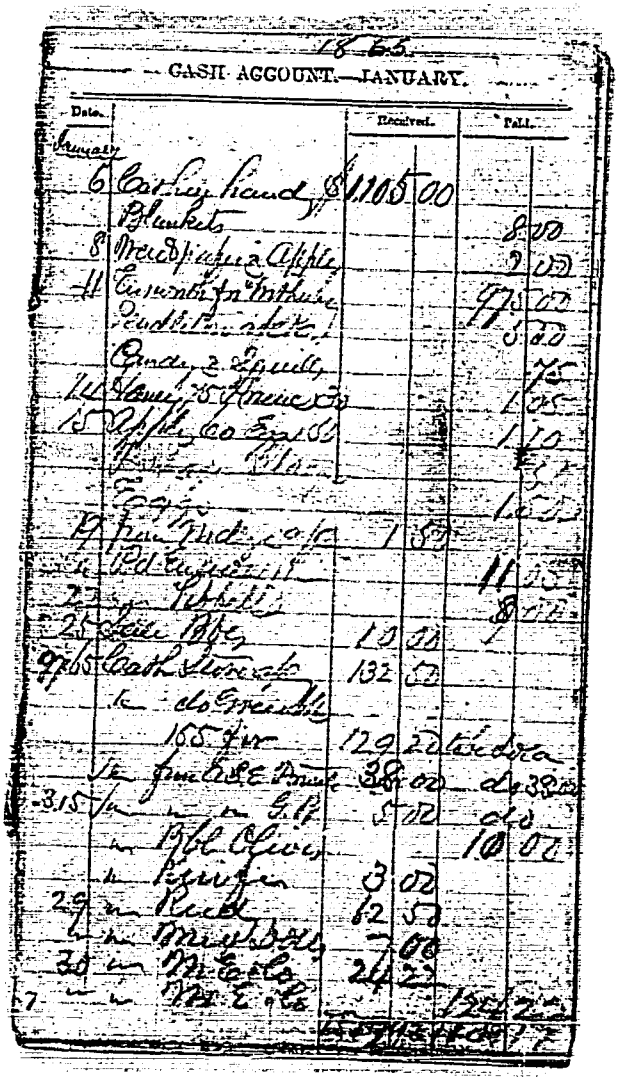

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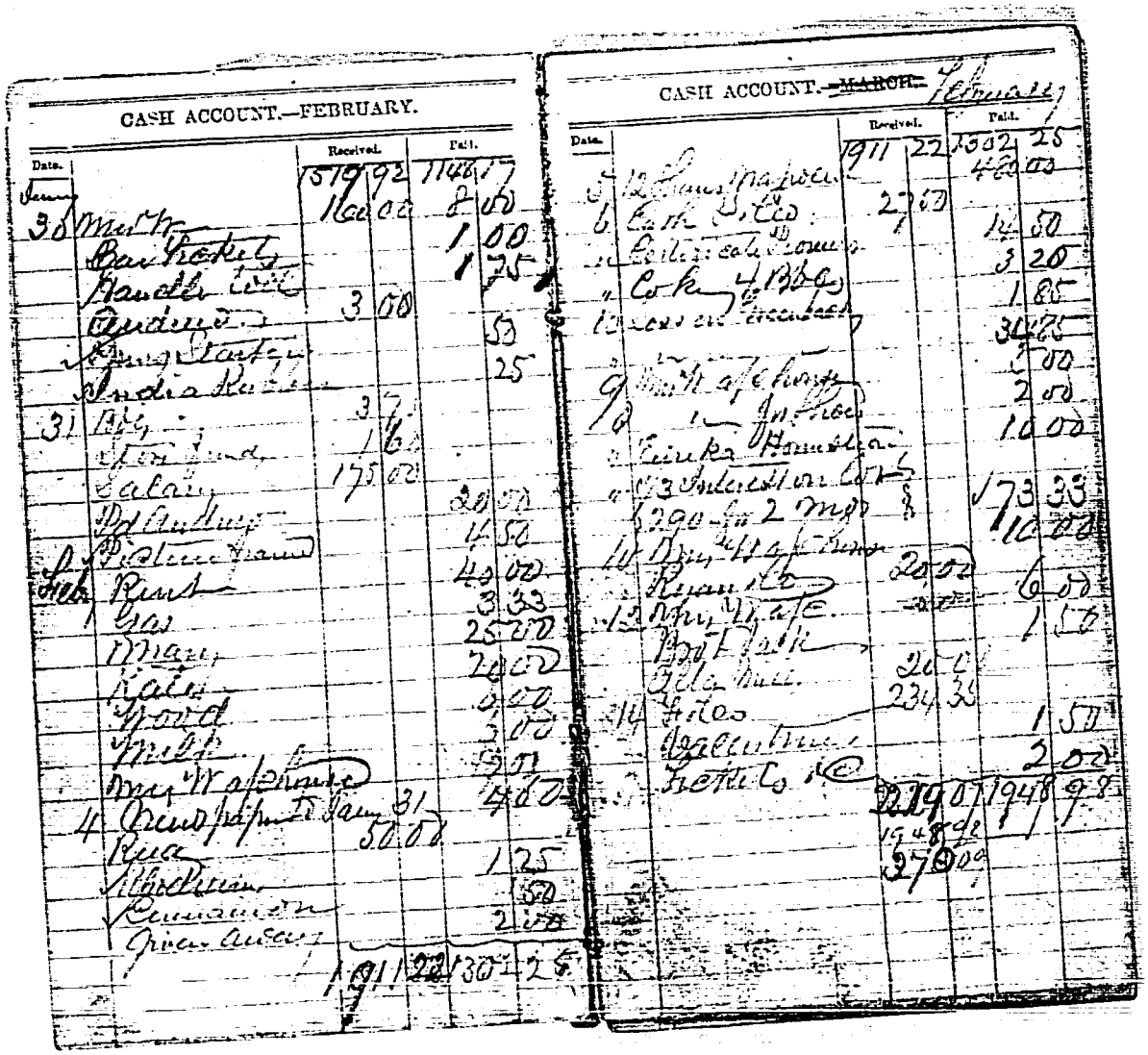
CASH ACCOUNT.—JANUARY.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
January			
6	Cash on hand	$1105 00	
	Blankets		8 00
8	Mrs D. Pinkham Acct		2 00
11	Expenses for Methuen		97 50
	Pinkham Acct		5 00
	Cash & Expenses		75
12	Stamps & Envelopes		2 25
15	Acct Co Expenses		1 10
	[illegible]		2 [illegible]
	[illegible]		1 [illegible]
19	From Treas. Co for	1 [illegible]	
	Bal Expenses		11 [illegible]
23	Pinkham's		8 [illegible]
25	Sale Hay	10 [illegible]	
26	Cash Stevens	132 [illegible]	
	do Greenhalge		
	165 Fur	129 20	2 Coffins
	From Exp Treas	38 02	do 38 [illegible]
31	do do Gen	5 02	do [illegible]
	do Bal Chas		10 02
	do Express	3 02	
29	do Rent	12 50	
	do Mrs Bell	7 00	
30	do Mr Co	24 25	
31	do Mr Co		154 25
		[illegible]	[illegible]

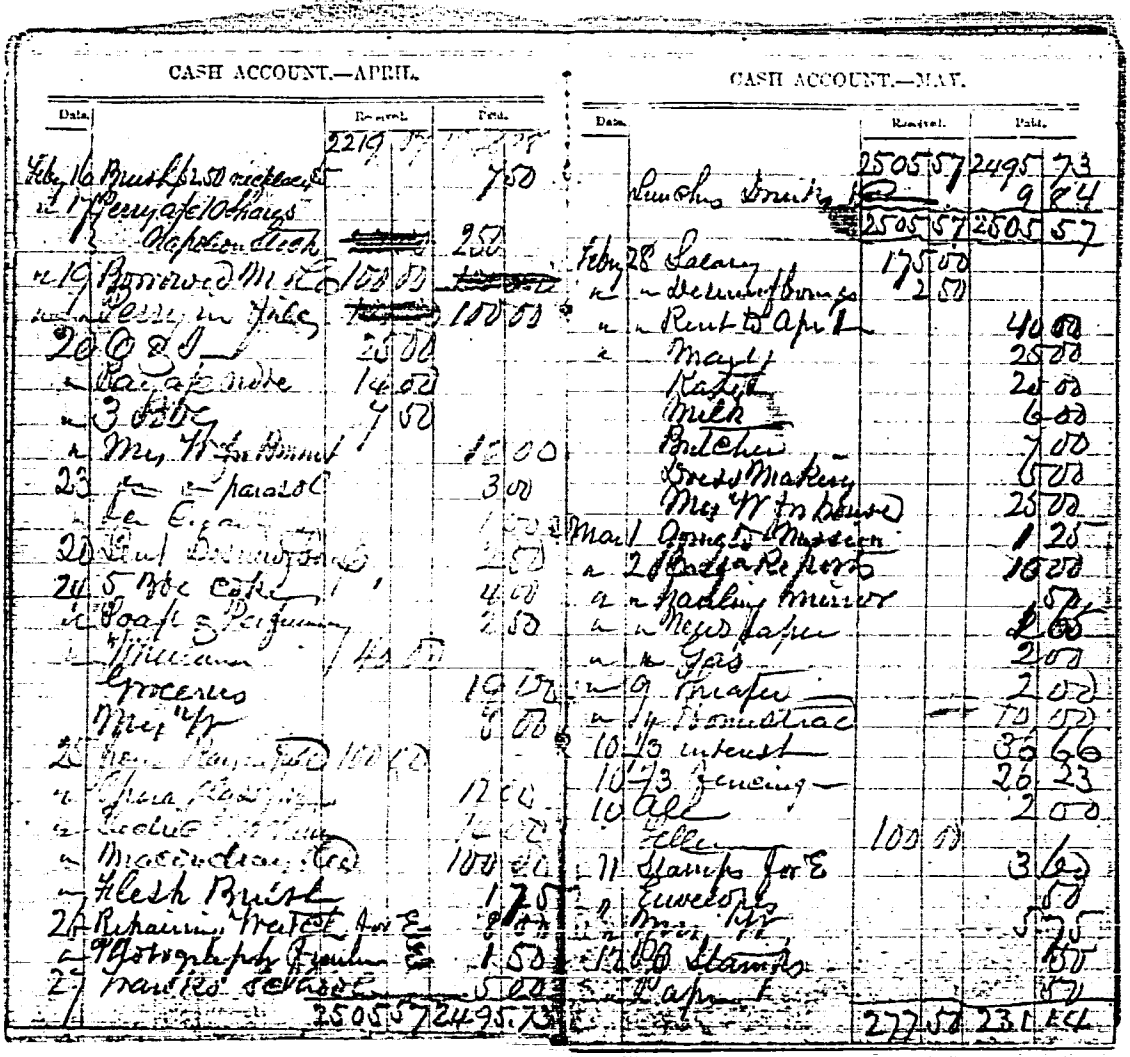


CASH ACCOUNT.—FEBRUARY.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
		579 92	1146 17
3	Mark	166 00	8 50
	Bar Rocket		1 00
	Handle Co		1 75
	Cardigan	3 00	
	Long Staff		50
	India Rubber		25
31	Ebby	3 7	
	Glen Lund	1 6	
	Salary	175 00	
	Dividend		20 00
	Oil Cloth		4 50
	Pickle Yard		49 00
Feb	Rent		3 33
	Gas		25 20
	Mary		20 00
	Kate		2 00
	Board		3 00
	Meat		5 00
	Wm Watermouse		4 80
4	Grandpa's Sam	31 50 00	
	Rent		1 25
	Woodman		50
	Commission		2 00
	Gen Assets		
		191 122	1307 25

CASH ACCOUNT.—~~MARCH~~ February

Date.		Received.	Paid.
		1911 22	1302 25
			400 00
5	Lewis Nafew		
6	Earl & Co	2 7 00	
	Eagle Cab Co		14 50
	Cork & Bbl Co		3 20
	Lewis & Crockett		1 85
			34 25
9	Wm Watermouse		1 00
10	Jno Proc		2 00
	Eureka Handle Co		10 00
	3 Interstate Cars		173 33
	290 for 2 Mos		10 00
10	Dividend	20 00	
	Ryan & Co		6 00
12	Thos Watermouse		1 50
	Bad Jack		
	Gala Week	20 4	
14	Fros	234 30	
	Agricultural		1 50
	Forth Co		2 00
		2249 07	1948 98
		1948 98	
		270 00	

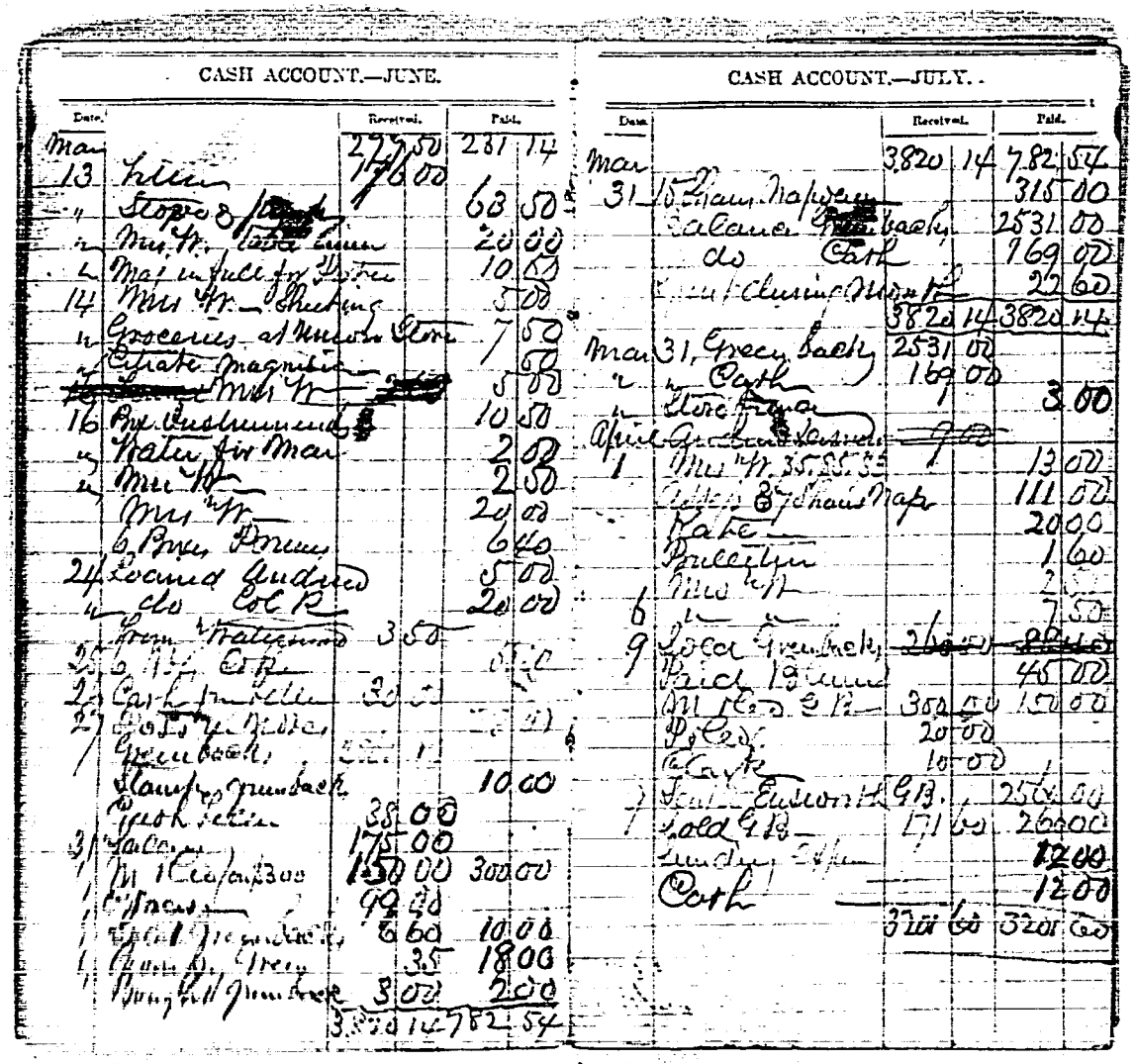


CASH ACCOUNT.—APRIL.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
		2270	
Feb. 16	Mrs. Hopkins Wicklow		7 50
" 17	Penny & Oil Chairs		
	Napoleon Clock		2 50
" 19	Borrowed M. C.	100 00	
"	Rent in Jobs		100 00
	20 Q & J	20 00	
"	Package Note	14 00	
"	3 Doz	7 50	
"	Mrs. W. to Board		12 00
23	" " Parasol		3 00
	Le C. &		
20	Paul Bernard		
24	5 Doz Cake		4 00
"	Soap & Perfumery		2 50
	William	45 00	
	Groceries		19 57
	Mrs. W.		5 00
25	Mrs. Hopkins	100 00	
"	Mrs. Rose		12 00
"	Evelina		12 00
"	Macadam Co.		100 00
"	Flesh Brush		1 25
26	Repairing Watch & C		9 00
"	Photographs Frames		1 50
27	Hardies Salaries		5 00
		2505 57	2495 73

CASH ACCOUNT.—MAY.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
		2505 57	2495 73
	Lunches Drinks		9 84
		2505 57	2505 57
Feby. 28	Salary	175 00	
"	" Returned Borrowed	2 50	
"	" Rent to Apl 1		40 00
"	Mary		25 00
	Kate		20 00
	Milk		6 00
	Butcher		7 00
	Dress Maker		5 00
	Mrs. W. to Board		25 00
Mar. 1	Oranges & Messrs		1 25
"	2 Badge Reports		10 00
"	" Reading Mirror		50
"	" Newspapers		2 00
"	" Gas		2 00
"	9 Threads		2 00
"	4 Roundhead		70
10	13 Interest		80 66
10	13 Jewing		26 23
10	All		2 00
	Ellen	100 00	
11	Stamps for E		3 00
"	Envelopes		50
"	Mrs. W.		5 00
12	100 Stamps		1 50
"	Paper		50
		277 50	231 [illegible]



CASH ACCOUNT.—JUNE.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
Mar		273 50	281 14
13	Julius	176 00	
"	Stores & [illegible]		68 50
"	Mrs H. [illegible]		20 00
"	Mail in full for Store		10 00
14	Mrs H. [illegible]		5 00
"	Groceries at Mrs H. Store		7 50
"	Estate Magnubin		50 00
[illegible]	Mrs H.		5 00
16	Pay Gustumenna		10 50
"	Water for Mar		2 00
"	Mrs H.		2 50
	Mrs H.		20 00
	6 Bros Flours		6 60
24	Loaned Gudino		5 00
"	do Col R.		20 00
"	From Watermund	3 50	
25	2 Hy Col R.		0 [illegible]
27	Carl [illegible]	30 [illegible]	
27	[illegible]		[illegible]
/	Greenbach	[illegible]	
	Stamps Greenbach		10 00
	Work Julius	38 00	
31	Sales	175 00	
/	Mail Col 300	150 00	300 00
/	Mrs H.	99 50	
/	Cash Greenbach	6 60	10 00
/	Cash Dr Green	35	18 00
/	Stamps Greenbach	3 00	2 00
		3[illegible] 14	782 54

CASH ACCOUNT.—JULY.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
Mar		3820 14	782 54
31	To Plain Naples		315 00
	Balance Greenbach		2531 00
	do Cash		169 00
	Error Adding Mar		23 60
		3820 14	3820 14
Mar	31, Grocery Cash	2531 00	
"	" Cash	169 00	
"	Store Error		3 00
April	Gudino Loaned		
1	Mrs H. 35.55.35		13 00
	Cattle & Plain Naples		111 00
	Rake		20 00
	Pulley		1 60
	Mrs H.		2
6	" "		7 50
9	Grocer Greenbach	26 [illegible]	[illegible]
	Paid Pasture		45 00
	Mail Col R.	300 00	150 00
	P Cash	20 00	
	Cash	10 00	
	Teal Edison H.	913	256 00
/	Sold Hay	171 00	260 00
	Sundry Expenses		12 00
	Cash		12 00
		3201 60	3201 60

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Date.		Received.	Paid.
Mar		277 50	281 14
13	Trim	176 00	
"	Stoppe & [illegible]		63 50
"	Mrs W. Loose Linen		20 00
"	Mat in full for Potter		10 00
14	Mrs W. Checking		5 00
"	Groceries at Wholesale Com		7 50
"	Estate Magnolia		5 00
[illegible]	[illegible] Mrs W		5 00
16	Pay Dustmen		10 50
"	Water for Mar		2 00
"	Mrs W		2 50
	Mrs W		20 00
	6 Bags Potatoes		6 60
24	Received Gardner		5 00
"	do Col R		20 00
"	from Watergrass	3 50	
"	[illegible] Coffee		5 10
25	Cash in Bills	30 00	
27	Cash for Notes		20 00
	Green backs	221 11	
	Stamps Greenbacks		10 00
	Cash Below	38 00	
		175 00	
31	Cash	150 00	300 00
	1 Cash at 300		
	Cash	99 00	
	Cash Greenbacks	6 60	10 00
	Cash Greenbacks	35	18 00
	Cash by Green		
	Bought Greenbacks	3 00	2 00
		3 820 14	782 54

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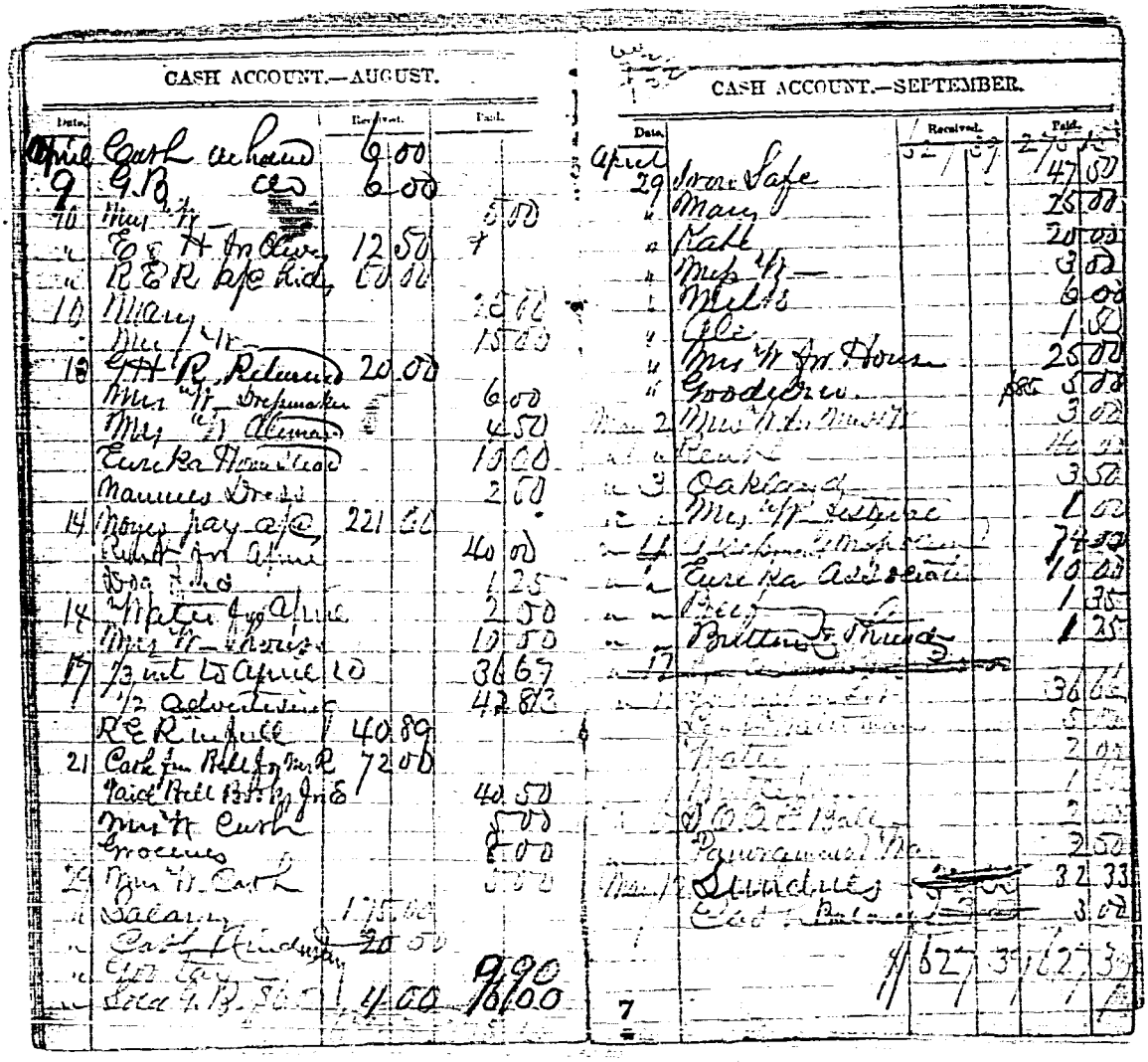
Date.		Received.	Paid.
Mar		3820 14	782 54
31	Cash Notes		315 00
	Balance Greenbacks	2531 00	
	do Cash	169 00	
	Cash Clerks Wages		22 60
		3820 14	3820 14
Mar	31, Greenbacks	2531 00	
"	" Cash	169 00	
"	Store Rent		3 00
April	[illegible]		
1	Mrs W. 35.25.35		13 00
	Cash By Chas Nash		111 00
	Rates		20 00
	Subscription		1 60
	Mrs W		2
6	"		7 50
9	Local Greenbacks	26	80 40
	Paid Insurance		45 00
	All Fees & Rent	350 00	150 00
	Cash	20 00	
	Cash	10 00	
	Cash Editor H.G.B.		250 00
	Sold G.B.	17 60	260 00
	Sundry Cash		12 00
	Cash		12 00
		3701 60	3701 60

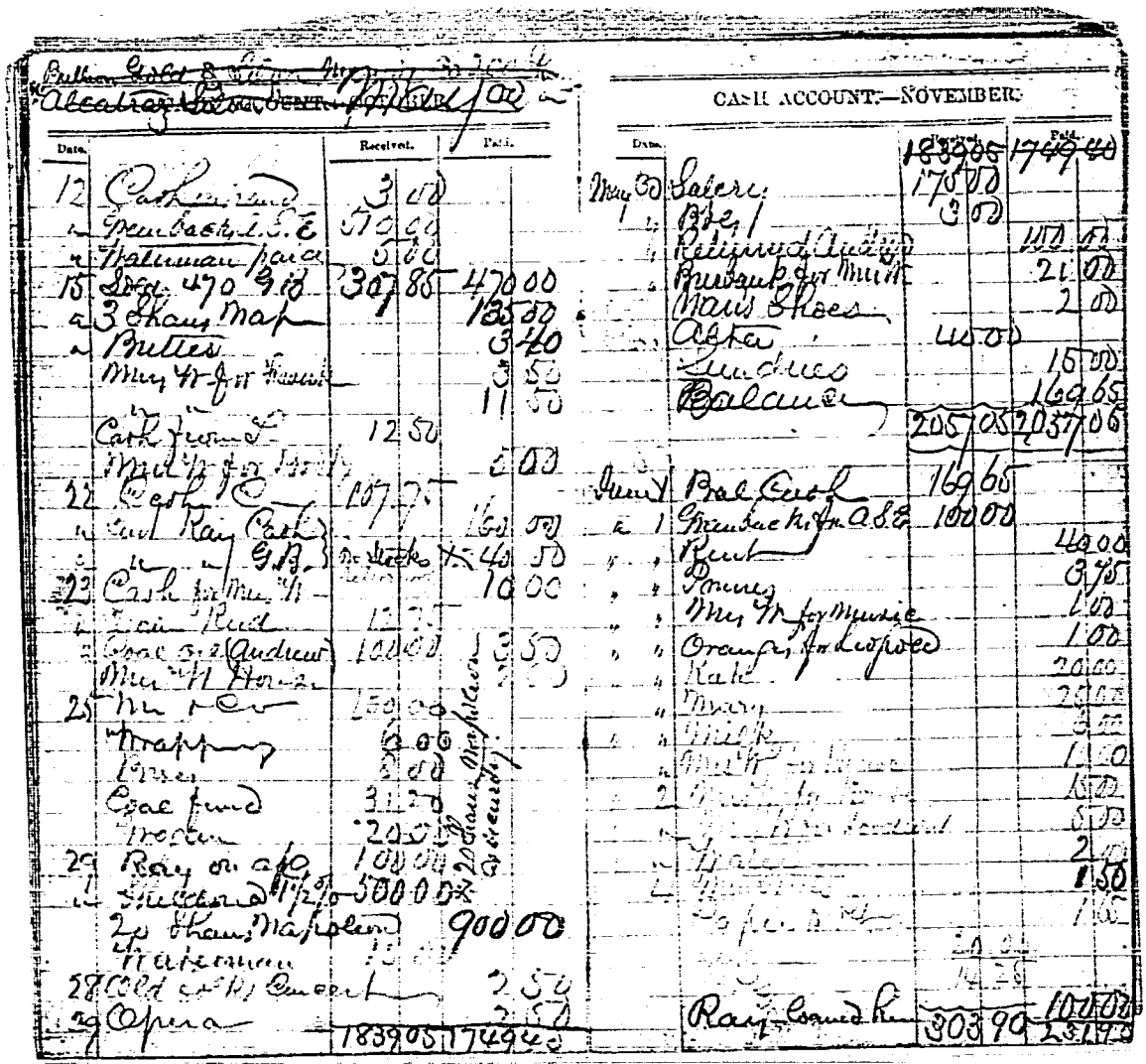


CASH ACCOUNT.—AUGUST.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
April	Cash on hand	6 00	
9	G.R. do	6 00	
10	Mrs. H.		5 00
"	E & H Andrews	12 50	
"	R.E.R. life ins.	60 16	
10	Mary		15 00
"	Mrs. H.		15 00
13	G.H.R. Returned	20 00	
	Mrs. H. Dressmaker		6 00
	Mrs. D. Alexander		4 50
	Eureka Association		15 00
	Mammies Dress		2 00
14	Moyer pay a/c	221 50	
	Rent for April		40 00
	Dog Tax		1 25
14	Mister 4 yds April		2 50
	Mrs. H. Shoes		10 50
17	1/3 rent to April 10		36 67
	1/2 advertising		42 82
	R.E.R. in full	40 89	
21	Cash from Bell for R.	72 00	
	Paid Bell Bro. by J.H.S.		40 50
	Mrs. H. Cash		5 00
	Groceries		2 00
24	Mrs. H. Cash		5 00
"	Salary	175 00	
"	Cash Hindman	20 00	
"	Cash		
"	Sales A.B.S.	1 40 00	9 90
			96 00

CASH ACCOUNT.—SEPTEMBER.

Date.		Received.	Paid.
April		52 67	2 50
29	Iron Safe		147 50
"	Mary		15 00
"	Kate		20 00
"	Mrs. H.		3 00
"	Mills		6 00
"	Ale		1 00
"	Mrs. H. for House		25 00
"	Goodyear		85 5 00
May 2	Mrs. H. [illegible]		3 00
" "	[illegible]		15 [illegible]
" 3	Oakley & [illegible]		3 50
" "	Mrs. H. [illegible]		1 00
" 4	[illegible]		74 [illegible]
" "	Eureka Association		10 00
" "	[illegible]		1 35
" "	Britton & Thomas		1 35
" 17	[illegible]		36 67
" "	[illegible]		5 [illegible]
" "	[illegible]		2 00
" "	[illegible]		1 [illegible]
" "	[illegible]		2 [illegible]
" "	0.0.2 [illegible]		3 50
" "	Insurance [illegible]		32 33
May 1	Sundries		3 02
" "	Cash Balance		
" 1		1162 39	1162 39
" 7			



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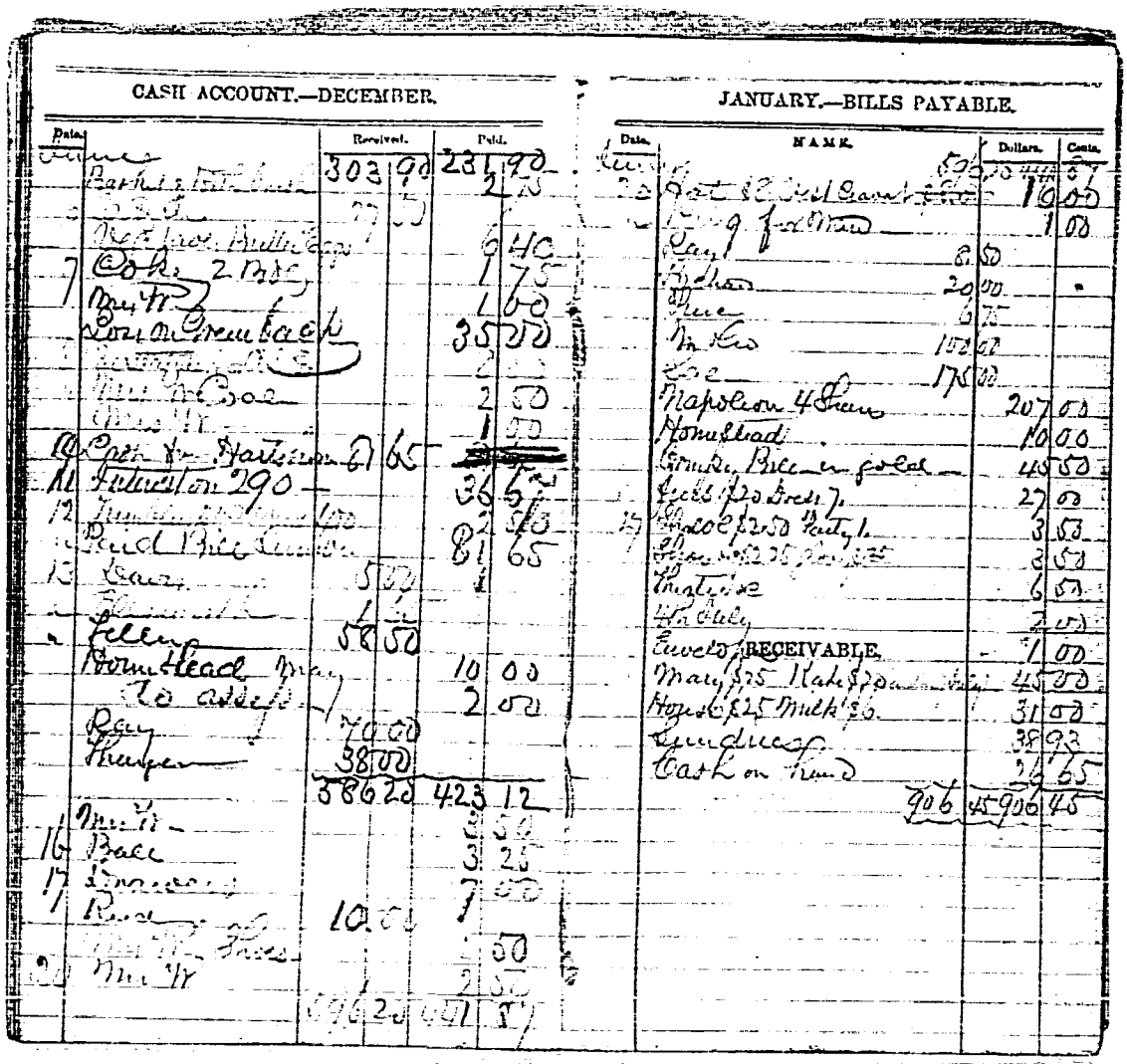
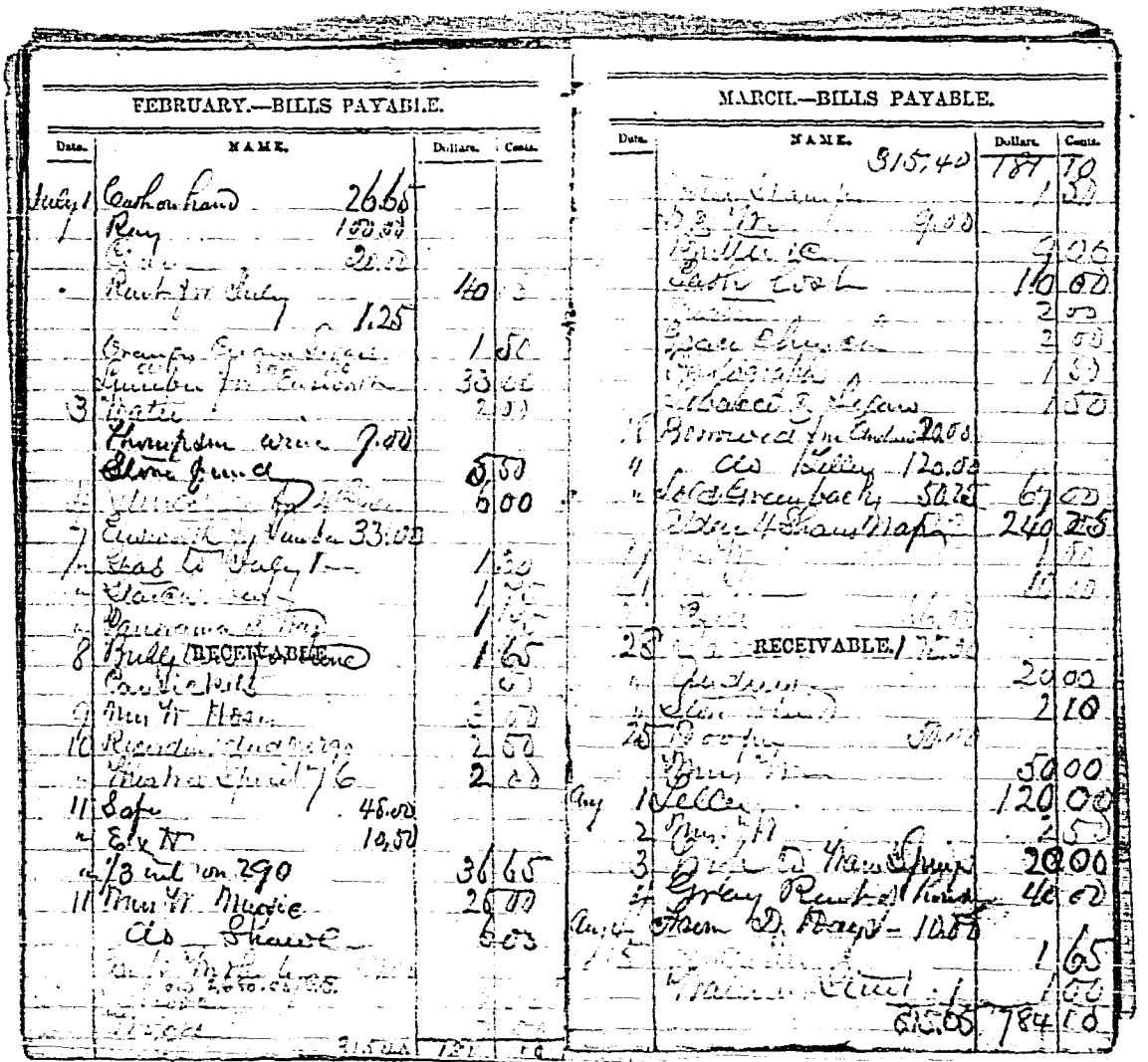


CASH ACCOUNT.—DECEMBER.

Date.		Received.		Paid.	
		303	90	23	90
				2	
				6	40
7	Cook 2 Pairs			1	75
	Mary H			1	60
	Lorin Grumbach			35	00
				2	
				2	50
				1	50
9	Capt. Harrison	61	65		
11	Federation 290			36	50
12		100		8	50
	Red Bee Tavern			8	65
13	Lane	500		1	
		1			
	Felen	58	50		
	Bromstead May			10	00
	To adept			2	50
	Ray	70	00		
	Thurber	38	00		
		386	20	423	12
				2	50
16	Bace			3	25
17				2	00
1	Rose	10	00	1	
					50
20	Mrs H			2	50
		396	20	441	37

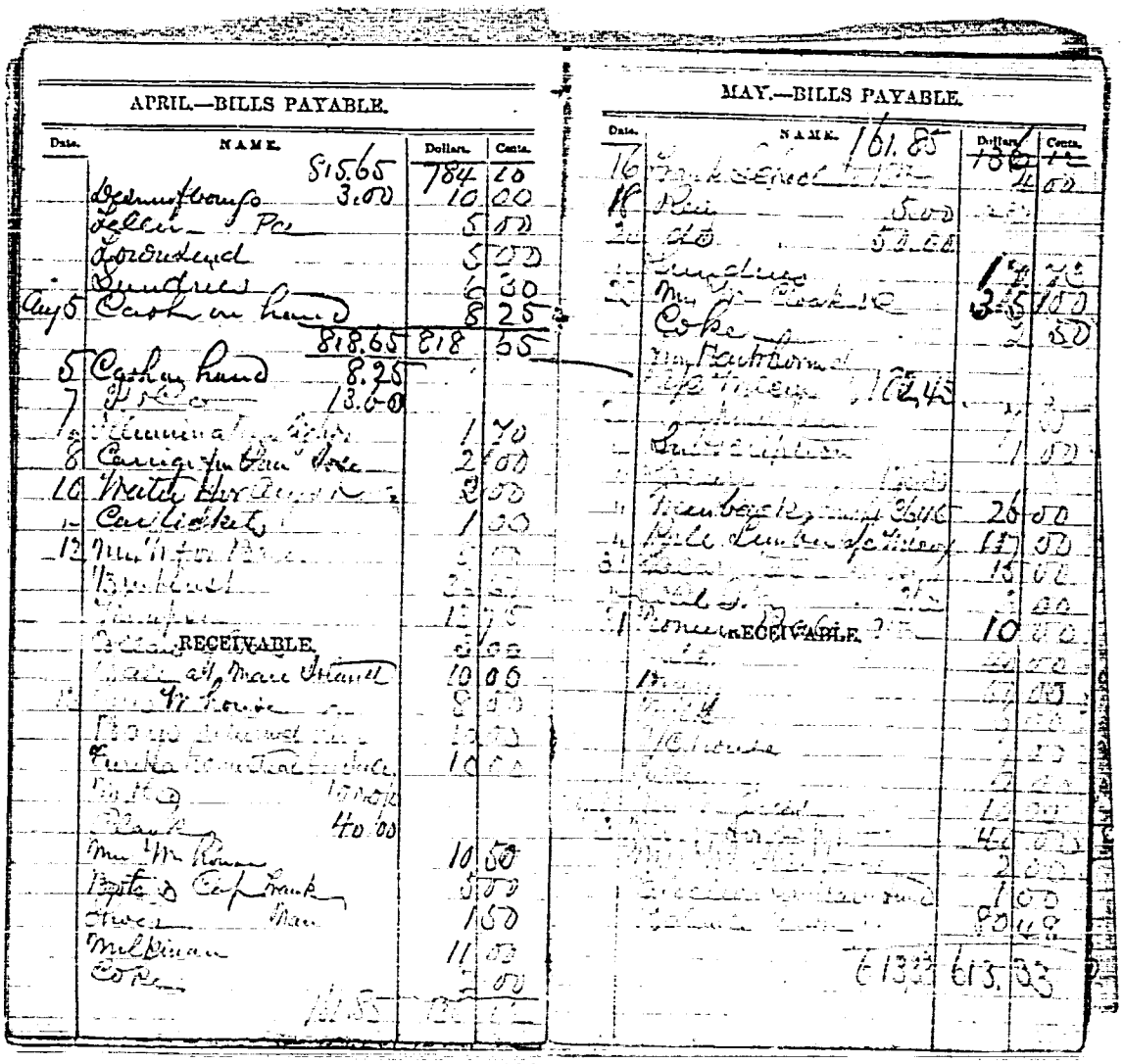
JANUARY.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
2	Post & Journal Co.	16	00
	Geo. J. Mann	1	00
	Ray	6	50
	Graham	20	00
	Mrs Lee	6	75
	Mrs Lee	100	00
	Lee	175	00
	Napoleon 4 Chairs	207	00
	Homestead	10	00
	Grocer, Bill in full	45	50
	Feeds (20 Brest)	27	00
15	Grocer $2.50 Party	3	50
	Grocer $2.25, $1.25	3	50
	Mantelpiece	6	50
	Hardware	2	00
	Towels RECEIVABLE	1	00
	Mary $25 Kate $20	45	00
	Hayes $25 Milk $6	31	00
	Sundries	38	93
	Cash on Hand	26	65
		906	45



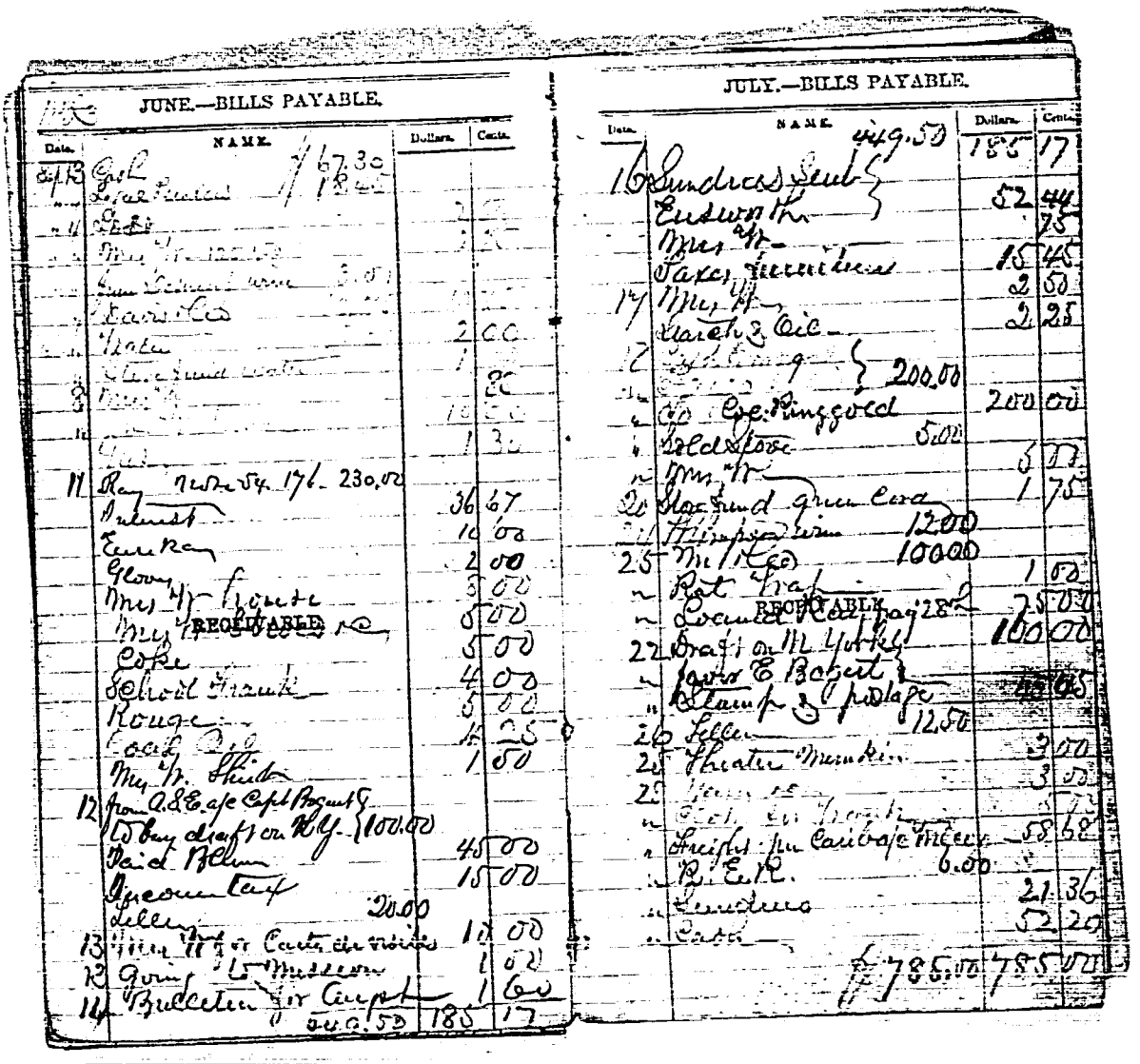
FEBRUARY.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
July 1	Cash on hand 26.65		
1	Rent 150.00		
	[illegible] 22.00		
	Rent for July 1.25	140	00
	Groceries [illegible]	1	50
	Lumber for Enclosure	35	00
3	Coal	2	00
	Thompson wire 7.00		
	Stone Yard	5	50
	[illegible]	6	00
7	Cash to July 1—	1	50
	[illegible]	1	[illegible]
	[illegible]	1	[illegible]
8	Bills RECEIVABLE	1	65
	[illegible]		50
9	Ann H. Hess		[illegible]
10	Repairing Buggy	2	50
	Cash Check 76	2	00
11	Safe 46.00		
	Ex. 10.50		
	3/8 int on 290	36	65
11	Thos. H. Muddie	20	00
	do Shawl	6	03
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]	



APRIL.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
	$15.65	784	10
	3.00	10	00
		5	00
		5	00
		6	30
Aug 5	Cash on hand	8	25
		818.65	818 55
5	Cash on hand 8.25		
7	13.60		
		1	70
8		2	00
10		3	00
		1	00
12			

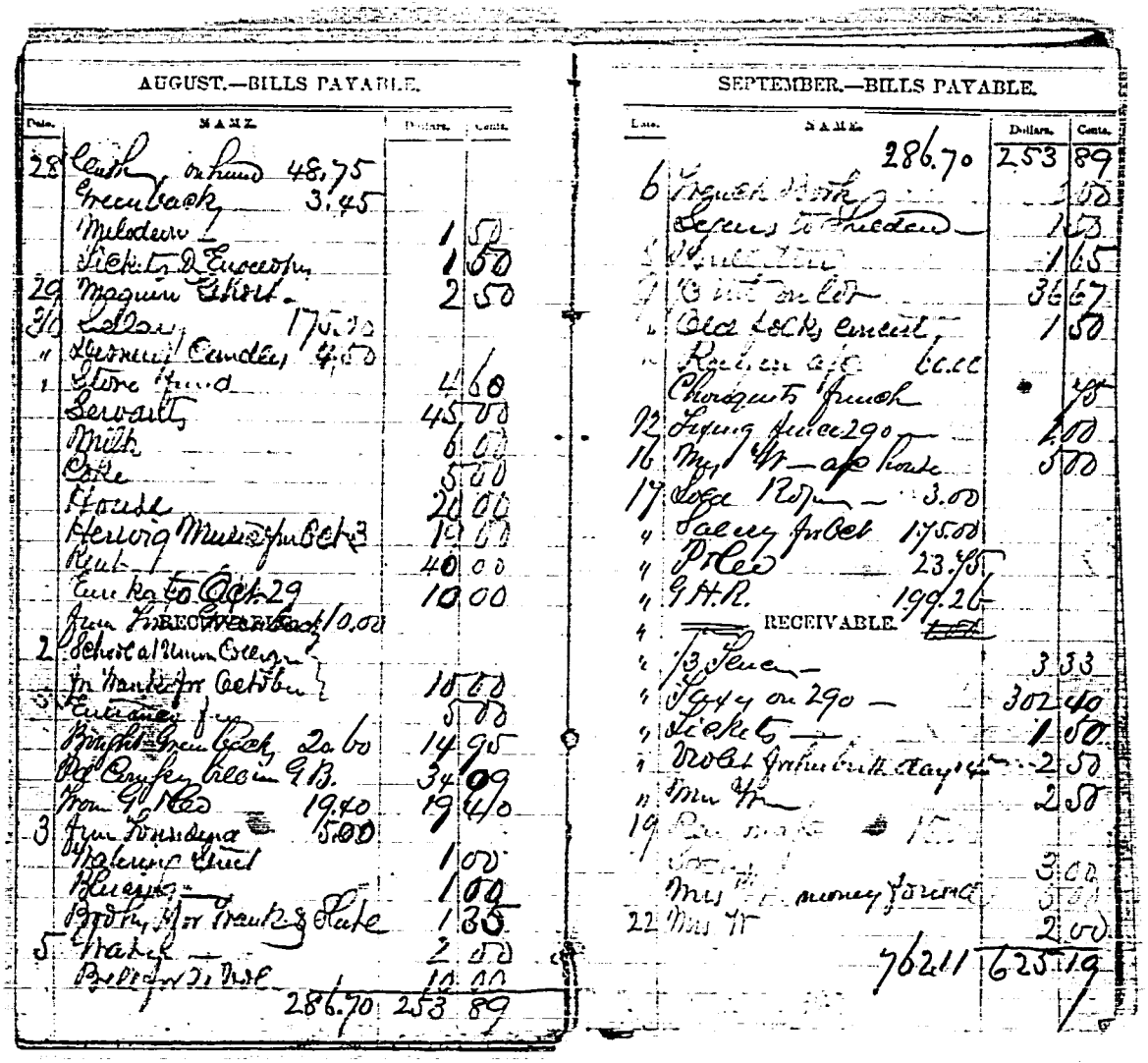


JUNE.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
8/13	Gail	1673 30	
	Lopez Pontiac	185	
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
	[illegible]		
11	Ray Nash 54 176 230.00		
	Interest	36	67
	Eureka	10	00
	Eureka	2	00
	Glenny	5	00
	Mrs. H. Goode	5	00
	Mrs. H. [illegible] RECEIVABLE	5	00
	Coke	4	00
	School Fund	5	00
	Rouge	15	25
	Coal Oil	1	50
	Mrs. M. Shields		
12	from A.&E. agt Capt Bryant		
	To buy draft on N.O.	100.00	
	Paid Helm	45	00
	Agreement	15	00
	Sellers 20.00		
13	[illegible] for Court [illegible]	1	00
13	Gum Mucilage	1	00
14	Budweiser for Carpet	1	60
		185	17

JULY.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
	449.50	185	17
16	Sundries Seal		
	Eustern Ice	52	44
	Mrs. H.		75
	Jake, Sundries	15	45
17	Mrs. H.	2	50
	Lard & Oil	2	25
12	[illegible] 200.00		
	Co. Pc. Ringgold	200	00
	Gold Store 5.00		
	Mrs. H.	5	00
20	Maryland grain Corn	1	75
	Hemphill Sim 1200		
25	Mc. & Co 10000		
	Rat Trap	1	00
	Daniel RECEIVABLE 28	25	00
22	Draft on N. York	100	00
	James E. Babcock	45	00
	Steamp 3 postage 12.50		
26	Sellers	3	00
28	Theater Mundine	3	50
29	[illegible]		
	Freight on Carriage Mercy	58	68
	P. E. R. 6.00		
	Sundries	21	36
	Cash	52	20
	785.00	785	00

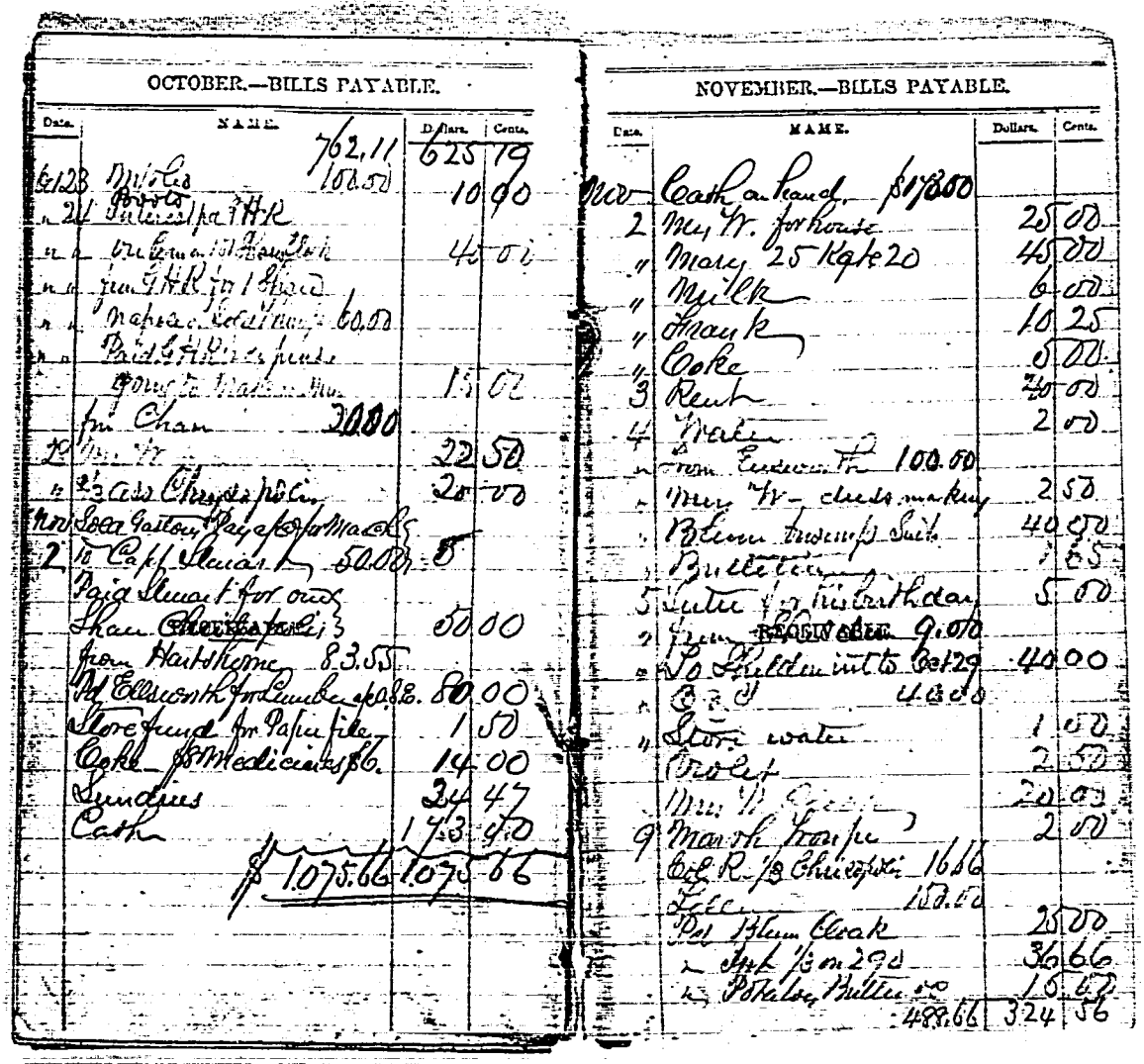


AUGUST.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
28	Cash on hand 48.75		
	Greenback 3.45		
	Melodeon	1	50
	Tickets & Encyclop.	1	50
29	Magnum Ebbit.	2	50
30	Labor 175.00		
"	Harness Candles 4.50		
1	Store Rent	4	60
	Servants	45	00
	Milk	6	00
	Coke	5	00
	House	20	00
	Herring Mus. Jan Oct 3	14	00
	Rent	40	00
	Eureka to Oct 29	10	00
	From Treasurer 10.00		
2	School & Mun. Exempt.		
	In Bankruptcy Certs.	15	00
	Envelopes	5	00
	Bimph-Green Back 20 bo	14	95
	Old Comfy Recm 9 B.	34	99
	From G. Rees 19.40	19	40
3	From Louisiana 5.00		
	Solomons Trust	1	00
	Electric	1	00
	Books, Mer Trunks & Slate	1	35
5	Market	2	00
	Balance Due	14	00
	286.70	253	89

SEPTEMBER.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
	286.70	253	89
6	Tenant Work	1	00
	Letters to Sweden	1	23
	[illegible]	1	65
	Gilt on Cot	36	67
	Coca Locks cement	1	50
	Rubber Cpc 60.00		
	Cheques Punch		40
12	Typing Service 2.90		
16	Mrs Hr — apo Stools	5	00
17	Soap Rope — 3.00		
4	Salary Jn Oct 175.00		
4	Price 23.45		
4	G.H.R. 199.26		
4	RECEIVABLE		
4	J. Jones —	3	33
4	Typing on 290 —	302	40
4	Tickets —	1	50
4	Robt Griffin Cash stay 14	2	50
11	Mrs Hr	2	50
19	[illegible]		
	[illegible]	3	00
	Mrs [illegible] money Journal	5	00
22	Mrs Hr	2	00
	762.11	625	19

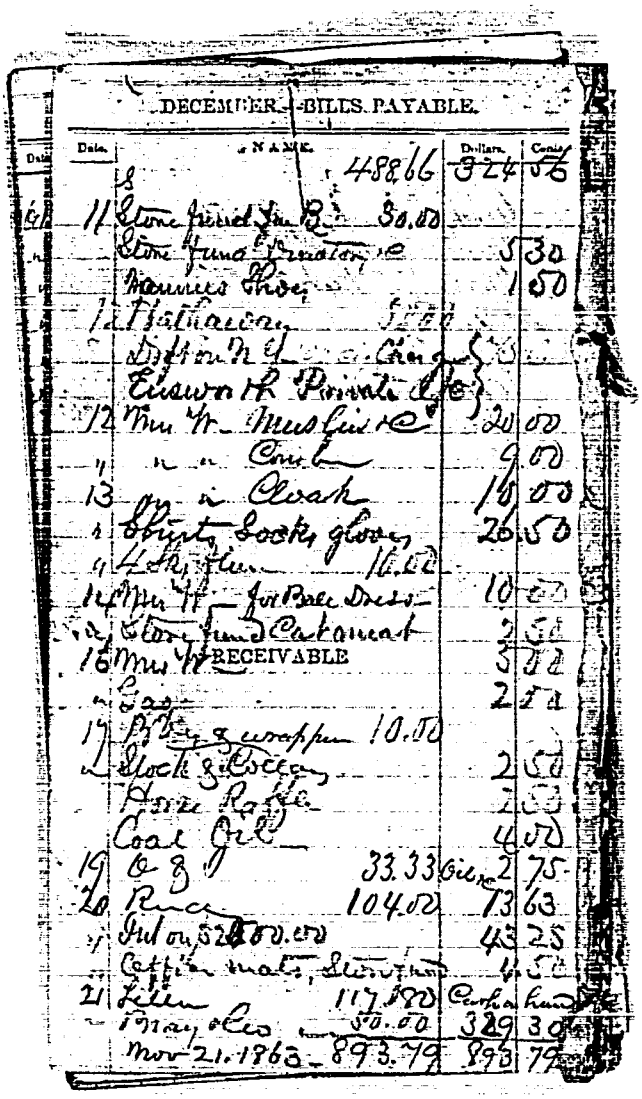


OCTOBER.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
	762.11	625	79
6/28	Mr Lee 100.00	10	00
" 29	Patrick pd T H R		
" "	Mr Ellsworth pd T H R	45	00
" "	Jas T H R to 1 Shed		
" "	Mahaw Coal Co 60.00		
" "	Paid T H R's funds		
" "	Gone to Madison Mo	15	00
	Jas Chan 3000		
30	Mrs H	22	50
"	2/3 Ass Chrysler pd Cr	20	00
Nov	1 Load Gallons Kay & Co for Mach's		
2	To Capt Sloan 50.00	5	
	Paid Sloan for out		
	Shan Chrysler pd Cr	50	00
	from Hartshorne 83.55		
	Mr Ellsworth for Lumber pd 88.	80	00
	Store fund for Patrick file	1	50
	Coke for Medicines pd 6.	14	00
	Sundries	34	47
	Cash	173	40
	$1075.66	1075	66

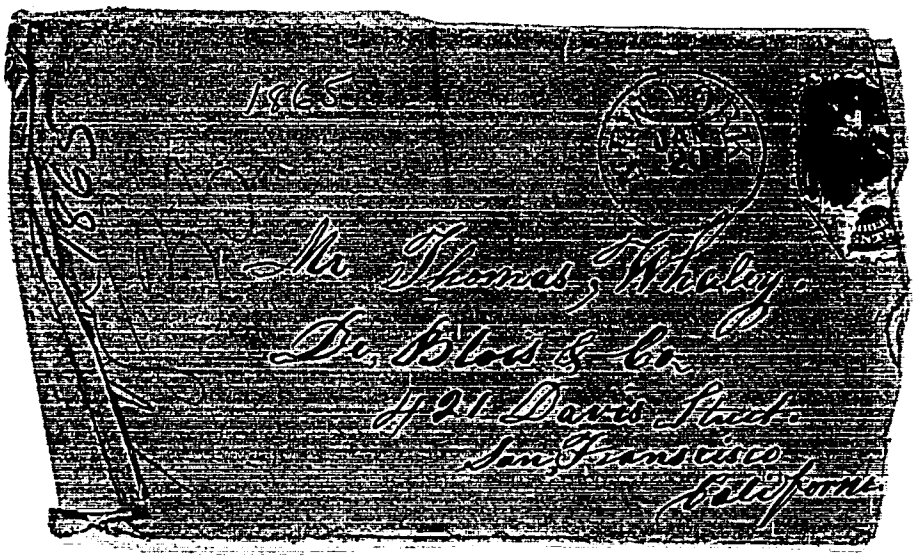
NOVEMBER.—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.	Dollars.	Cents.
Nov	Cash on hand $178.00		
2	Mrs W. for house	25	00
"	Mary 25 Kate 20	45	00
"	Milk	6	00
"	Mary K	10	25
"	Coke	5	00
3	Rent	20	00
4	Baker	2	00
"	from Ensworth 100.00		
"	Mrs W - cloth making	2	50
"	Blum trousers Suit	40	00
"	Buttons		65
5	Cutter for his birthday	5	00
"	from Register 9.00		
"	P O Fielden int to Oct 29	40	00
"	C J 4.00		
"	Store water	1	00
"	Trocet	2	50
	Mrs W	20	00
9	Mary K Shoes	2	00
	Cash R for Chrysler 166		
	Fees 150.00		
	Pat Blum Cloak	25	00
"	Apt 1/3 on 29d	36	66
"	Potatoes Butter &c	10	67
	488.66	324	56



DECEMBER—BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.	NAME.		Dollars.	Cents.
		488 66	324	56
11	Stone Fund Fraction	30.00		
	Stone Fund Fraction		5	30
	Manning Shoe		1	50
12	Bathurst	5.00		
	Dillon & Co	Can	5	
	Elsworth & Prince	& Co		
12	Mrs. H. Mrs Gist & Co		20	00
	" " Cook		9	00
13	" " Cloak		16	00
	1 Shirt Socks gloves		26	50
	4 Ties	16.00		
14	Mrs H. for Bree Dress		10	00
15	Stone Fund Catamount		2	50
16	Mrs H. RECEIVABLE		3	00
	Gas		2	50
17	P.B. & wrapper	10.00		
	Stock & Cocoa		2	50
	Horse Radish		2	00
	Coal Oil		4	00
19	6 8	33.33	Gibson	2 75
20	Rice	104.00	73	63
	Sulphur 52	00.00	43	25
	Coffin nails, Stockman		6	50
21	Lillen	117.80	Carpenter	Lumber
	May & Co	50.00	329	30
	Nov 21. 1863	893.79	893	79


1865
Mr Thomas Wheeler
Dr Bloss & Co.
421 Davis Street
San Francisco
California

Brooklyn Jan 8th 1866

Dear Son Thomas

I was almost resolved not to write in 3 months the time which has elapsed since I heard from you its 3 months since Mrs Day left Aly. during which time I have not had a line to say that you received my letter by her, or has Mr Desmond burg or daughter acknowledged the present sent by Mrs Day its rather strange. Mons. must be quite offended I do not know what to do, he knows he transacted the business with J— he, must write to him if he has not attended to the agreement he made with J why dount you write to John, the Man ought to have his pay, the last time I spoke to J— he said I will write next Steamer tell D. to write to me then I would give it to J— to read I am vexed that I have any trouble of mind about it, too mean. it may all be settled by this time, hope it is. I hope all your children have recovered from the Hooping cough I am quite anxious to hear. Thomas you must have heard of death of your Aunt Priscilla, for which we are all sorrowing, as it was so sudden, I am much bereaved as I have no one to confide in as I could in my eldest Sister only 3 of us left you would be much surprised to hear of her demise I believe she was ready & willing to meet her Redeemer which is a great comfort to us all She had a very nice funeral nothing wanting buried in Newark Father left a beautiful clock

in Mount Pleasant [redacted] tery - where any of his
children could bury by they pleased. I cannot re-
alise that my dear Sister is gone to rest. little
rest in this world of sorrow. How does Mrs Bay
ful about Anny. I could feet myself to leave
Trust she will be permitted to return to the
arms of her fond parents; Mrs Bay is a woman
of strong nerves. Jany 18, 1866 — no letter yet what
what can be the cause, I hope you are not ill
I must wish you all a happy N. year not
withstanding my despairing feelings for the loss
of my valuable sister happy am I that I have
not to reflect on any neglect towards her I
shall ever cherish her worth — Her work
on earth was done, and Jesus called her home
I think she died happy and had every comfort
peace to her memory, there for I have not
heard from Mrs Thompson I hope she has not
returned to Bal — Ma's letting from Kate since the date
of Oct 8th /64 I hope she has not given up
writing to me, I sent her on 15 inst which is the
6th letter I have written recieved one, strange
I directed as she said I must. I may get one
one in a day or two a Steamer leaves on the 21st
inst — I want to hear how all, the little ones are
of their coughs my poor little George, I hope
he will get well that I may see him. I know
he is a fine fellow give him the kisses for me
with the rest of the children. I listen for a
knock at the door as post men are in
here I hope to hear good news from you this time
have you heard from Henry since you wrote.

[illegible]

[illegible] Wheatley [illegible]

[illegible] dear [illegible]

[illegible] all the family [illegible]

[illegible] dear Child [illegible]

[illegible] affectionate [illegible]

[illegible] Mother [illegible]

[illegible] With [illegible]

[illegible] dear [illegible]

[illegible] of God [illegible]

[illegible] Mary [illegible]

[illegible] prayer [illegible]

[illegible] Love [illegible]

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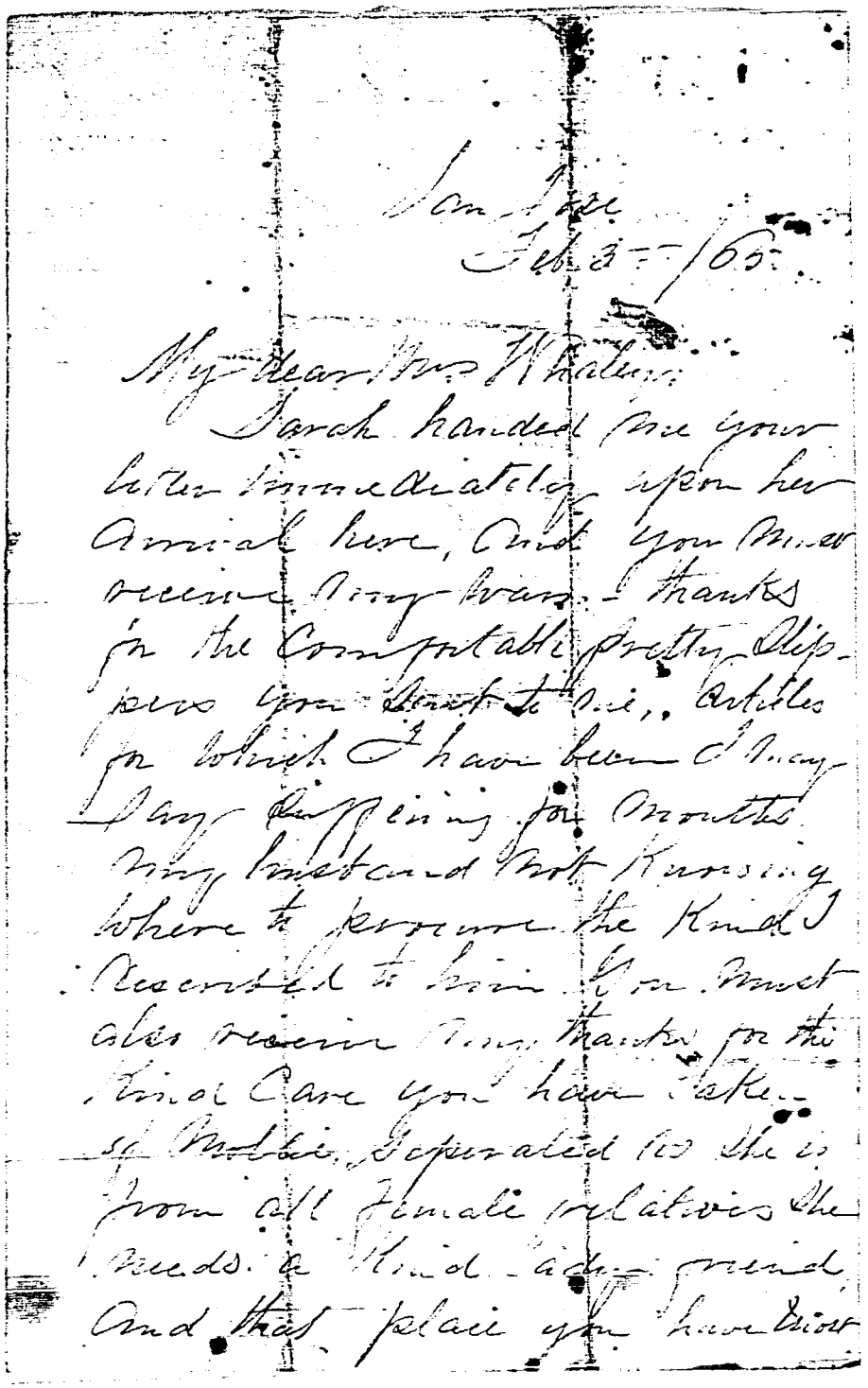

San Jose
Feb 3 - 65.

My Dear Mrs Whalen.

Sarah handed me your letter immediately upon her Arrival here, and you must receive my hearty thanks for the Comfortable pretty Slippers you sent to me, articles for which I have been many Days pining for. Mention my Sister and Mrs Kennedy where to forward the Kind Accorded to him. You must also receive my thanks for the kind Care you have taken of Bobbie, Separated as she is from all female relatives she needs the Kind advice and Counsel that falls to your lot

kindly taken. It pains me to hear of your suffering State of health. but I hope ere long you will be as robust and strong as I feel at present. If Willard me not a little to know that there is any disposition between Mr. Whaley and my husband about that land in Portsmouth lot. if Conde upon should know that any husband Contention not benefit from the matter and but adds for others in his line of duty. Instead you will find a statement which I long since he made to me as the lands were purchased, and which was known to all. when out I will send them to you. Sincerely hope, this unfortunate business may soon be of no difference in the friendly relation which has always existed between us.

I expect to visit San Francisco next week, though I beg you will not mention this to Willie, as I may be obliged to postpone my departure. Hoping to find on starting Mamie better, with kind regards to Mr. Mamie from husband & self & Boys for yourself & Mr. Mont Willie Cooley from friends

Mitchell Staples.

Brooklyn Feb^{y} 1865

Dear Son Thomas.

I can scarse comprehend the meaning of your silence, as you are well aware of my great desire to hear of your health and well doing, but children appear to estimate parents wants but low at times. tis now past four months since I heard from you, though you may have written but, I inform you that I have not recive any since the time I mention. I would not debar you of the pleasure of perusing a letter from me if I knew it. I hope you have had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Col; Charles S, Bulkly. I have sent you a package containing some things the Shirt you made when a boy likewise the patchwork you made a red cloak for baby Infant is the little ones name this package is favoured by being sent with Mr Bulkly' so John said.

the bag I intend for Anna Amelia, Wheatley the comb, you will prise highly for your grand. fathers sake. I think you will do so, I wish you to inform me immediately on recieving them, do not neglect to do so. we have had a severe cold winter, I tell you; I expect you have forgotten how cold it is north. it is almost to cold to write. why do you not see, that Francis writes his grandma an answer to the letter she wrote to him. My kind regards to all who may inquire after me. I presume Mr Day has near completed his house, I hope you call on them occasionally they are friendly people. March the 2d &c I have to inform you that your sister is blest with a fine healthy daughter, on the 17th of ult, all are well and comfortable hope yours are in the Same condition, and that you still continue to surmount all difficulty appertaining to your complaint

I begin to feel a little thawed now that the severity of the winter is over trusting, that we shall have a pleasant spring. You are keeping us waiting a long while for a letter, I see by the papers that Col. Bulkley has arrived in San, F. I hope he has called on you before say, you will see him as he will get his supplys from your department, I have but little to communicate as as your silence gives me a small opportunity for correspondence, but I had not written since I gave the package to John. therefore I wished you to be aware of its coming so that you might inform me of its arrival

I trust you are prospering in all your undertakings I should look forward to May month with great pleasure if you would return as you premeditated when you wrote that it was your intention to do so but if you find that it is not

In your power I must bear the disappointment the best I can as I endeavour to surmount all deprivations may my loss be your gain — though I hear little or nought from you, possibly you have forgotten all you wrote, with many other remarks, no doubt they were grateful to me to peruse. at the time may you reap the great reward. A filial return of gratitude from your children. should you live to my age then you will be a competent judge if you are capable. I you will receive my own love to you and family. kiss the little ones for me, tell them, Grandma wants to see them all very much does George sing any more I hope he does and will improve.

Your Affec[tionate] Mother

R. Whaley.

Brooklyn March 16— 1860

Dear Son Thomas.

Yours of the 18th Ult has come to hand. happy to hear, that you have recd the enclosed letter I thought it would bring past recurrences to mind thought so many years ago. I hope my boy will be able to read me of these days. I have the letters safe. I am glad the little ones are all restored to health. You must have had rainy season. but cleared of fine. I am pleased to hear that you are prospering. I had a letter from Kate a few days ago saying her husband had given up business gone to the mines pitty, he had not gone before. I have had letter from Henry answered it, waiting for direction to send his $600 with its increase, I fear that he is doing but little, who would not feel delighted, Mrs Day to return to her nice home, few would leave left it for the purpose she did, least she might never returned, She must have known the loss of her only daughter would have been great, a strong minded woman, I trust she will be compensated for all his deprivations, she is as economical now as she was there, she has more to spend, I have received Leopold letter John has had considerable trouble with his affairs I presume he has overlooked the necessity he will attend to it soon & fine I employment I am sorry for him

I thought you could not refrain from condoleing with me for my sisters loss, I thought you was fond of her. I have only one left Aunt Angelina I feel her loss sadly, You have no idea how beautiful she looked as she lay in her coffin, Sylvester was here he said had he not seen her he could not have thought it possible, not a wrinckle, calmn and pleasant face, she did not look over 40 though she was 77. the sunday before she departed (as Mrs T must be a fine woman, I am glad Wm has such a nice wife, my regards to him You know he was a favourite of mine. I shall be pleased to hear all about your family. You appear to think I do not know how to appreciate friend Warner, I have not thought of the poor man for a long time, untill you wrote of seeing this time I thank him for any kindness he bestowed on you or family. I am glad you think of coming to see us soon there you did, or you may sadly regret it, I should indeed be pleased to see your little family, my singing bird I thank, for his locks of hair I hope he will continue to sing, untill I see him I have made up my mind he is the flower of the flock) as people was wont to say of me. Do send me a lock of your hair gray or not how is mining stock going now. I hear by a friend whose friend has a daughter at the Vassar College that it is more like a Hotell, than a place for instruction she says they live so grand & gay – I expect the most wealthy attend though I heard it would not exceed $350 a year but extras is the Cost Now my dear Son, recieve my blessing for you and family Your affect Mother R Wesley

Do ask Wm Day (No 1 and 2 circulars) of the Vassar Institution in Charge

R. Havens jr

Brooklyn March 20th 1868

My Dear Cousin Anna Amelia.

I was much pleased to receive your kind present by your Father friend Mr D. I read the book through and think it very pretty. it compares with my Sunday-School books. They say that I saw your Papa when I was a little baby of five months old, ask him if he remembers me at that time. I would like to see all my Cal.a Cousins. my Uncle John has five children two of which are nice play mates for me, one is 18 the other 10 years. which is the most lively of us I am at a loss to say, I have three brothers and a little sister of a month old. Do you take music Lessons? I have taken them nearly two

yeare. and hope when we meet we shall
be able to play a duette together
Remember me kindly to all my Cousins
Uncle and Aunt. hope to see you all
soon I would like and answer to this,
Receive it from your
Affectionate Cousins.
Rachel Harriet

Dear Son Thomas

Brooklyn March 10 the 1866

I have had the pleasure and satisfaction of welcoming our friend Monsieur Lesoeufjeunesses and hearing once more from you which we were all anxious to do. I was fearful to weary him with my many inquiries, but, you know he is very polite and genteel in his manner. I was much interested with his detail of his little girl. John has given him a cordial invitation to tarry at his house on his return from Paris. I am happy that John was so kind and hospitable to your friend I think his appearance is changed though he is looking very well, he spoke highly of you and family my little George in particular, I was sorry he did not see sister she was still in her room, as she had been confined. on his return she will if he comes this way he saw J and all his family except Mary. he gave me his wifes visite cart to look at, she appears as a mild looking lady, I hope and pray her husband and child will be restored to her safe, What a happy meeting it will be, to once more behold her husband and child, that she has not seen for so many years, how assiduous the parents will be to gain her affection. O, May their offspring be fully aware of her parents fondness, and repay it them with full gratitude, my kind regards to Madame D. with my best wishes. I hear that Mrs J. Thompson is not well, my respects to him. You were named in your letter that Col E. Kingold was deceased I was surprised I heard it from Mon^r. I commence to write again on the

N, of March, I should have written the day after Mr D. called but he had left the Books & Photographs at the office they were locked up and we did not get them until Wm returne home from Washington this letter will be mailed on the 23d inst. I acknowledge the receipt of Mr Ringold Poems which, I am much pleased with he must have been blessed with a fertile imagination, then if he only treated his Mother with the love and affection, she deserves he will undoubtedly have great happiness of Mind; as a man of sense and feeling, I presume he did. I was happy to recieve your Photograph though you look much changed, I think your Carte de Visitte is more natural looking to me, you must be quite corpulent, and stout. we are glad you sent these. I hope you have ere this recived Your papers — Shirt — Patchwork — with

We shall see more of it

some other articles baby a cloak I do not know her name I would like to know that you recived them safe. I thought Strange you directed Monsieur — to Wm office when they & John were keeping house in B, he had great trouble to find John. from the direction he had from his informant at the office sent a child with him to me I was sorry indeed. he called but one appeared, but I wished him to come to tea, he said he had to prepare as he sailed on Saturday More he would return this way) I was anxious to treat him kindly sorry I did not request him to write I reppost he write in english or french would do as I could get it translated I may write soon again it depends on what I recive from you please give my kind regards to all who may inquire after me. Love to you and family I remain your Affectionate Mother R. Healey.

Wm is near time more say

PS, I inquired about your building you had better take my advice only it is but it had not progressed

Brooklyn Apil 9th 1855

Dear Son Thomas.

I have written you a long letter since the the departure of Mons D I was sorry I did not ask him to write on his arrival in France I trust he may be successful in securing his childs, to return to the maternal arms of her dear Mother. I shall be happy to see them we are all enjoying a favorable share of health Sister, and babe are smart, she like yourself has fine fine offsprings. Do send me the likeness of your baby what is its name. I wish Georges taken again. I learn from Mons D, that he is a splendid looking child the flower of the grand children of Hans Harpuys. was very handsome, still I will be content with George. attend to do as I request. Mons has been gone a month he said he would return in six weeks. he is much changed in all respects I do not think he has improved in the English language perhaps he speaks very little english. I was glad to see him. Thomas I have to inform you of the death of Aunt Betsey who

departed this life March 29th & 4 yr. ers old.
she was your fathers eldest sister living.
Aunt Sally, is the only one of the first children
living, she feels the loss of her sister sadly.
your Aunt P & Angelina, are quite Tolerable
Thomas, they say the War is one I am glad
there has been men enough slaughered,
& what for, sad to relate. I hope people will
soon be able to live as they was wont to do.
and you will come home and build on
the lot of land I wish to give you so as to
enable you to be comfortable with your family
Last week we were invited by cards to the
wedding of Mrs Montgomery second son Howard
likewise to the wedding of her niece Bertha
Perrin which will be a most grand affair
on the same evening the parents are to
celebrate the anniversary of their 25, wedding
day which is called a Silver Wedding each
visitor, takes them a article of silver. if
they have lived together 50 years then it
is called a gold wedding. for 10 years
a tin wedding. 5 years a wood wedding
I think it is rather interesting. a German custom oriented by Jerusalem

you may observe the custom in San F.
write soon to inform me how long you
may possibley be ere you leave Cal.
I presume the times may influence you
you will hear then you will judge what will
be for the best, and let me know. I hope all
your little ones are growing and progressing in
knowledge I should like to have my letter
have you received the package with
your shirt & patchwork they were sent
with some things to Mr Bulkley do write
about the rest if he even called on you
John said he was to get his stores of you
consequently he was certain to see you. I wants
to hear of him. I hope your health is good
and that your malady has left you I often think
of your severe illness, I trust you will not
have a nother attack very soon.

April 22nd
Thomas, I was last week on a visit to friend
Smiths, when I returned home sister told me
your friend Warner, had been to the office
Mrs was absent in Washington. I shall be
happy to see him when he calls trust he may

I should have thought you would have written to me by him. I presume Mourn. D— will soon return with his child I am sorry he did not write. Well, the Country has sustained a the loss of their President a very daring murder, I should have been fearfull, the papers say he was warned to be carefull. I hope all will be for the best. a great mystery, how things are brought about. John said the package containing the potato work, and other things had not been sent with last Bulkly, baggage, therefore they will have to come by some other conveyance I have only known it of late, I am sorry it is so you appear to have had a great trouble with the property you and Ringold bought together I am sorry to hear it you are always in law or some difficiulty. I hope you inquire of Ben send a verbal message to him. ask if his daughter is married. I should be happy to learn of him. as you may suppose. Now my dear Sara I will close hoping to see you very soon it might so happen I wish to be remembered to you & family. Your affect Mother

R. Healey.

San Diego April 16th 1865

Thos Whaley Esq

Dear Sir

I received your letter of 10th inst by steamer yesterday, but as the steamer arrived so late — the Express reached town at two oclock & left again at four oclock — I was unable to write you by return steamer.

I must apologize for not having written you previously, but since my return from Lower California I have been exceedingly busy - mostly however outside of my regular business.

In regard to the value of the late Col Ringolds property here, I will state that I do not think it would bring at Auction one hundred dollars perhaps not over twenty five, but should business from any cause increase this property would immediately become valuable.

(You know the situation of the property — the Hays estate — I know that its value depends wholly upon the prospective importance of San Diego.)

(In the event of a foreign war I have no doubt San Diego would be fortified and our splendid harbor would be put to some use, in which case there would be some value to lands fronting on the bay. There is no value to property, such as lands & houses, here now for instance the house where I lived & kept store, opposite the General Store, is now Ensworths & he has offered it for $300.00 without finding a purchaser, and it is in good order. He rented it a short time for four dollars per month.)

Ensworth is still in Los Angeles I presume he will be down in the course of a month or so; He is slowly improving.

I will attend to your request about having your property platted. I think it was that pile of bricks & the brick making machine that was owned by you at

personals property.

(It is thought by some well informed parties that the Head quarters of the southern division will be removed to San Diego. A Gentleman the other day stated that in conversation with Genl McDowell he stated that it had been reported to him that it would cost $25,000 = to $30,000 dollars to build a road from San Diego to Warners Ranch. Now there is a good road & the county road tax will keep it in order forever from San Diego to Warners Ranch. And it would not take over five thousand dollars to build the road via Jacumba straight across the mountains to the desert. (The San Pedro & Los Angelos folks are very much afraid of San Diego and let no opportunity pass to injure us.) Banning has plenty of money to use when it will benefit him to loan it without notes & without interest or security. When Wilmington was first started Army officers it is said spent more money every month than their salary for a year.

(Our Copper mine does not yet pay any dividends - in fact I have serious doubts whether I will ever live to see that happy time — though the ore improves as we go down on it.

How does it happen that there was an assessment on the Napoleon stock!)

I think the mines in Lower California will soon be worked, which will help San Diego a little.

I have no funds on my hands belonging to you that I am aware of — as I understood Mr Emworth he thinks you are now indebted to him somewhat on merchandise a/c —.

Remember me to Mrs M Sales and Franke

Yours Truly E. W. Morse

Brooklyn May 1860

Dear Son.

I have written you that Mons D was gone, yesterday after a weeks absence, he came we were all surprised, he says he has been sick, we were all extremly sorry to hear it. I think he was very foolish that he did not bring his child to Johns as he was duly invited, and saved his money as he wants me to lend him $650 as the price on the Bal. steamers are double, will give me his sister Mrs Douard, for payment. I do not like to see a fellow being, at such a great loss I is willing to lend $50 to him as your friend, I wish sister, to lend $50 — but she would not consent, I do not think she will perhaps she will, never be placed in such a situation in a strange land, or her children. I told her to ask her husband if she had got the power

* Thomas remembers $1.20 is the sum he owes Mr D is it ? I misunderstood Mrs D— Love from all

*you will no doubt wonder Wilson did not require more from his sister when he was in F. the ticket a double the price as when he came from Cal— going is more than coming to Cy. Thomas, yours of the 25th April has been recieved we are happy to hear that your and family are well, I am sorry your strength is failing. -glad you have seen Bulkley no your package did not go with his, to take, tis well you have acknowledged your papers quite time. Why did you not retain the situation, untill you was in a business, But, Mr Warner said you had begun a new business? do you give that up too. Strang you have so many debts, as you receive a good salery and make something besides, or how could you buy so much Stock, I told you to invest your your money in something better, now you begin to look arround, pitty you was so blind do not blame the loss of your situation? could you return home, and keep that likewise, at all events, you might have your home on this cost only $200, little, yourself alone, I mean. Now you have to Moan over your Chapolian Copper mine Stocks. O! how sad. I do not know what to advise Mr Warner said was you to sell out all, your stock and with where with, to begin a snug business he is a smart man

Thomas I did think after I gave you the offer of a lot to build on, with ~~it~~ for a garden spot that you would certainly ~~would~~ come home. Now again you talk but as you did not, I must try to be satisfied as you say all depends on the sale of your stocks You have a lot in B, of your own, all helps to make a pile. I trust your fears will not be realised to lose any thing. No I should think your prospects are not so bad as you anticipate. Be carefull and economical you will get home yet. I should like better was you here, in case you sick or of any ~~ac~~ being taken away. this you will consider is a matter of course. You say Cuba is country to make money in, if you have not done so, what is the use of your staying now for you will not be young again, you say you prefer coming home, to remaining in Cal who is to guide you, you talk of one way and do another so that will not help you to come home, time you did the war is over, so they say that will help you to live at less expence here I have waited patiently for this spring but you are not wiser than last as I see so will not along I suppose I think as Mr Warner does if all your was in gold you might succeed

but what is the use of my talking, you think I have but a small share of knowledge, compared to yourself. But, we can talk of the little ones. I would like the Wakeys carte visite and Georgy as he must be a big boy, tell them I want to see them, I may when I get back sell out stocks. They are in N.Y. you had better come to them and hurry up the sale. I think you are not so disgusted with Cal. as you will be ere long if you feel as you write. Well Mons & - child situated at John until the Steamer sails I do indeed feel very bad for him he is a well disposed man at a loss with his child. I presum John & I will have to lend it to him I think you would, was you here He says the man is nothing to her more than Mr. Only as your brothers friend, if any thing was to be recieved they would both belong to him I can tell you. John has shown himself a kind hearted, man, then in respect to you. I expect Edwards, are well off, Therefore when we recieve a returne from them all will right, and I shall feel that I, and J. have helped a deserveing fellow man. Case

As it is a great doubt if Mrs will help in the

I gues H & Wm will think not much to be made by letters of introduction, at this rate, from stock— not that I want any of their Mony, I can tell you How, sad to be so selfish, No use to talk to such people, but remember, remember.

I have written to you ere this in which I ex press our surprise that he had left so abruptly but you will get full particulars when you see him, and his child, She is quite a nice child Dalrymples her Mama will be glad to see her safe & sound what a fuss it makes, but we are all subject, to disappointments in this life— Miss D is playing at this time, on the Piano her papa appears to think very much of her I am glad to see it, for my part hope she will do well in the world, to Day is the first day they have been here came last night May 26th sail on the 2nd of June, had he came here on his arrival from France, he no doubt would have been on his way to Cal— but, all will be right when he is safe home, he appears much fatigued no wonder. I presume the child has had a good education she appears affable, I am sorry I cannot talk with her my stock of french soon expents. she smiles when I speak to

I told her to tell you, I spoke very bad french
She plays her music very nicely, I will tell
Olide, to write me a long letter if french no Matter
I can get it read, she writes finely. I see.
Sister, will sell her house she lives in I was in
hopes she would long ere this, as I would
like to have hired or rented near to her,
I do not desire to live with them again
though, I go there often, I have near written
all I have to communicate, you will at least be able to
conceive my intentions on all particulars.
I have not been very well this last week feel
better. All others quite well. Mr I, and John
gone to buy the tickets, D is not well a pain in
bowels, I hope it will be no worse. you have written
to Wm and Warner, I and I are to call on Warner
to day he told Wm he wished to see I— he has
just told John he can do with $130 all well
I presume all will be correctly attend to by Wms
Bro I have not given any one any of the spoons father
left. I cannot, till the place I have just the knives.
John will ask Wm to day if he is willing to lend of the
$130 as my funds and I are low at present I thinks
he, may I hope he may; if not me and John will
I should be sorry Mr I, should know what trouble
there has been—

Say a word of what I have written about
Fe, as long as Wm has let him have
the money, as me and I was low in
funds. your Letter of may 2nd came
to hand yesterday 30. I do not write
thus of your Aunts as they are very
comfortabley off and would feel bad to
hear what you wrote, I do not wish
you to give them a cent, only your
proposed to send them a present
so I reminded you of your promiss
do not surpriss they are from Us
You will recieve my Love to you
and family

Your Mother
E Whaley

Thomas, I am extream ly sorry that the
tickets are so high, Steerage, 150. I am
thinking it will be very warm at that
only see $300 - but what can the mare
do, every thing considered the cost
will be near $1000 with loss of
time, hope she will repay him kind
present. Mr L. begins to prepare to sail
I shall be thankfull when I hear of their safe
arrival is Jan Fr = John asked Wm if he
would lend D $40 as I was willing
to find $50. I John $40 which makes
$130 the the sum required of your
friend I have given Mons D fathers
knife clean it up, and be very carefull
of it as I have learn I think going a
voyage is great trouble Thomas do not

Brooklyn May 20th 1865

Dear Jen Thomas

I cannot let this opportunity slip unless I improve it by sending to you (having little to communicate have written recently) your friend D, has returned from Essex he did not accept of my brother E, invitation to remain, at his house until the Cal[a] steamer sailed, he called on wednesday previously, to bring his daughter to see us next day, which was yesterday he did not come he may come, as tomorrow, he sails. I think it strange, he was at Wm office, he had gone to Washington, he looks well. it rains to day. We are all pretty well thank mercy, hope you and family enjoy the great blessing, I am glad his daughter consented to come, with him. Just as Mrs D was about to leave Harriets he asked me if I could let him have some money I was rather surprised ~~and said how much~~

What sum I asked, he said he could not tell as he had not bought his ticket; perhaps he would not require any, I told I would ask my Son: as I had been pay out considerable of late; then I would inform him next day but he may be offended if so; I cannot help it if he was short of cash, why not accept of my invitation, they would have been comfortable and saved that expense, which is considerable at this time, he may give you his reason but I cannot comprehend, why he did not should he not call again you will not get the package, which I have endeavoured to send me this to you. I must say I did not mean M. D, then I could not promise to do so immediately without the, least consideration I believe, when he first spoke he said Madame could you let me have $600, I said I will ask you as I had, but, like me hand I did not tell him that, he never alluded to the payment, in the whole he must have intended to reimburse me, of course. I presume he will do without my loan. he might have been willence to the use of it for a time, he must have received money

in France, as he said his cask was in French
Gold. He never names you in the epistle
Then John told him he had better change if
soon as gold was going down every day. they
left the in company, I am sorry if he thinks
me unkind towards him. I said he never spoke
to him on the subject. Write and inform me
what was the reason. but unless he names it you can
not, I should, he not come again, I shall decide
the reason. Mr Warner informed me
that you was about to do much better than
being in the commissary department, I hope
so at least, unless you sell out and return home
I trust Osborn D. will be able to resume his
situation, as he will no doubt want employ
ment, he is a man of great muscular strength.
How is all the little ones tell George.
The war appears to me, at an ends or the fighting
& any how many obstacles to contend with in
this troublesom world. Give my dear child
I will bid you and family adieu write soon.

Your Affec te Mother
E. Whaley.

or you would be poor indeed I should you
knew enough of him to trust your affairs
to him Talk about his son failing for two
millions; do you believe it, I do not, all nonsense
If W is like you have but little to do with
him, Who wants to assist him he should not
have a dollar of mine what need he to trou
ble himself about our property, your own lot
is worth ~~your own~~ a hundred dollars - more than you gave
my lots from $6 to 7 00 - to the Good Way I
cannot say that you will not get two and Mr
W may think you will. he is a Strutting
fellow) your request I grant but I do not see
the use, as long as you can tell pretty well
the value your own lots, as mine was to build
on plenty of vacant lots in B. I would not
sacrifice my property was I you, wait awhile
and it will not always be so dull in Sandy
You must take time, to do all things
If you come you no doubt will have to
put up with many inconveniences before
you was settled and your house built. I do
not see what W is so active about your
business you would not go with such a man
as him I am glad he did not call again #

John was here yisterday to dinner he did not say a word about it. I am at Aunt Sallys boarding with her granddaughter she keeps the house a few miles from P. I love to be here all pleasant I am sorry Kate has married such an old man to bad I liked K manner. I would like to write to your Agent to get more information about Hen, I wish you tell him to tell H, about his $600 and if he wants it I think you might get a letter to H if you wished to. I can write Kate she answer it write to your Agent to go see Henry he may wish to return home and that cash may be very great to him. You say you have a great many more dependand on you I am glad I am not one of the number. I will give your regards to all your Aunts. and tell them you would be glad to see them. You speak off my B lot that was for you to build on, not dispose off, in any way. You say Warner has written you several letters I should say he had enough to do to get his son and self into busi ness I do not like him one time he said to Wm I will write to W to sell out and come on I hope you would not be guided by him or you

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was extremely busy in enlargeing Annas wardrobe therefore I remained but a short time I knew there the Saturday previous to her sailing, with the small package for you which I begged she would excuse the liberty I had taken. as you must know she had not offered to even take a letter I always liked Mrs H pretty well. But she & I were not good friends when she left for Bal- about the rent of H house I can't tell I trust she will have a safe voyage home she is an excellent wife & Mother. I thought she looked badly all the while she was here she complained of the heat though she traveled arround
I prefer health to sickness, it is the effect of the cold I had when I last saw dear Sey.
but let me render thanks, to my heavenly father for his many blessings & mercies received.
You write that Mrs Thompson has come one to to visit her dear Mother I could not refrain exclaiming! what a good child, have I one so good. I think I shall like her, I always was in his favour and gave him a seat at my table. but that was not to be my kind regards to him. I thought highly of his family.

Sister H. used to go to school with his sister
Silk or well I am making out a letter
but I begin to tire. tell Frank Grandma
will write soon.
Glad did say a word of Earthquake we were in San Fe
much allarmed for your safety tis awefull and
you not afraid T. Strong come home from Europe
last week I was to visit them at their Country
seat soon but I am so fearfull of Earthquakes they will
remain there all winter I hope he has improved
his health. I hope John has done about the
price of the gold as D & F agreed on I will
do all that right do assist D, all you can he
I believe is a well disposed man
to bad he should meet with loss
remember me kindly to them
You know what I say is true give my love
to you and family I will write again soon
I wish I was at home helping as that I could welcome
our friends in a friendly way I shall be so soon
I love to give any one a cordial reception
I am tired of writing in bed

Your affec Mother

R Whaley

May 20th Thomas, I just recived your letter of May 21st Mons has not been again, I and all of us think very strange of him we hope it is not sickness, I shall not be able to send your passage or even a letter So Mrs Day is coming to place her daughter at school, she must be old for that I should say, but she is the judge, I wish them well & will see her. Mr Warner told me you had invested money and gone in business, has that fell through also. You appear to conduct things diffirent to others who do so much better Mr W. has made money in Cal^{a}, and so have you, if you cannot keep it, your own fault, if you live extravagant that is the reason not any of us do so here therefore I have but little to say as I must not direct should you come home you would have to do with less expense than you speak of according to what you say you can raise I should say you ought to have from $30 to 40 thousand, but you know best John said you [illegible] better let that stuff alone

as I wrote you tis perfect nonsence to attempt to advise you I have always endeavored to give you my most wholesome advice sorry that you did not profit by it if you have not but you was in Col and ought to know its ins and outs glad you have seen Mr Bulkly a great gent I should be happy to receive you home and much disappointed if you may that you did not come home will write soon to answer your letter

R Hickey

Brooklyn June 25th 1865.

My Dear Son Thomas -

Your letter, 6th June 2nd — Mr D — sailing day I had on monday. Mrs Warner intelligence was pleasing, he said he had received many kind favours from you and your wife I then said a cousin of your wife. he appeared confused and said a distant relation, I believe. I said no more, I understood his wife was dead, but, your account, tells the tale, I would not say a word for the world to make him feel bad, he is very high toned man, no doubt he has had great trouble. I hope his children will be good to him, it is a strange concern he may think his wife, will take to him again, if Mr A, has become crazy. Yes, he said he had been fortunate in San Fr, I must say I feel rather surprised at your detail. He lives with his daughter often calls on Wm, his girl must be very rich, they would not wish to see any of us, he spoke to me of 5th Avenue I might have told him I had a Nephew there. Bless my little boy George, he shall have another letter, I do not wonder he loves to get a letter from me, he has it in his nature he is the flower, of the flock, as they used to say of me. You Mary will say. the little fowlks are growing up fast and you don't mind they will bring you up, therefore attend to them wisely, and systematically: but all say I am

No particular

I conceive Mr D. is nothing, all the comfort in the world, resting from his labours, I sincerely hope he will get his old job, or a better one I consider him a deserving man, if I never get my money I wont fret a worse person might deserve, but all will be right with him Indeed I wish it was possible that you could have remained in the position you held for Six more years. All this you ought to have been aware off. Thomas, you have indeed lost two very good kind friends, you must cherish their memory. I hope you may succeed beyond your expectations though I feel bad about your going in business, as then I suppose, I must give up all hopes of your coming home at present, then again I fear that you will be obliged to exercise more in mind and body, than your strength will allow, always something. I will give John the lot, let him pull down the ouens, as the War, is over, and build a house to live in, I may build on another as there is five. I am very much disappointed, in waiting for you so long, Should it be the fault of stocks, I wish you had let Stocks, alone as John said you would, when you was, bit, tis, awfull to think off. to be in Gaol so long and not, be able to return, to live is a very comfortable manner, after doing the business, and making the money, you have Something must be wrong; is it Stocks. to bad, I have lived in hope that you was laying up money solely to bring home to build a nice house away with my castle building, If you bought Stocks, no one would prevailed on me to have purchased mineing Stocks I hope you have stock enough at all events I think of you when I see the

Mr Warner says you are to help write, I said I believed it must be so I hope you will not have reason to say, I wish I had sold out all and returned home, one day he said to me, he should not be surprised to see you next Steamer, but I did not put much confidence in his sayings; I hope you are careful of your health the greatest importance, of all that is one thing I desire your return home you will be the judge. I shall write you by the Steamer, 1th of July which is mailed ere I receive this last one

Yes I recollect the Old General Store, you did make money but you know last, what has gone with it. You had better put your money out on good interest, than lose it in those Stocks Mr D. said he had a little but sold it I told him he was wise. I think Olivia will be happy, I think she will, one cannot think to look at her, she is only 14, her age made me feel more interested for her at times I would say — Jane write me, she look at me, then I would say, no more more down to Sun Ft. and laugh. I presume she is well taught which is a prise indeed why do you not give your children a french lesson daily, they would learn first rate, now they are young, make french your general conversation, the little ones, curiosity, would induce them to learn I know Hattie Fliess would. I wish I had such a good opportunity I would profit by it I went to French schools when I was a girl only one or two english except us the language became familer to me after which I went to a Ft. lady to take lessons, Mr D. said he did not think I understood as much as I did at my age I always liked the french the girls at school were kind and polite to me when the teacher would take me to their homes with her

all kind pleasant affections This is some of the paper you brought from France tell Frank about your many curiosities I have of yr I will send them a chance offers you will get your shirt & Petticoat by D a bag worked by Sister for me a long time ago present to Anna Cornelia, from Grandma to keep safe You will get the Comb you gave to your Grandfather so many years ago a cloak for one of them, a ball & jumping up Jack for my George I could not look up any more did not feel well I am sorry Thompson is so deep in Stocks John says he does not trust the House of Martin & Co in city. The Days have not called again gone in the country at present I well remember the name of Raimond & Co. the prospects appear good You see Mr R, is wise Thus he a family, to help him to spend his money How is the health of Mr Hinton, and Mr Franklin he was so good to Henry, my kind regards to him as a friend of H. Send one of your circulars when you are in business. The weather is warm to day, if you soon here today 29 The health of all is pretty good tell the children I often think of them. Frank you must always keep a letter on hand as I do to pepa, I will answer them, very few letters can get an answer to their questions in these letters, you shall from me, if I am well, tell Anna she must learn to write soon and write all about her brothers & sisters. I may send this by the 1st ship when you get these to letters I shall expect returns speedily as possible as I have made long tiny communications of matters & things I will with regards to Mr & Mrs Miss Olivia Dec — & with thanks to God for their safe return home. And a blessing on you all.

Your affectionate Mother

H. Healey.

San Francisco July 21. 1865

I am not sure My Dear Mrs Whalley, I call'd to bid you a "special good by," before I left San Francisco. If I did not I hope you will forgive me as I am sure you will not ascribe it to any thing but utter inability, In the first place, I was utterly broken down mind & body. & in the next, petty affairs crowded on me, to such an over whelming amount that I lost all my old landmarks, & well nigh all my energy. Oh! you never can know, how long & how dismal that last month of my life was in San Francisco. But there was no escape from it, untill the happy 10th of July arrived & freed me from my troubles. - No wonder my dear little friend I for got to call at yr home - But it did end. that long month & we arrived all safe in San Jose to a sweet pretty home. For three day after my arrival I was so weary I did Nothing but Sleep - I am now all right, & enjoying a country life vastly. - Nothing can be

kinder than my darling grand child & her husband, & I feel sometimes as if I should waken up from a dream & come back again to the old troubles. But I am now well & content. — How are you & yrs getting on by this time. I am very anxious to hear. I enclose this to the Dr who will hand it to you, with a little note about "the lot," think perhaps, that Whalley has not seen it announced in the papers. The weather is intensely hot here — but I am so well I don't mind it. Ever since our arrival, we have been surrounded by workmen which is not pleasant at any time, but during this hot weather is particularly annoying. We are however beginning to get things very elegant, & the little cottage is quite a Star inside, with the aid of San Francisco upholstery, such as splendid curtains, carpet, pictures, & every thing that money can get, to say nothing of a splendid French Cook who will very soon spoil me I fear. — We have also a pleasant carriage always at our command. —

Dear Mrs Whalley will you be so kind as to go to Mr Wenyon's and enquire for Sarah Handys Sister, Anna, & tell her Sarah is well & send much love to her & Mrs Hore. Also ask Anna if her eye is getting better. You will confer a great favor on Sarah if you will do so, & if you will tell the Dr he will write me word how the poor girl is. I hope you will excuse this scrawl as my gouty thumb & fingers give out very soon after writing a few lines, but I cannot persuade myself, that you will throw aside my letter without feeling pleased to hear again of yr old friend. We used to have some "old ladies" together sometimes. — Give my kind regards to yr good Husband & believe me as ever yr sincere friend

M. A. W. —

Brooklyn Aug^t 16 1866

Dear Son Thomas.

I have written you many letters since Mr D, first came to Aby. I have not recieved answers to them all, I am sitting by Aunt Sally's cottage window, writting to you, the family are all tolerable as respects health I have been here near four weeks, I make ample compensation or would I stay, unless I did. They all wish to be remembered to you and family I was in hopes to have been informed more particularly of Mademoiselle voyage. I hope she will be happy in her new home, I am sorry you think her position will be so transformed, by being placed under her parents supervision. though we shall see I trust, you are in better spirits than when you wrote last July 2^d. I would not like you to sacrafice your property, therefore you must look ere you dispose, and not lose any more as you have lost sufficient, any way. I presume Sir Warner would like to have, all you have, to put him in action

I hope you have a good lesson of Stocks dealing I am sorry you are so, debered from doing many things that you desire. I wish you would answer my Letters as I do yours, I mean in a certain degree If you was to come, to B, you might get something to do, but you name, having responsibilities, I do not comprehend, if you deprive your own I think that is pretty well. I am glad, I am not dependant on you or any one else, I have not heard from home in a week they are all well no doubt I hope your children have all been this summer greatly regret that I did not bring Mademoiselle Aleide up here, to see Aunt Sally, then she could have told you how nicely she is fixed I may see Aleide again, if she returns to F— with her papa told her she might if she was not pleased with San F. in 18 months but I trust all will be wele. I shall write to Hens daughter if I live to do so I wish you would tele your agent to inform Harry that there 466 dollars for him I wish to pay to him by the way of San F— then let me know what he says as soon as I can hear the better it will be for him poor man

I cannot think he has forgotten me or his friends I hope to know the cause of his silence ere I die Kates husband may instruct her to write, I cannot think but some of them write to their friends in Washington, as its not natural to suppose they do not, hear from some of the family, Harry, may not write. I am feeling better since I came here to Sallys I should stay longer but sickness is expected in the family I hope, my letter will not be irksome to read If I was certain it was the case I should be mighty brief, but you make so little remark on my communications, induces me to write thus, I am always pleased to acknowledge all friendly attention of the kind. to day August 11th rather cool to day I presume Mrs Day will not leave N.Y. until Oct— I must call on her friend who I have seen and inquire concerning their health, I thinking, suppose Miss Day, was to give up feeling inclined to return with Mamma I presume, she has the privilege, to do so

Shd you please direct R.W. Green Avenue care of

She ought to try the Colledge for young ladies at least for a while. Thomas, I hope you are in error with respect to the age of Kate husband 35 to great a disparity, she being so young but I must say but little pon sumeing it was the sanction of her parents I was fond of K when a child then she is my ~~youngest~~ eldest granddaughter I trust she will answer my letter to her, do not fail to send it directed to her or husband I will give them my address I often think off Harry W, he was a fine looking boy I was much pleased with him often wished I could see him I took him out about with me during his stay at his Uncles but he has forgotten me and all my requests, sorry he has not written you must remember me to all your little faulks Frank must answer his & sisters letter Adelaide no letter yet from her or father my love to them all. I am ignorant if J has heard from Madame Durard all with no doubt be correct. I trust L has employment my love to you and family Your Mother

R Whaley

Brooklyn Aug 27th 1865

Dear Thomas,

I have just returned from boarding a while with Aunt Sally, Friend daughter I had a comfort time, quite relished Sally quite smart delights to cook once in a while a first rate cook I tell you, you would be glad to see her step around, I often say father was taken so early in life she spared to such an old age all of one family I tell her you are coming home she says it is time you did she has seven great grand chil sends love to you and family. ——

I thought you would have written last Mail as I have been so faithfull to write of late not a letter from Olida or her pupa I am rather disappointed as they both promised so truely but they are the best judges my regards to them I hope they are well and happy

I hope you do not think Mr Warners son failed for two million and [illegible] business again is why could not Mrs D, find any address to them, all nonsence, Wm is near to them ask him, if you think I am prejudiced against the man, I hope and trust you have decided what to do re this, and that prospect are better to dispose of real estate and stocks Of those awfull mineing Stocks, it is truly a great pity to think you spent your good gold for trash, I wish you would only have taken my wholesome advice to keep your cash on interest, John said you would lose all Mr D, sold his in time, surely you will never lose any more as long as you live, I understood that you had given Warner 15-000 of stocks, besides 3,000 you lost in San Fr- Only quite a living for some people. Tell Frank he must [illegible] écrire ici souvent lettres, pauvre garçon have you one chat, une, chien une vache, venir a vis votre Grand mère, pauvre femme No, letter by this Mail, to bad I have a mind not to send mine if I canot get one not fair I hope the next news is better, I hear real estate has gone up in B— but you must not sacrifice your property let me know what you decide to do you know I prefer you to come home always something to do if one looks around but great times in CA, in all respects R R accidents, Bank frauds, murder, and all other trouble, I could not live any manner to the cities than I do. I feel much better than I did when Mons, was here were they here now, I could enjoy their company first rate. Why do they not, write. I want to hear if Otida, is happy. I hope she is. do all that lies in your power for them I certainly respect Mons, very very much than we have known him a long time tell him I trust he is doing well. How was you pleased with Madame D, present to you quite fine. We are blessed with splendid weather at this time. I must call to inquire of Mrs Day & daughter, she will return in a month or so I presume she will be loath to part with Arona, to bad

How did Lady's cloak fit I could not make it small enough for George

I think, I should retract, and conclude to take her home; rather than run the risk, to see her so much more learned: it will be attended with many changes and I wrote to Kate, sent it enclosed to you hope you will attend to it without delay I think they may write to me, do all you can in the case. give my love to the little ones, and say to them, Grandma wants to see you all, my dear little George. how nice he would look at me, with his fine dark eyes. You do wrong to defer writing longer than a month I hope your health is as good as when you wrote last. they all join me, in love to you and family. I hope the agent will send you more information of Hen & family, I hope he will come home soon I wish some one would take a letter from me and put it his hand then wait the result I should then be certain he had heard from me, I hope to get a word, or I will try, Kates husband. My love to you all your

affectionate Mother

A Whaley

My Dear Kate.

Miss Kate Challen Hay Ranch Co. October 2nd 1865.

My dear Niece Kate San Francisco

My Kate Challen. October 2nd 1865

Kate. My dear Niece, October 2nd 1865

You may have forgotten your uncle
Henry, possibly never have known your uncle
by ~~sight~~ name, but I remember you as a lit-
tle girl playing on the floor with your
self, and sometimes to me a source of
pain and joy to see you with your father
mother to California. I remember when we
with me - ~~if~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to see upon the
thick ice ~~[illegible]~~ your father and mother. If you parents or even have
thought of writing to me through correspondence
and ~~[illegible]~~ between ~~[illegible]~~ home in this country, communication
from you respectfully solicited - Have you father
your grandmother in Brooklyn.
to say the least his mother to
be a very poor correspondent - as my mother to
frequently written to him directly or indirectly
to be forwarded by me to him. They all received
word from him for years - but all enough
information upon his affairs, which they
judge, without further correspondence, which they
right or not - I enclose you a letter
written by your grandmother Mrs Henry which
letter he sent to Rockford in writing to
Son Kate were under by writing to his
information regarding him and his family.

My Dear Nieces the receipt of your letter from your Papa
mother gave pleasure you to write to for I am thought you in danger
If his ill Jennie were to die I can't imagine
wishing you for Hyattville and Newcastle
Now if you do not receive a card if possible be
the means of causing your father to come
to Wyoming and make — the old Ca[illegible] is
now seventy four years of age and can
not endure [illegible] work longer and
as you must endeavor to assist your Grandmother
and her kindness it is right for those upon whom
she has a claim, that they should be willing for
her that attention which they owe the Parent for children
and grandchildren can do it for you her best
respect and attention which her advanced age
and position at the head of the family entitles her
to. — If you could [illegible] Let Mrs Griffin — You could Anna Hester & Jennie
Blessed Child in San Francisco Write leaving San Diego —
We have five children — Frank Eighteen 16 years
Anna Emelia 14½ years — George H. Kingsbury 4½
Violet Estelle 3 years and Lois Gertrude Lee
Lina 1 year — Our dear wife children and
you were Constant. I have with the pleasure
of knowing you Kind Uncle but Aunt Ke
& you with them Come to San Francisco

Milford November 20th 1865

Dear friend Rachel

I have received your letter
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that was Betsy's—and thank you for your
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letters. wish I could send something in return.
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I hope your cold is better I think you are apt
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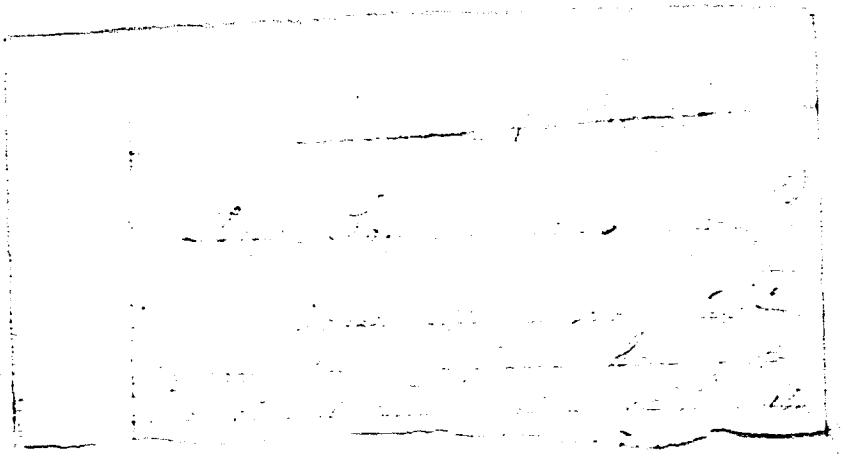
we have a very pleasant fall and a warm indian summer - Mr Smith and Sherman are well and desire there love to you and daughter - Mr Smiths third is married to a young widdow quite an agreeable lady. they something expect Mr Sell up at Christmas but I think it is doubtful - she thinks her Granddaughter to young to get married yet I am finishing my letter by lamp light, having been prevented by day light - so will bid you good night as it is ten O'clock with love to all your family - I remain in friendship yours sincerely - may the blessing of the Almighty rest upon us and protects from all perils this night and for ever more -

J W Burling -

a letter from Aunt Peggy's daughter
83 years of age



to read which I did with great pleasure. How my dear uncle only think what a splendid time we should have five cousins to aunt Harriet. five years would bring us all five of us which make fifteen not including uncles Henrys three of which I remember well. We regret that we do not hear frequently from them we hope to hear soon. Uncle will please give my love to aunt and my dear cousin with a share for himself. The smiling little girl on the left of the group who you said does resemble a present-

11 years the Your affec niece
Feb 10— Jane Amelia Whaley

I am feeling much better to day though my Physician requires me to be very careful. I thought I would sit up in bed, to write you a few lines as the little ones have the Cough bad to have my George must caught too I trust they will have it mild if they have they would no doubt have it more severe do write each Sr. Eleanor that I may know how all are doing? did you get the letter with baby Cap in. I hope you may succeed in your business well, Mrs D. and daughter called on me & H. only once she said she hoped I would not take it unkind as she should be obliged to omit many of her friends as she felt so bad I told her I was sorry but if her health was the cause what could I say. I saw Anna the before she went to school her Mother was ailed the next time I saw Mrs Day was better

I am confined in bed with

Brooklyn Oct 29th 1865

Dear Uncle.

Grandma received your kind letter of Oct 5th last week informed us that my dear little Cousins, even to your baby had the whooping cough - Grandma was happy to hear, that they had recovered from the measels, and hope they will have strength, to endure with the cough. Our heavenly Father may favor them. We hope, the others members of the family are well, including their friends, Mr O. and his daughter. I did live in hopes one day to see my little cousins but now Grandma says you are so engaged in business she does not know when you will come if you ever do. O. uncle say dont you come and bring our little cousins to see us. Grandma gave me cousins Franks letter

Brooklyn Nov 21st 1865

My Dear Friends on Franks.

It gives me great pleasure to receive your interesting letters, the first time I knew that you was studying French, though I have spoken to your Pa about doing so. glad to hear from mons & his daughter sorry to hear she is not happy. yes indeed Pa will soon make a big hole and come to C.C. then you can learn to to skate, make snow balls, your would be vastly pleased to see grandma besides I tell you & Nannie also what gaily times you would have, If you ought to make good progress under one of our C.C. teachers, you must pay great attention to your studies. then you can come to see me if Pa is so busy making a little money I know George is first rate boy I am glad they are better of their cough, kiss the little for me every Sunday more I have sad news to impart. My eldest sister was buried yesterday your great Aunt, 77 13 inst tell Pa that I was grieved to day to read his letter to her she would have been happy to hear from him I know Pa will feel sad to hear that is more she She looked beautiful as she lay in her coffin. It will be a long while ere I forget. she died sudd

I delieve your birth day is Dec 2 & then you will be eleven years old

tell pa, he will have to come to see us all as it is bad to keep you waiting so long. I think as you say 'tis fine to sing and dance of an evening. kiss the two little girls Lilly & Violet for me, my dear I have answered your letter write soon do not put your words so near to each other. You do pretty well. give my love to papa mamma and all the family. good night dear grandson. you are next to Harry Whaley for age. He never wrote of Harry

Your Loving Grandma R Whaley.

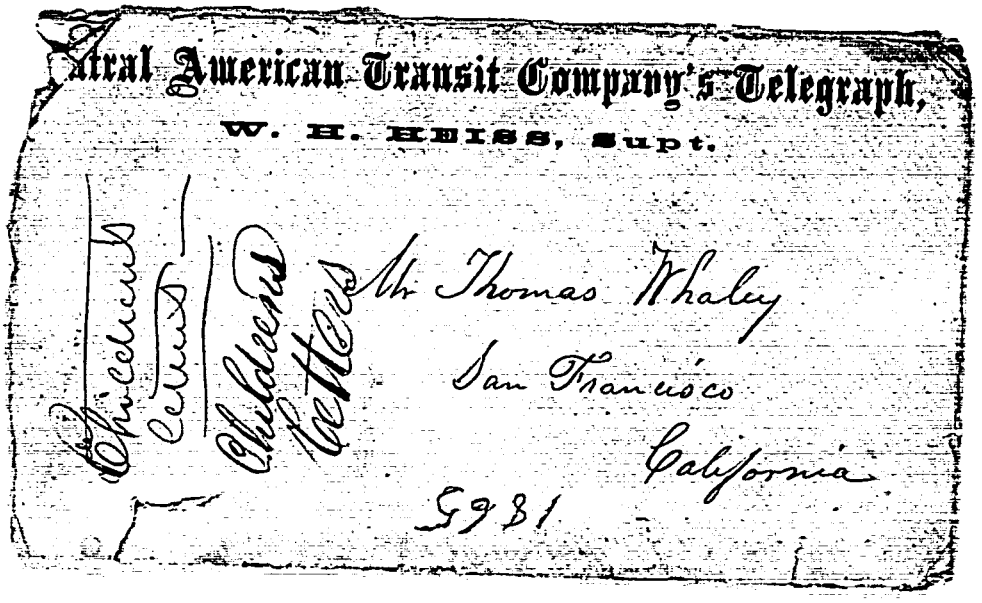
Thomas, I must now write to you but do not feel like it as you may think, I feel quite lonely 'tis so sudden she had had a cold for a week not able one day she took a chill coughed worse in a few days she died of inflamation of the lungs. poor Sister quite sudden, Anny or Henry, or any thought she was so near her end, only a few days. I feel very bad. Thos I gave the your letter to read I hope he will attend to it, too bad to keep Mrs waiting. I will speak to him I am realy surprised that he does act in such a manner I am free from all blame. Thomas I pay little attention to what you say about coming home why do you not run home for a while that would be no great thing to do. Mrs D could leave for six months and then if you intended to return why convert all your cash into real estate and stock but do as you please that you will do. I wish you see that I am not dull of comprehending. if you can commence business there you could here, and had you have felt as ardent as you express. you would have manifested it it by different conduct. I think my argument is too strong for you to controvert enough. I sent you a pourport of K letter a few days ago I should not have written again so soon only to answer Tennths letter. As I fear to be troublesom I shall expect a word from K about the money to. Here I am fearfull he is not doing much I think he had better return home. Perhaps he is saving up his money to do so, I hope he keeps it in cash ready. only think if Harry has not a good education what a pity I have my fears I wish he could come on, then his father could not spare him. I hope to learn more particulars by K. next letter. No doubt your dwelling is good being the one the Days occupied She is home ere this so Tommy D. drives his light carriage they are all to go travelling when anon gets through. that's the way to go to Cal. keep your money do as they have done, he is an example for any one.

I consider him an english gentleman, my respects to them
I b[e]g a long time ago I informed you of Miss H death I would
be extremely happy to have had my letter answered by
Elizabeth but she might have left Flushing I should say
some of the Louisiers would know but where are they ?
I believe you hear from Wm frequently Harriette says
he wrote of sisters demise which letter you will recive
first you will see Sister Anny will not remain in
the same house, Harriet has invited her to spend the
winter with her, or she may go to Newark, to Simeons only
three of us left. I think she would like to go to John
Jerolamons, 186. 13 hundred miles distance; what
she will do, we will see, but while Priscilla was living
she felt bound to remain near to her. I spoke of the
children speaking french in the family, H. takes lessons.
Emily Pye, is at her brothers Wm Fairbault Minnasota she
is poorly I think in a decline, Sylvester told sister she
would remain all winter. Any more Earthquakes in San Fr
O dreadfull to think of. We are all pretty comfortable
in health, thanks God. hope you and family are likewise
My love to all John & Harriette with families joine
me. your Affect[e] Mother R. Wheeler.
I feel very sorry for Mons about his child does she not love her More
poor fourists what will they do pitty he spent all his time & money
what does he say I hope you will favour him all you can
and help him to get employ he is willing to labour no word
from Mrs Thompson I hope he is well my respects to him

I did not send this letter on the 11th inst as I intended I could not get a stamp I thought I had some in my pocketbook I am sorry. It proves your apprehensions to come home is very gratefull to me I have relied on you so long I begin to despair, as you say you have not been with me but little Aunt P was 77 I am 4 years her Minor therefore what have I to expect it is true I am pretty smart My Physician

Read May 21

very fine certain these appearance as I do as glow in
my cheeks he says I must have been the Belle & one blended
quite a compliment it would give me great pleasure
to see Frank or any of your children. I wonder he does
not write often to manifest his love to Frank me
What is to be done about poor Harry I hope his Father will
not let him remain in ignorance longer Your Brother
R W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