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Family
Papers

Cards from
Rachel N.Y.
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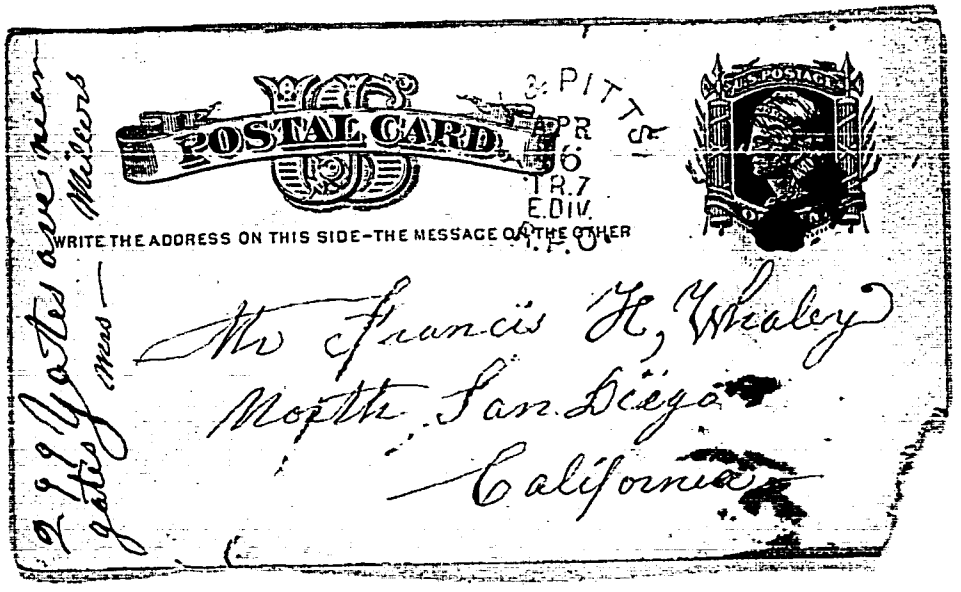

POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

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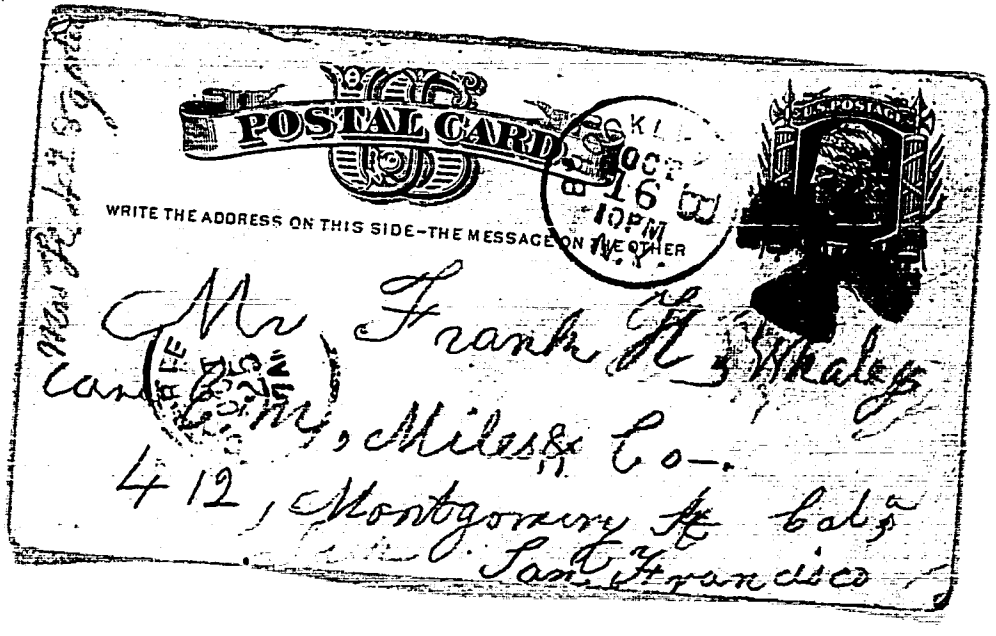
U.S. POSTAGE

Mr Francis H. Wheeler
Mopth. San Diego
California

Yates are near
Yates
Miners
mes —

April 15 – Your letter very pleasing to all
our friends Lib, boys also Sally, Nelly, Cornelia, all wanted
to go to Cal. to see you, I hope you are doing well
they are all well. John was down a few weeks ago
Jim been to Lima a long time in city she & Jim
do not agree very well, but hard to say how
it will be. I hope you will make a happy choice
if any, you must not be mad as I do not write a long
epistle, but I rely with cards as my head is
weak so excuse me let me hear often if by
cards. We have fine weather I am tolerable
trust your family the same no worry
Regards to all. Your G. Ma R. W.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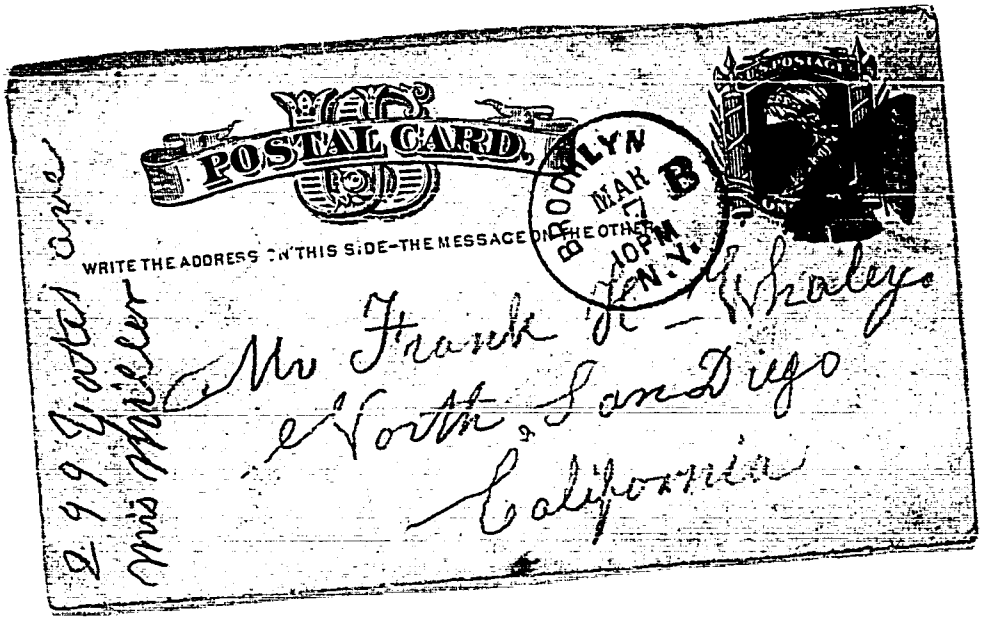
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
U.S. POSTAGE
Mr Frank H. Wheeler
Cand Dept
Miles & Co.
412, Montgomery St Cal.
San Francisco

[illegible] 15th [illegible]
get your nice [illegible] shall you have a place
in the grand Hotel I hope so & do wellly o
deserve to, let me hear if go or no, you say so
much about it, if not no blame to you time you was
doing well, or what will [illegible] Death has taken
well Lavinia She mourns sadly, Mad Fan, Pale & [illegible]
Trust your family well, all well here but
Father has a cold, a fine Autumn I want you to call
on Thos Day in Fan. a fine family you may tell
tell you of them Jenny not married has a beau
they ask to all write, soon & [illegible]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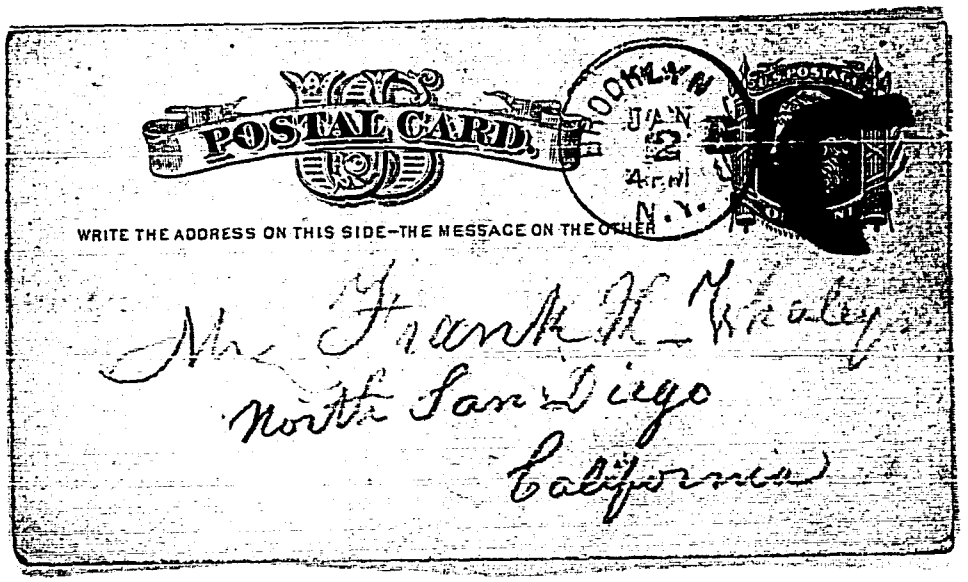
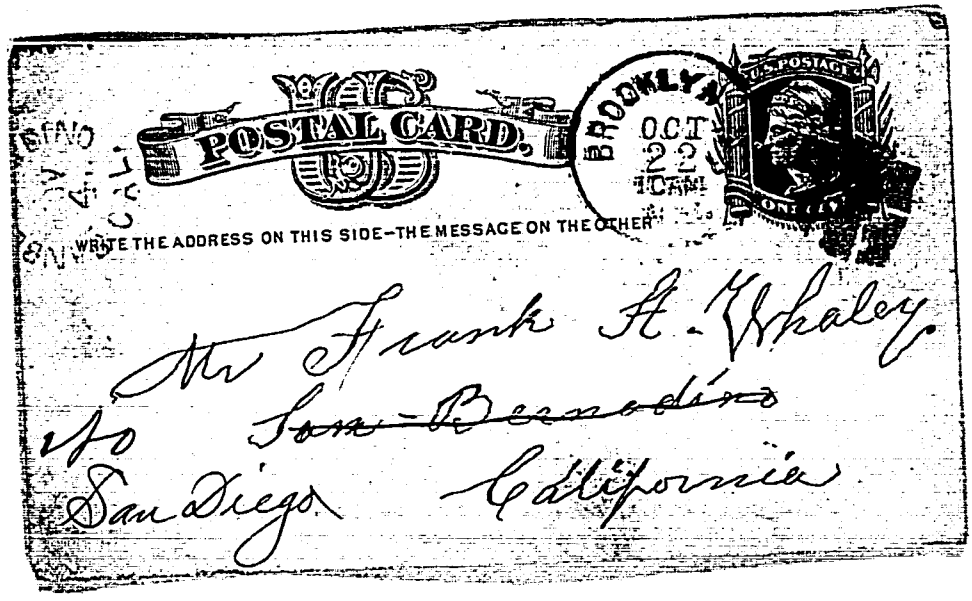
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
BROOKLYN
MAR 7
10 PM
B
N.Y.
Mr Frank J. Bradley
North San Diego
California
299 Gates ave
Mrs Spencer

Mar 5th — I have not had a card
but have sent many as I cannot
pen such long letters as you do for many
reasons. My eyes have you received a paper
let me know. Do you like your new
office I hope so it will be information
no reply from it about anything he may
be sick I hope not. I hope you & family
are well. If you are busy send card R. W.
Now — o and me all tolerable


POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
BROOKLYN
JAN
2
4 PM
N.Y.
Mr Frank H Kealey
North San Diego
California

Dear Mr. I sent you 3 or 4 cards no
reply. I am sorry not to hear from
you. Cornelia just gone, inquired of you. I
sent word of my brothers illness & death. I am
glad to hear no reply. I was happy to receive your
letter & I not I am now. I do hope to see you again
hope it will be profit and I wish you & family
Hattie & family all well. I wish you & family
may your letter intending write soon I remain
my dear my husband & [illegible] we will try
P.S. to send mine. I wish you
I am feeling quite lonely
I am feeling quite good my dear grandson
truly
our son



POSTAL CARD.

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BROOKLYN
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22
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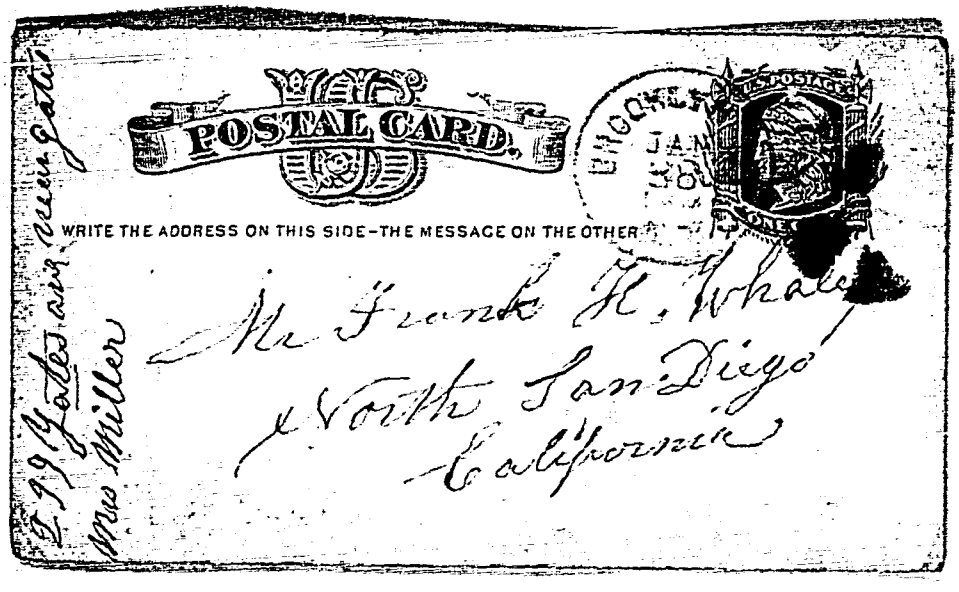
U.S. POSTAGE
ONE CENT

SAN DIEGO
OCT 24
CAL.

Mr Frank H. Whaley
~~San Bernadino~~
Care
San Diego California

Mat. I. Jennie tells me you are in business in Lon. B I was glad to hear it not having heard from you in some time I think Hapelk in Lon. B has given up writing tell Uncle H. I have sent my photo. No reply to it, do let me hear how you prosper my eyes bad at times cant write long letters (a rainy day) I have moved to 299 Yates, ave, Mrs Miller I did not want to go to H. room small, tell H. I want to hear from him, if he intends to send me some wine I want it badly, do not fail to write if only a card send me a paper. love to all. your fm ma R. H. adieu



POSTAL CARD

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

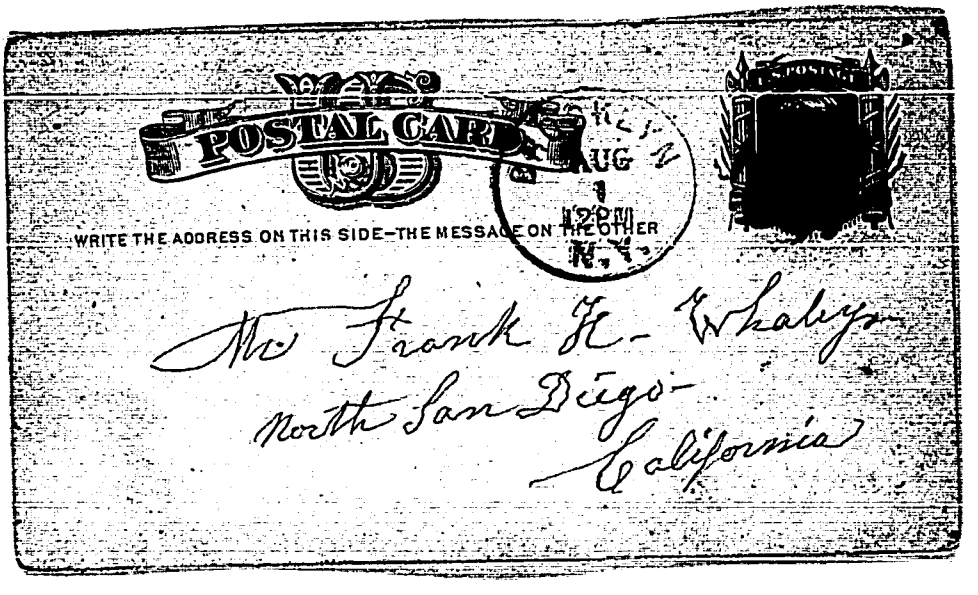
Mr Frank H. Wheaton
North San Diego
California

Lt 99 Yates air, near gate
Mrs Miller

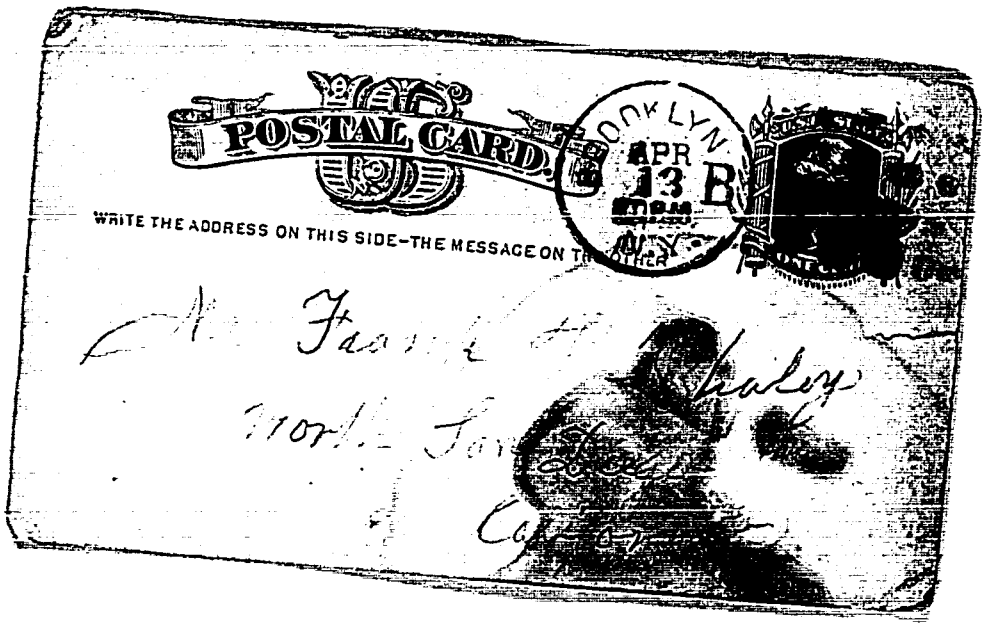
Nov 25th My eyes & head are still very
so I must write a card Libbie & all send
your letter with pleasure I wish it was in
my power to write you some thing interest
ing but you know so few I do, now you
are Justice of the Peace, you must feel
important so say if you are growing stout
I hope a good safety thereout to you will be
often called to join in festivity & time
hear from you often I may see you again I
hope too adieu my Son Jenny in Q
joins with Uncle Hattie in B yesterday

Hattie is interested in your exploits
also mine to get the family
and other news

You


POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
AUG
12PM
Mr Frank H. Whaley
North San Diego
California

Aug 1 – just received your interesting letter
from Son. B – how beautiful Sun B. must be
I was happy to hear from you (D. g. Son) &
hope to see you one of these days my regards
to all the family. John is well Thin no letter
from H. or the family Lib & all very well house
looks first rate new furniture often speaks of you
I live near to her 1. twin babe died. your letters
too long for me to reply to I cant write long letters
more eyes not strong I would love to chat with you
Hope you will be successfull in business &
all good deeds acknowledged I see no reason why not
my best wishes to all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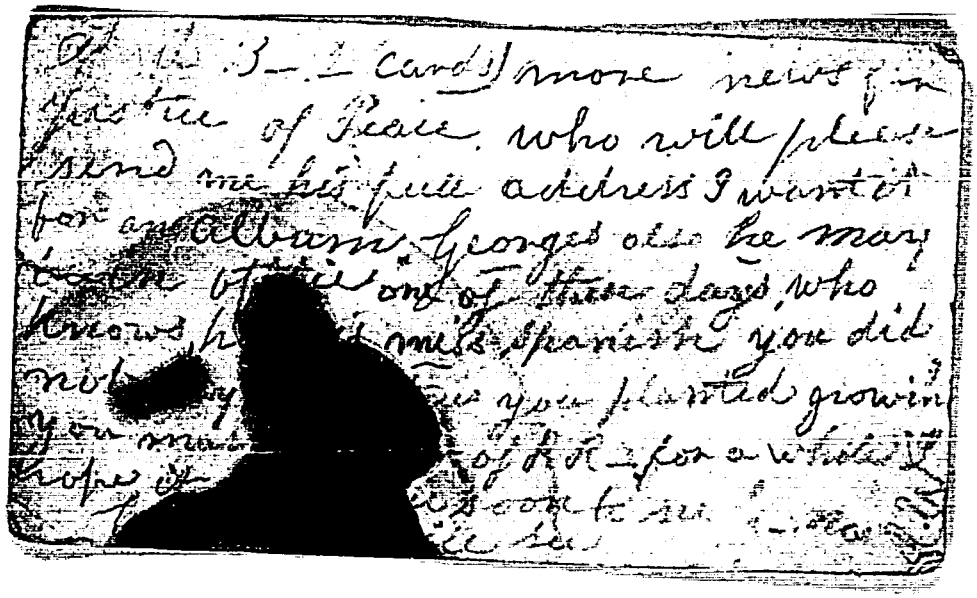
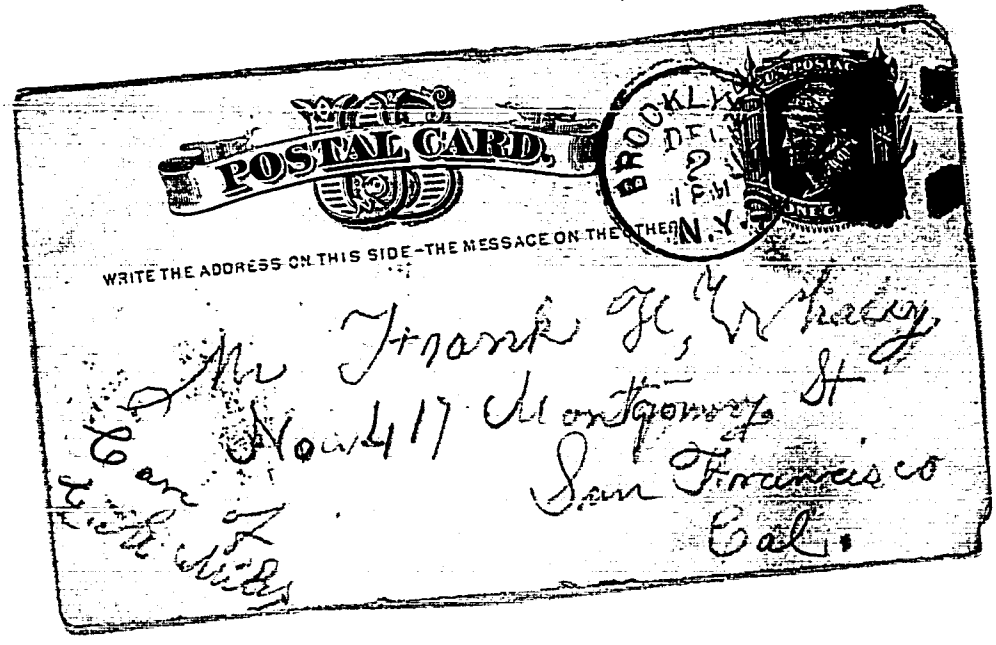
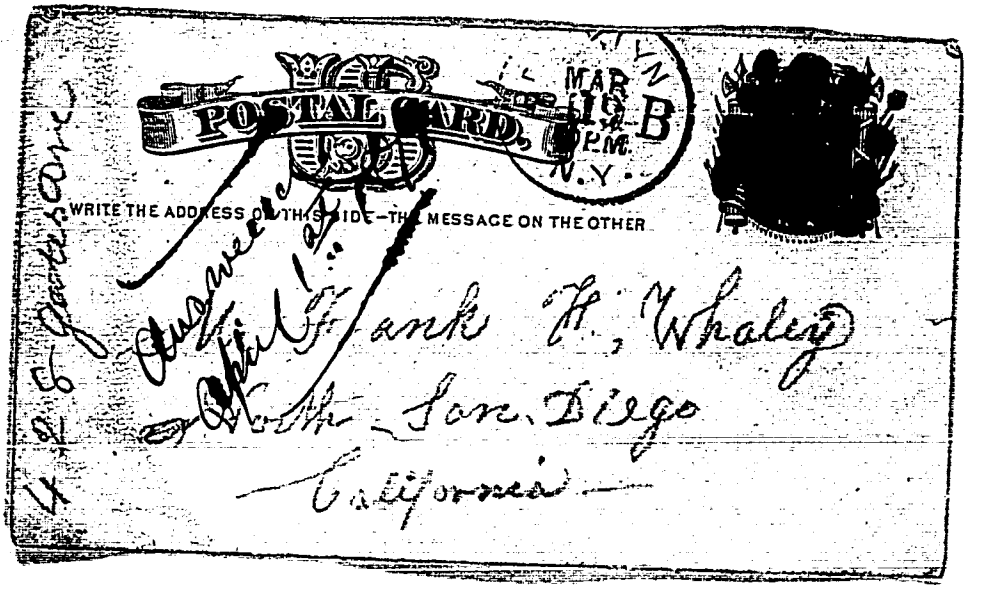
BROOKLYN
APR
13 B
N.Y.



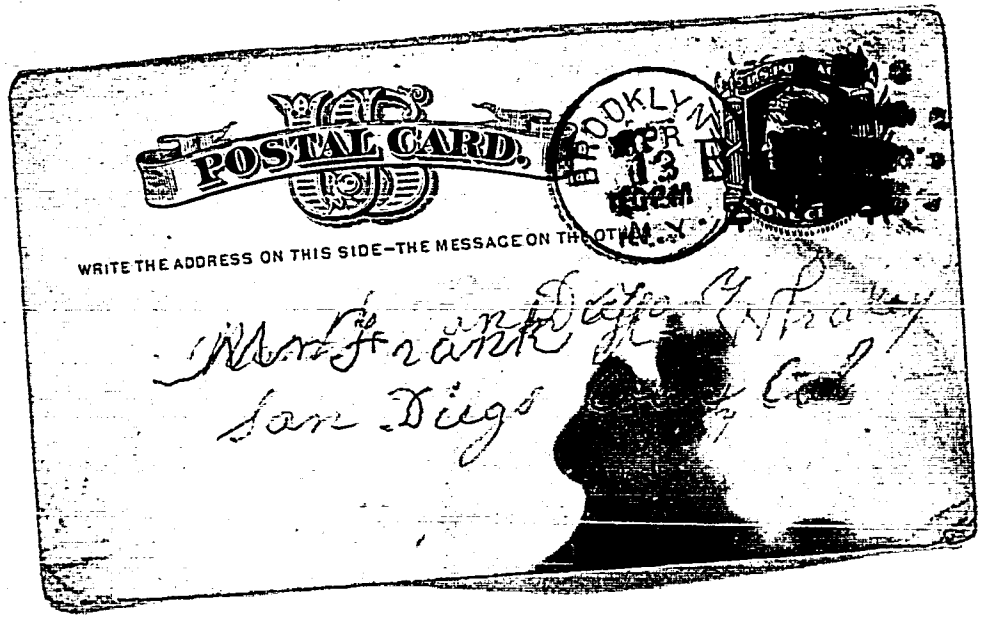
Dear [illegible] 3 — 1 card) more news from
Justice of Peace who will please
send me his full address I want it
for an Albert George also he may
[illegible] one of these days who
knows h[illegible] milk Spanish you did
not [illegible] you planted growing
you mu[illegible] of R.R. for a while
hope [illegible] soon to see [illegible]


POSTAL CARD
BROOKLYN
N.Y.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
Mr Frank H. Wheeley
No. 417 Montgomery St
San Francisco
Cal.
Can I visit with

Dec 1st — I have wrote by Card to say
we — your letter from Lake H — not well
I hope you are in full business you are so
smart I get established Nell Bean is dead
so she is weeping. did you receive the Paper
a Spring hand from me Rosa
am no letter are you in the
me, my best wishes you
my love to all do prosper my Son
write soon & reply to all I ask of you
Adieu —


POSTAL CARD
MAR 19 B
P.M.
N.Y.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
Frank H. Whaley
North San Diego
California

Mar 20 glad to receive yours of the 5th inst very
pleasant news all are well. I wish I was able
to reply yes look to I promise love Nellie has been
old been yet Jen here a week ago I am sorry to hear
of your fair fever for has been ill it is better did you
know all the people Mary B husband dead. the
hospitals who have taken (2) baby of 4 months old
she is smart to sad has 4 left to care for Limoline
in B mean as I want you to send me your signature
in a letter written good to keep do let me hear
how you get on my sister I am poorly no better
love to all the family write soon & I will send
Libby F.C. well Mrs. been sick your Pa Pattern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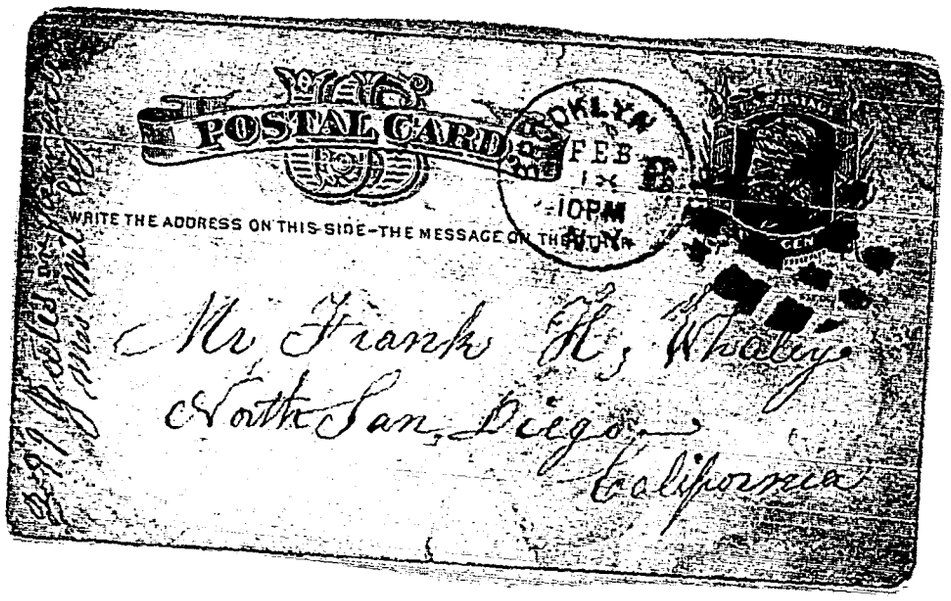
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
BROOKLYN N.Y.
APR 13
Mr. Frank Dietz Gray
San Diego Cal

April 13 happy to see your letter of April 1.
glad you are better I do not feel so
I hope family all well, yes J. W. been sick
he went home with J. I was glad he did the
malady dangerous, no news since, so he is
well well Lib & all happy it's been stormy
of late, I want your full address to put in a
autograph the one you sent good name
no word from Jim Mary K a son 2 months
I cannot write a long epistle to my G—son
I wish to see you very much Dear
some day to see me Love to all the family


POSTAL CARD
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.
JUN 21 10 PM
N.Y.
ONE CENT
Mr. Frank Hinton, Study
North San Diego
California

June 19 — I am sorry to say I have not heard
a word in a long time from you I told Mr Sai
Gentry had a letter a few day's since I was
glad to hear it. How are you coming on Justin
do you attend to painting now Jonny come to Pa
with Mr Kent to study for a druggist different
to farming do you intend to come to Ogdensburg I did
some expect you this fall, I heard your broth
was coming I do hope you are prospering — what
day & date did you & Hl leave N.Y. — I sent a card
to Ada you we apply yet no letter from Hl tell
Hl & all I will doing well will not
[illegible] engage with regards Grandma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BROOKLYN
FEB
10PM
N.Y.
Mr Frank H. Whaley
North San Diego
California

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Persons donating Old Town Cannon to S. D. Society Natural History

— in Old Town —

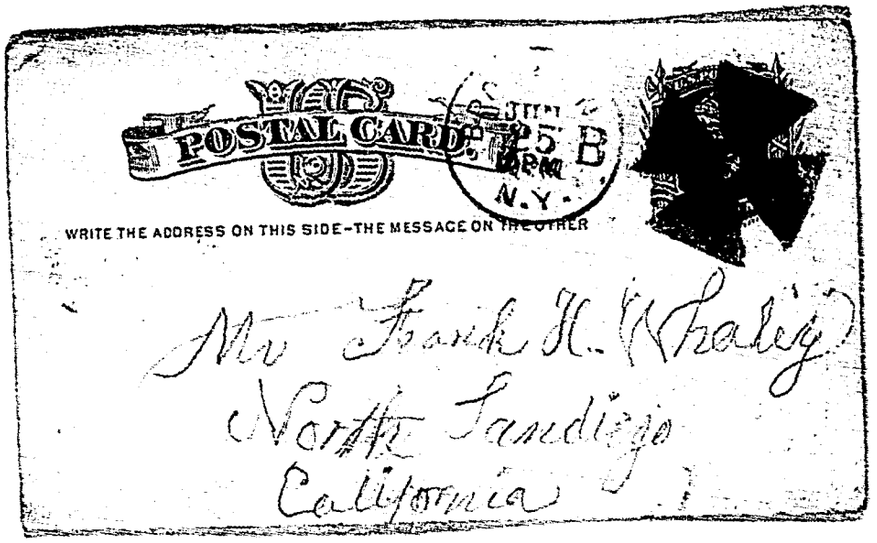
✓ James McCoy.
✓ Louis Rose
✓ Thomas O'Malley.
✓ Francis Stone.
✓ Jas W. Connors.
✓ J. C. Linnard.
Chazeus Morris.
✓ Robt D. Sproul
Andrew Cassidy
✓ Thomas Leish. Refused
✓ P. O. Neill.
✓ Angus Smith. Son A. B. Smith
✓ John Brown — John Brown
✓ Richard Kenen Son Richard Kenen
✓ John W. Leamey — Son Leamey
✓ José Lynard.
✓ H. C. Grace. Son R. D. Grace.
✓ H. H. O'Malley — H. H. O'Malley
✓ George Lyons Refused.

— in Mid Town —

✓ E. M. Thorn.
✓ A. E. Grace
✓ O. J. Withrbey
✓ Robt Kiley.
✓ Hugh Henry - Macintosh.
✓ J. J. Mammatty
✓ Nic. Schulle —
✓ C. P. Noce.
Hollerbey
✓ W. A. Snider.
✓ D. B. Hallman.
Henry. Burton.
P. Crosthwaite.

People donated old Town Cannon to S. D. Soc Nat. Hist

June 25 – I have no autograph
for Bertha album I hope you
will do so. George sent his I can't read
his poor letter – my poor head to weak
I hope you & family are well I suppose you
have your Pa with you Lina said so & 5
or one ceremony what for next 4 so I hope
may be fortunate yes may be this fall
not bun down to Lina Doll has a
fine gent ask Pa Adieu – Love yours R.K.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N.Y.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER
Mr Frank H. Kraley
North Sandiego
California

[illegible] my regards. I must close my letter, my head aches, Nannie also sends kisses to her brothers and sisters. Good bye. Remember me to the [illegible] Baptists with the Clarkes. Your [illegible] about a ticket? Do write soon. Your affectionate [illegible]

Lend me a little money until I get there. Tell Dr. Mary I shall call [illegible]

I could have [illegible] little [illegible] have not put in my [illegible] up here. Dresses clothing is very cheap here also hay. Cheap indeed. $1.00 for chemises! I [illegible] not night [illegible] Charley I have sitting stitching over [illegible] out D. H. [illegible] with me about [illegible] Adams. [illegible] Tell [illegible] to write. [illegible] Your [illegible] Sunday [illegible] Rec. Part [illegible] Sunday [illegible]

[illegible] coughing. They all want-
ed to know if you had been ill, and when you turn
next. Nannie sends love and kisses
to all the children. You remember I would
like to see you all in March, and if
I could go home down at the P. I had
more time I would try to stay longer, but I fear
I shall not let you stay. Let him send
you a little more money so that you
cannot help be at rest - and I will guaran-
tee that you will return in perfect health.
The city is very dull. I know Pa
misses the young ladies, as he wishes
to be remembered to you, and would
like me to become acquainted
with Mrs Weatherford and
pronounced him a perfect
[illegible] all that a man should be.
All other shopping off my
[illegible]
two or three weeks
[illegible]
[illegible] me to go to stock
[illegible] me now to tell him
wait till I get things. Don't you think
so? Write me as soon as you get
this and let me know. I hope so. I would
like to see you very much but must-

Monday next. The argument was postponed.

Order of Arrest Against a Lawyer.

Emma Page, as administratrix of George Pilkins Page, has sued James Ridgway, a counselor of law of New York, for $2,514, funds of the estate, which, it is alleged, defendant has failed to pay over. This morning, Counselor William Sullivan obtained an order of arrest from Justice Gilbert, who fixed the defendant's bail at $2,400.

1876

Supreme Court Decisions.

BY JUSTICE PRATT.

Home Insurance Company vs. T—
Referred to G. M. Stevens to t—
referee and report with h—

two or three of my past letters without mentioning to you what the trouble was hoping that I might get out of it and save you the great disappointment which I knew you would feel had I mentioned it to you, but as the time has passed without effected the thing would be arranged, and as some considerable time must now elapse before it can be arranged, I do not feel myself longer justified in ~~[illegible]~~ withholding from you longer what my great trouble is and has been. I do not propose to go into full particulars of the case, that would occupy too much time and be of no use. It is sufficient this - You are aware of the agreement entered into between mother and the children as a settlement of all difficulties. I never did consent to entering into it unless I could receive immediately £200, the trustees refused on the ground that until Henry had signed the agreement and the mortgage securing to him an annuity

the agreement was not complete. I contended that as I had signed it, it was binding on me and I did not see why I should be kept waiting two or three months for Henry who might never agree to sign it and I threatened to go on with the suit as the only and speediest way to get my money. Finally it was arranged that the lawyer should give me two thousand dollars on account. I refused this. told him I would enter into no agreement whereby I might not receive at least five thousand dollars, Finally it was arranged that Mr Thurston should pay to Mr Thu and me Six thousand dollars and the understanding between Mr Thurston me was that I should have five thousand dollars and he one thousand dollars

Mr Thu drew his check payable to the order of Geo S. Ridgway on the 19th February for which Mr Thu and I gave our joint receipt as to so much received on account of our shares under the agreement the check being payable at our request to Ridgway for the purpose of distribution to Mr Thu and me - the understanding being as aforesaid that Mr Thurston pay to Mr Thu $1000 and to me $5000 less the 5th comp to which he was entitled under my agreement to him.

Ridgway drew the $6000 from the Deposit Company on the 23d. I did not see him till late in the afternoon of that day. He then told me he had drawn the money. I thought all was right. I said well it is too late in the day for me to see the money, but tomorrow morning I will come in when we will have a settlement. The next morning the 24 I went to his office said to him, talked about many things. finally I said, well, let us have a settlement. He sat down, he opened his pocket book. took out one thousand dollars bill saying I will give you this now and the balance in a few days! I was thunderstruck

I told him I did not want our thousand dollars, but all of my money. I could tell you of the trick and excitement to cut the matter short, the man had turned rascal, robbed us of our money, taken it to pay off mortgages on his home which is in his wife's name and had been sold under foreclosure, and to save the property and prevent his wife and family from being turned into the street, having our money in his hands, he had taken it little caring for the suffering which thereby he was inflicting upon me and mine. I got Ridgway to go with me to see John who was waiting for me at the Post Office and he repeated to him the same story he had to me. Offering us the our thousand dollars and saying at most in a week or ten days we should receive the balance. John & I went to see Mr Ridgway and this lawyer and explained the case to him. He was surprised that Mr Ridgway who heretofore has stood so high should be guilty of such thing

Advised us of the kind of receipt to give for the $1000 and to see what security we could get for the balance.

Thus I divided the $1000 between us. Ridgway was not inclined to give any security, said he wanted to pay the money, would do so and for us not to get alarmed.

We gave him to understand that he had been guilty of a very serious offence and that we could have him broken at the bar. But all to no purpose. He must work on very unpleasantly for several days. It was much remarked upon at most to disparagement. Consequence — finally we had to engage a lawyer W. F. Goodrich, recommended to me by Mr. H. After several days negotiation he succeeded in getting from Mr & Mrs Ridgway a mortgage on his Corner Store house on Ogden St & Wolcott already mortgaged for

$8000. The house cost five years ago $13,000 worth to-day perhaps $10,000 to $11,000 also a mortgage on his farm in New Jersey, already mortgaged for $12,500 the farm cost ten years ago $15,000, but would not probably sell to-day for much more than to pay present claim against it. The mortgage on the house and farm is for $3,950, given the 13th March and made payable the 30th March. Besides we hold a chattel mortgage on the furniture in the Brooklyn house, which at the end of six months or whenever we get judgment on foreclosure of the Brooklyn property, if money we can sell for any deficiency — and should there still be a deficiency to satisfy on demand the mortgage on the farm in New Jersey will have to be foreclosed.

I thought possibly on the 30th March the money would have been paid, therefore I did not wish to bother you about all this trouble. On the settlement made by Goodrich with Ridgway $500 cash was paid to Rhinehart and I allowed him a counsel fee of $500 in full of all demands against me or any of the heirs of the estate for services rendered, on condition that he withdrew from all suits which I had commenced. Mr Goodrich has his written power of substitution to the effect and any fee which the mortgagee might have allowed to Ridgway will now become mine so that I have got back the $500 from the estate on settlement.

Goodrich charges $500 for making settlement $3,950 so we are this much out besides much loss of time and vexation —

Ridgway failing to pay near 30th on the 30th I placed the matter of the foreclosure of the mortgage in the hands of Goodrich who had the papers made out — served on

Mr Ridgway, but up to present time has been unable to serve on his wife who is at the farm in Lodey - He object to to gain all the time possible to have himself arrested, either to collect money or swindle some other of his clients to pay us. By advertising it will require three months to get service. I saw Mr Goodrich to day and he has his papers made out asking the Court to grant an order for a substitution of service by posting on the premises when by affidavits it can be shown that the party who is a resident is absent from from the State. It will be some time, however before the matter is closed up at least three or four months. Though our security is far from being good clear it is probably ample to satisfy our claim. In any event we can not lose much whereas it better than doing nothing.

You can imagine from all I have written what my anxiety has been

the great [redacted] I have experienced. It was indeed a severe blow to me, ~~one of~~ the heaviest I ever experienced in my life. After many two years of long and painful suffering to be robbed of my money just as it was coming into my hands was a most terrible disappointment, dashing as it were in one moment all my hopes to the ground. In the brief space of a few days was concentrated more suffering than I had experienced since I left home. But I have about got over it now — though I have had to use very hard to overcome my feelings. I am anxious now for Henry's arrival and as soon as agreement to signed and matters settled I shall give some more of the Cash Funds — that which John & I got the $600 — he gets one half and I the other half which was paid by Ridgway — In the meantime I have received $3.000 and another —

ceive of the Cash funds from Paris or
$3.000 more Bailey being reimbursed
the $5.000. Counsel I do not find R.
is that I hope soon to be able to send
money home to pay debts &c — I dont
think I shall be able till the mortgages
closed against Ridgway or the property
can be sold — I shall leave
a power of attorney with them to
attend to things here — I am quite
disgusted with things here since Ridg-
way stole my money and shall leave
as soon as possibly can —

Every body is much surprised at his
action, he stood high — but the
fact is he was carrying heavy mort-
ages on his property and owing
to the panic he had not been able
to make collections to meet his obli-
gations. I had very confidence in
him and though I knew of some
of his financial difficulties
I was not aware of their extent —

but had I been I could never have sus-
pected him of being guilty of the
breach of confidence from my acting
which he has been towards me, par-
ticularly as he knew exactly my
position and how my family
was placed at home —

Self preservation is natural
first law — he thought only
of his own honor & ingenuity
of mind.

Had I had the least sus-
picion of his intention I
might have prevented it
by refusing to sign the re-
ceipt until the money
was paid to me.

But enough I cannot see
the end to write upon —
Very pleasing truly well
though I am in a miserable

only to move in confidence
life of it. My intention was to
have left Panama on the 25 and
the 10th March and my
intention was to have left San
Case I had not heard from you
Henry the 20th of this month
though California would have
done so with only a few hundred
of dollars.

He will be here about the
25th and if possible to be
sure and matters my intention to
arrive be in San Diego before consider
ing the tugs will arrive the 23d
May. So be of good cheer dear
Man. I hope to be with you soon
God willing. I hope you are
well and that the children are
good to you. Continue to write to
me I will telegraph when I will leave
God bless you my dear wife
and grant that we may soon
meet again your affy husband

Thinks Dr Hughes letter not to allow any one about town

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more E strings than any other kind of strings because the ea string is the first one that breaks. please get the finest ea strings there are I will tell you where you can get the best kind of strings is at the drug stores. Maybe some drug store might be selling out at auction. then you see you can buy them by the wholesale, but if you gow to a drug store that isent selling out they will charge you 2 50ts apiece for strings. I wish you when you by the strings to put the violin strings in one box, and

the Banjo strings in an-
other box, and the
Guitar strings in another
box. I will tell you the rea-
son why I would like you
to do this, is because when
you sent the instrument
the strings that you sent
got all mixed up, and we
had a had a hard time
finding the diferent
strings, will you please
get me a nother little box
of rosin the rosin that you
sent was almost to dry.
And another thing will
you please get me a back
piece for my Violin and
three or 4 bridges. The
back piece that you sent
me split when I was
playing, it was such a
pretty back piece that I

felt pretty bad when it
broke. Do yo think you
can get one almost as nice
as the back piece you sent
me. if you do I will have
my Violin all ready for
you when you come from
New York I will now
close my letter by saying

Good Night

From Yr Effectionate
Son George W haley
Violinist

1877

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

and most affectionate manner, and that I should you have treated you harshly, I sincerely and most earnestly implore your pardon. With age, too, gathering experience, I trust you will hope that the sentiments which I now express towards you may ever remain unchanged. Time does not, much happiness to be got out of this world certainly riches do not give it as I find by experience before me and this I have experienced of this fact; and as I have given up the hope of acquiring wealth becoming perhaps too old, living possibly my ambition I am wishing to settle down take things quietly and contentedly with desiring to obtain all the happiness I can with you alone to share.

Now if you too are changed as I expect you have then certainly will be no difficulty but if not if you have not I will keep you for what you are to me I can and probably if you cannot do more you will do so and right towards me. If you kind I am

although I loved you most fondly no matter what I may have said or done from the time I first knew you to the present hour with regard to I have it with you — You are the first and only woman I have ever loved with a single exception that of your dear Cousin Corinne my guardian angel as I have ever called her and you my guiding star. You need have no regret if I have found your other self not in perfection though in similitude, for she has perhaps done more to make or rather to change my nature if changed it be, than anything else.

She knew about her intending to be my second wife or rather to have me for her second husband, that of course was all fun — being perhaps engaged to half a dozen different friends, but I pledge you my word as highly as I think of Corinne young I would not accept her if she is no woman to marry a poor man to marry. She has no

no love for her husband — married him only for his money to gain position not but that she is capable of loving and might make even a poor man happy — Her husband married her because she was beautiful and attracted his admiration and though he may love her he has certainly a very strange manner of showing it. They are far from being congenial — I do not mean to say they ever quarrel because me I do not of a quarrelsome nature but he certainly is not the man ever to make her happy — She tolerates him because he is her husband and can get without asking any thing she wants — but I know he is poor and have no thing to bestow, I believe she would have run off with me many adventures when she most fancy, having (indeed) so much for marrying for money — I was upbraiding her one day for her extravagant habits. She said what do I care for I have no one to love. Edward dear

cause she has been very kind indeed to me and I love her almost as much as I do your dear mother only she is more beside yourself for whom I have ever had a very particular regard. You don't be in the least jealous because I speak thus frankly, my dear little wife, she has been very kind to me I love her only as a sister may and affectionate sister but not as I love you there is a wide difference, and as a wife I would not exchange you for her or a dozen like her notwithstanding all her goodness to me. I long for the time when I may turn my way homeward to you my lovely one and hope we shall live many years happy together with nought to disturb the blest tranquillity. I think that you will find me changed for the better not so cross and unhappy seeming to me that I ought not to have the power to lead you prematurely gentle and amiable disposition other than in the kindest

Mr Ruffin and his amiable wife came
over last Sunday to see me
Poor little Mrs Nicholas from Nashville
in a dense thick cocoanut house. Also
Mrs Mann, Miss Greenhow Lost & Cousins
Lucadie & Que Ann Mr Lucadie & Mrs

Ruffin & Nicholas were very glad to see me. God bless me with them as I always do whenever I go there. I read them all the children's letters or rather I read them all to his children who were delighted to hear them. I send also the same day Mr Arden his daughter Edith & his son Royce — They enquire about Mama — Edith remembers Mama and recognizes her picture. I have written you a tolerable long letter since as I wish to write some thing to the other children since now the dear boy with assumed of my parental regard and esteem

Thos Nelson

H. to Frank on Europe 1875-6-7

rather prefer it, to be left alone here. He and I have been so much together and I have had such an exceedingly comfortable home of it in every way that I think it does not order him very much but as we shall know when we see what will next turn up & when I shall cast my lot I have an idea when I find that he has definitely decided to go himself to make the proposition to accompany him as I know that I can be of great use to him and save him in expenses more than the difference of the fare. We will see what we shall do as mama says at times. I think she dread remaining here alone without me (young as I am) being with him so much.

though I feel in perfect security
I shall not be at all surprised
Marie do my best I can to keep
away the blues, I have been
constantly and so pleasantly
employed during the past two
months that I need fear no
to keep my mind employed I
shall become very much abused
indeed — But let us not anticipate our troubles. I
wish that this confounded suit
was settled, that I had my money
and was wending my way
homeward. I should then be
so happy. I have very many
plans for the comfort and ben-
efit of all of us to put into ex-
ecution — all depending upon
the decision of this suit in
my favor. I have recently
thought that I was wasting my
time in its prosecution, because
I have never yet entertained
the least doubt of my success.
Tell mama Marie send the
little likeness of herself which
she intended for Emma, before
Emma comes home. I have
to be very careful how I part
with it as I think it the best one
of her I have seen. Further I
have a copy of it made, engra-
ved in miniature size, the price of the
first one would be $4.50 and
$2.00 for each additional one,
which is considerable more mon-
ey than I have to invest, so that
I shall have to forego the gratification
now, and carry mamas image
engraven upon my heart as then
I find with no semblance of the
original to refresh it constantly.

was over last Sunday to see Mr
Ruffin and his aunt & her two female
friends. I had not been there
for nearly a month. They were
very glad to see me. I took din-
ner with them as I usually do
whenever I go there. I read them
all the children's letters or rather
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Alden his daughter Edith &
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Maria and recognized her pic-
ture. I have written you
a tolerable long letter since
as I wish to write something to
the Mr children I will now close
my dear boy with assurances
of my parental regard and esteem
Yours affectionately

E. W. M —

Dear Sir,

I have the greater portion ~~of the~~ probably those questions of the enclosed ~~written~~ some time ago as you will perceive by the date — I was prevented from finishing it and probably never should have done so, had it not been for the excessive amount which I am unjustly taxed over and above last year — ~~consequently~~ consequently the feeling in the opinion I have entertained in regard to the action of the board in levying taxes this year and the great injustice done ~~them~~ to the people of this county —

I have gone either immediately into the sub-

ied and left no portion of it untouched of the Constitution — portrait — It is rather long, necessarily so, but justified by applicant. May I ask you to read the journal of what I have written and should I be correct in the grounds which I have taken based entirely upon supposition, ~~upon~~ and the statement received from Mr Ballard in regard to the hay on the Fenyes ranch/property, and you think ~~what I have written merits~~ ~~and shows~~ it embodies any more ideas worthy of consideration — you can make such disposition of the whole matter as you think best — I have not had time the receipt of your letter of the 12th February received a few days ago informing me that some legislation has been had in regard to the House bill providing for the immediate adjustment that I have sent this communication to you at the date of my writing as it might then have been in time to have effected some good by the passage of a bill by the present Legislature which may not be true — I will write to you more in regard to the bill of Howard affairs. My dear more fortunate guess concerning them I am of your opinion that though the passage of the bill if possible as you believe to be no difficulty in securing them such good advantage —

Yours truly

Come out all right from the crisis through which you are now passing. Nothing like confidence in ourself to inspire the proper feeling.

I hope the children are as well and that they are very good to you, particularly George who as he is his mother's youngest son should be her greatest pet.

I am sorry on the children's account that the case ~~[illegible]~~ is likely to be delayed as there are so many things for them to contend and endure with.

I must now close my open letter to Western telegraph when I am about to leave, which I hope will not be long. Remember me to friends — kiss the children for me and believe me as ever your fond and devoted husband,

P. H. Cleary

wrongly reciprocate the love which I was conscientiously bestowing. If you will but do this on my return home, I am quite certain that both you and I will pass the remainder of our lives more contentedly and cheerfully than we have done thus far, should misfortune attend us, we can more certainly contend against it with the positive assurance that no may surmount our difficulties. All will be right, dear Mary, won't it, when you get safely returned home? You very rarely give his heart cause to complain of indifference or want of affection towards him. Will you, dear Mary?

I hope your health is fast improving and that you feel the assurance that you will

no amusement in going to theatres, or anywhere, indeed. Thou is not a single living human being, male or female in whom I have any particular interest — and that I would not half so immediately be at home to you. I love you as fondly and as much as ever, and how great that is, certainly you have often had from me every assurance — You are my dear little wife, as much mine, as ever, and I esteem you as highly as I do when I first found you never having yet seen the ordinary I consider you equal, or forsooth I would consent to make an exchange — You have sometimes been rather hard upon me, but I have never ceased to love you for one moment as ardently as ever I did. and the greatest of my troubles has been that you should not appreciate

Knight Lemme know the Gomez or any body in Brooklyn for with the exception of the Gibbs and Ruffin for nearly three months, and unless I get back in circle of my acquaintances a little I shall pass the time most drearily. The fact of the matter is I have been so worried in mind in account of Ridgeway's dishonesty and the delay of Henry, that I have had very little inclination to go anywhere. I am now working at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. I have just been to see Governor Hand Esq at the "Union Club" where he is now. I had not seen him since 1853 when he called upon me in San Francisco. He has grown very fast, very fast, but he did not remember me but was down a few days to go to Cincinnati next week in his

nephew Charles T. Harris who you will recollect was a class mate of mine at Washington Institute died in 1865. I was very sorry indeed to hear of his death as he was one of the few friends to whom I was attached in my youngest days. I liked him as well as even Jedie Anson Sullivan. So it is through life we part one by one, until at last summoned ourselves.

Charley was smart gained much proficiency as a chemist. His father left him very comfortably off but becoming dissipated in his habits he soon ran through his patrimony long before he died, leaving a wife and several children.

You will remember I addressed a letter to Charley to Japan about three years ago, and of the Magnus Pinsons having been now that he had written and that such could not have been the case, as his uncle informs me that Charley now was upon the Pacific Coast. The Printer must have mistook his name for some one else.

Mr Harris asked me for my address. Said he would have a card sent to me giving me free access for two weeks to the rooms of the Union Club. He was also particular to have me promise to call again when we might have a longer talk.

Thus ends Anna you see how I pass the time from day to day and day to day. I do not find any particular pleasure in the rounds of life. I am heartily sick and disgusted with this great city and everything in it. I know

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J. H. Kearny

has been most miserable and I have not been feeling quite as well as usual – in consequence of worriment, excitement of mind and the extraordinary bad weather – I am feeling better now and expect to go tomorrow Sunday, to dine and spend the day with my friend Hafen. It is quite likely in a few days I will write you again and enclose a P.O. order or draft for some money to enable you to pay off the most pressing demands or those you can settle most advantageously, and I think not of sending you another trunk or box of things, and, in case I do hope George he will get his violin, trunk his Bank book his clothes and extras. Sister his dolls, Mamie her carriage, and you Switch, pretties &c – besides many useful things for all – So be on the look out for the next letter. I have not yet seen your Cousin Mrs Lowe – owing to the miserable weather &c but will do so if I can do so.

I must now close my dear wife and children, to whom I send much

love, and hope to have the pleasure of seeing you all soon –

From your dear old pastor, who longs to return to you –

Thos W Harvey

Tuesday Night, June 22nd 1847 — I have
just returned from Springhead where
I was nearly all the afternoon — The weather
has been very hot — I took the cars
and got out at Young [illegible] — found [illegible]
Lucy Wood — had dinner there — The children
are well [illegible] Ozary has a little [illegible]
They are going to Uncle Friday to Spend
this [illegible] the last — we will remain there until
Sept — I think I will go too as I have not
been for some time — Lucy and her hus-
band are well — took the cars again,
Continued journey to [illegible] Bridge
which I visited since finding Capt
Morris Young's agent we walked out
together 2½ miles along the [illegible]
[illegible] to Springhead — [illegible]
Mr Young [illegible] his family so
far away when he has made this
[illegible] would [illegible] living and
be contented there — [illegible]
when we got there and [illegible]
[illegible] extraordinary [illegible]

friends [illegible] Bouts [illegible]
Mr Ridgway is very anxious [illegible] he thinks
especially my [illegible] for him and years in San Diego
and does all he can to bring about the [illegible]
at the present time he is more [illegible] than ever —
[illegible] you can depend upon
it that it [illegible] to be [illegible] the de-
cision in reference [illegible] given many years ago
by the Vice Chancellor [illegible] in my favor
and is quoted in the hands of the [illegible] of the [illegible]
and must have great weight — [illegible] had [illegible] the
last [illegible] the case was argued it would have been
settled [illegible] but [illegible] if a decision is given against
me it will be utterly wrong and can be reversed —
[illegible]
the house which is very [illegible] I hope
it will get [illegible] for the [illegible]
[illegible]
a [illegible] would appear very
higher [illegible] from him — I hope to
see [illegible] again [illegible]
[illegible] little [illegible] happy [illegible]
much love — [illegible]
you to [illegible] and [illegible] to
write again [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] alone [illegible]

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[illegible]

Sunday June 30th I received your letter of the 14th Inst enclosing insurance policy and letter from Gannon. They come at a good time having learned from more that the last Legislature of Ohio passed a law requiring all foreign insurance companies to pay to the holders 75% of the cash value of the policies surrendered to them. I spoke to Ridgway about it and he thinks I have good cause of action - wants the law - will enquire into it - maybe I shou'd have made the demand before the expiration of the policy - I may recover seven hundred dollars and have agreed to give my lawyer one third of it - will more anon about it soon - wouldn't it be nice to get two or three hundred dollars - you shall have the whole of it if I do - it will buy many things and pay off the damn bills - I have not time to answer your letter now - will write to dear my long one I have written to you - I have forwarded written

to George and Mr S — which five included — also the list of clothing for Nelson — You acknowledge all letters excepting the one containing the pictures of Mr Appleton & Nellie & May 14 and the one to Hattie May 29 — I hope neither of them miscarried yesterday the Mermaidens were at 3½ pm — to day not so hot — I shall write to you again soon correcting some wrong impressions concerning Corinne and myself though portions of the one enclosed could stand upon grounds — You do not appear to "delighted to think I love her so much" and write as though you were jealous of her — You do her and me wrong — but I will say no more about it now —

From your devoted husband
Th Lutkemeyer

I called evening before last to see Mrs Broc, (your cousin Hannie) but as she was out with her husband, I had not that pleasure of an introduction to him. I left with the waiter your card. I will make an other attempt to see her at some future time. Last Sunday I dined at Papa's the afternoon with my friends, Mr Puffer, who always make me most welcome. They are all very well and desire their remembrances to you. Mrs Puffer sends you her condolence for my long absence and expresses the hope that you will not have to wait much longer for my return. Minnie, their eldest daughter, about 10 years of age, is now able to write, and had prepared a letter, (being her first,) to send to Lillie, but as she had addressed it to Brotet, being under the impression that she was the youngest and nearest her age, she did not give it to me, promising to write it, in time from to take home. I go frequently to Mrs Gibbs, to see them, and for letters. During the past ten days,

since expecting Henry's arrival, I have been there nearly every evening between 7 & 8. hoping to find him, according to a request made him in a letter which is awaiting him at Harriet's. I wish you see him at the earliest possible moment, that there may be no unnecessary delay. Mary and Amelia often speak about you, and, seemingly, like you very much since you visited them when you were on here in 1868. They say that in consequence of their partiality for you at that time, Elizabeth must have been the same towards them since, though with John, their relations are not the same as going sometimes to see them. Mary says she thinks Elizabeth was jealous of the attention which John paid you.

The girls are considerable of gossips, talk a great deal, as most women are given to, but I dont know that they do any particular harm in saying what they do. They have been good friends to me, however, and I appreciate their kindness and am willing to overlook their failing. I have their heartfelt sympathies in the manner in which I have been treated by mother and sister, neither of whom have been to see them for a long time on account of their having befriended me. I have been outrageously treated by Ridgway and that it is too bad I should be compelled to wait so long for Henry to come. I hope that it will not be long before I shall see the end of my troubles and be able to return to gladden the hearts of you and the children.

The days are long and dreary to me. The weather has been most miserable. I hardly know how I have passed the time during the past two months or more since I was wronged out of my money by Ridgway, but I have spent many a weary hour, waiting impatiently for the time to come when I should find some relief to my almost distracted mind. Seemingly, I am no nearer to it now than I was when compelled by a combination of unfavorable circumstances to wait. When will I see an end to my troubles, and when I never be

free from surrounding cares? I suppose not. It is seemingly the lot of us poor mortals to be oppressed with burdens of some sort, and certainly I have mine to bear — The past two years of my life have been a blank to me. I look back upon it as if it were a dream — from which I am awakening — It seems as though I had been purgatory or suffering from the excruciating torments of Hell itself. Why should I have been detained here so long, away from home, and all those I hold most dear wife and children suffering as I have? Will the money which I may get compensate my one iota for this? The time lost can never be restored, neither can the happiness which I have sacrificed be regained. Two years, for a man of my years, wasted as I have the precious time is too much for the little which I may receive, and could it have been for this that I must have sacrificed so much, I never should have undertaken the task. But no one dare do so, I suppose the best for me is to see it through to the end having gone so far, not to regard and so let us all resume, and hope for the best.

1871

Tell my Dear that Morse wants that his $292.00 is in State yet and likely to remain there.

I saw Mrs Saunders the other day. She said your mother had written to her informing her that you had written to her informing her that I had written to you informing you that she had told me that your mother had written to me for money - that she had sent us some but hadn't heard from her since - the boy has got mixed up in some way. in the Lawsuit as you will get this mixed up from the way it is written. Give it as a specimen of how easily it is to get things mixed

up. Then I certainly some
misunderstanding somewhere
but when I doubt know —
understood my to say
that your mother had written
for some assistance and
that she sent it to Kansas
had heard from her but
once since — This was the
meaning I intended to convey,
whether I did or not
don't know — A little
thing sometimes unless com-
municated or explained alters
matters a great deal
mother. Please interpret
anything I write against
to any due at least I like
to write back. (^ ^)

San Francisco and then abide patiently for better times. I am anxious to return home as soon as I can to decide upon what is for the best, but I am told detaining him, and yet being able to recover my money, notwithstanding the effort being made. It is not such an easy matter to squeeze money out of people when they are determined not to pay, and the law is so slow to execute. I have Conant at the present time in a very tight place, he being in Contempt of Court in not answering a Summons on the 11th inst; and shall not let up on him, but hold the rod threatening over him. He returned from Marysville yesterday, and my lawyer said him and told him of the position of affairs. He got $50 out of him of which he paid me only $20 on account, retaining the balance for himself for the expenses incurred on the 11th inst; I shall in the end get this back that is in the event of an being paid Conant

promised to pay more to day, and my lawyer will be after him continually till all is paid, the balance being about $325. ~~or~~ $275 to $300 of which comes to me. After recovering from Conant, my next move will be to attach money in his hand, belonging to Bailey for the amount due from him on judgment $110.50 and costs $100 more. Bailey is interested with Conant in the suits of the old post office building, and it is from this source I expect to get my money from him. But it will take some time. My intention is, when I get the balance money from Conant, to start for home, leaving the matter of collection from Bailey in my lawyers hands to be dealt to me. As the amount from Bailey is only about $100 after paying lawyer, it would not do for me to remain a month or longer upon the uncertainty of its collection. I shall go leave after getting the money from Conant as that will be the time when I shall have not funds in hands, and paying out of my expenses home it will be no more than sufficient to get the family out of San Diego. If they must go, as probably they must, to San Francisco, when I return to commence the world anew, not without the hope of making sufficient for their maintenance, if not laying the foundation of future success. I shall count greatly upon this aid and cooperation.

I am glad to hear that the prospects of an abundant crop are so good for San Diego owing to the copious rains.

I wonder you have said nothing to the severe cold weather which I read reported in the papers. I expected from the thermometer being at 22° to hear that the fruit bearing trees had all been killed in the cold and suffering of the stock.

I am surprised to hear of further building of brick houses in Bentonville. It is hopeless longer of some prospect to do things

in the face of impending ruin which they are so loth to believe. But though the times are dull with the majority of people, I suppose there are some few who are doing well and have more money than they know what to do with. How about Hytow? Will he be able to hold out? I hope so. If ever a man deserved success I think that he does.

I hope you will give your counsel to George and see that he is having proper care to restore him to health, in consequence of his grateful indiscretion, and that the lesson he has learned will be one never to be forgotten.

I think your Chancellor and those of George would be better in San Francisco than by remaining where you are, as well as the other members of the family. I enclose the $10 which I got from my lawyer, for mama. I have lived for the past week on one dollar and have no more for the present unless I am fortunate to get some from Grant. With love and hoping to see you all soon, I am

Your affectionate father,

W. H. Whaley.

Please excuse me for ending any let

From Your Affectionate Son

George Hay Ringold Whaley

San Diego.

Dear Father.

I write you these few lines to let you know that myself and all are well. and hope you are the same. Frank received the telegram that you send to him yesterday. he was very glad when he received it. the first thing he did when he came from New Town was to comence and pack his trunk. for he had very little time to spare. in the day time about noon when Frank came from Town he told me to invite some of the boys to com up to the house and have a farewell dance. they came up and of course brought their partners. and they had the gayest old dance that was ever had in Old Town. I played untill 7.0 (6) and then the party broke up. Frank put all his bagge out on the porch so as to be ready for the stage when it arrives. when the stage arrived mother and my sisters took their farewell kiss

the stage started and Mother and
ll went inside and cryed over the
Frank. they all feel lonesome at pres-
he course of one or two days they will get
g. I am very sorry he has gone because
one to play the Guitar. I am very
glad he has gone for one reason. I will tell you
why because it will make a man of him to
travel alone and he will have a much finer
show to work at his trade, and in course of time
will be somebody. I tell them all at home that
I will be worth one million of dollars but they
all laugh at it I will tell you how by planting
gum trees dont you think I will. The money that
you sent yesterday Mother let Frank have
about $180.00 and she took the rest which was
$120.00 Mother says she thinks she will be
able to get along with that much until you
return home. There has been two meetings held
in Old Town already. The first one was a demo-
cratic wich was held at Mr Roses house. the
other a republican meeting which was held
at the Seeley house was a most respectable
meeting. The republican meeting had the
brass band from New Town