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New York, January 2nd 1874.

Dear Mama,

I send enclosed a letter to the children giving an account of the holidays. It was my intention to have written them more but when I to do so then would perhaps be a delay of a day or so – therefore I have determined to enclose my notes, which you may have some difficulty in deciphering and perhaps in some instances find it impossible to make head or tail of them. What the children will find interesting is about Christmas New Years – the church, Christmas tree and so forth – if I had had time I have written it out at length it would be more readable and perhaps more interesting – The notes commence somewhere in the middle of a day the 20th & end with the day as far as I have written – they contain besides what is for the children some other things

which of course being private you will keep to yourself.) I presume by this time Mr Morse must have arrived and that you have seen him and got considerable information from him about my suit &c — Do not be discouraged — All will be right I think with us — only have patience — you will think that I have a great deal to say in looking over my diary — and so I have — but I keep a stiff upper lip and am always on the go so you will perceive no prudent from getting the blues — I have gone through so much, that if necessarily required, I am prepared to go through a great deal more. I will write to you again soon and immediately upon hearing a decision in my case — and I sincerely hope I may be able to let you hear by telegraph. With love and kisses from your dear husband — Thos Wheeler

I am feeling well and trust that you are much better.

New York. December 31 - 1873.

To My Dear Children:-
Mamie, Violet & Lillie.

I received a letter from mama a few days ago enclosing one from Mamie & and an other from Lillie - Oh I have been since I heard from George & Violet and more than a month since I heard from Frank. I am very glad to hear from Mamie & Lillie and would be from the other children when disposed to write. I got a letter from your uncle Henry a few days ago which informed me of Eunice's arrival at home accompanied by George - I hope he will have a good time of it and enjoy his visit. You are all expecting me home on New-Years day, but will be disappointed, but not more so than myself - Mama very much have liked to have been with you at that time but it was impossible. I am still waiting for a decision in my case before determining what I shall do.

It may be some time yet before I can return home. Be patient then for and with I will come to see my little girls as soon as I can and hope to bring them something handsome in the way of presents. but perhaps they will be rather late for necessary presents – I am glad to hear that you have had so much rain and that the grass looks so green – and hope that everything will grow and that we shall have a more prosperous year than we have had for some time past. I hope that Violet Doll, (which prevented her from writing to me) looks well dressed for Christmas. – I will tell you a little about the many things I have seen during the holidays which will interest you perhaps more than anything else I can write about – The stores are filled with many beautiful goods and they and an crowd from morning till evening with women and children either admiring them or purchasing them – the churches are beautifully trimmed with evergreens and are having their festivals and many children are made glad by the presents they receive. I was at the house of a friend (Mr Pfeffer) about five minutes walk from your Aunt Harriet the evening of the 26th December when there was a gathering of young folks – At 7 O'Clock there was an exhibition of the magic lantern which he had given to his son Hermann, a boy about George's size and age, – then what is called jumping over the candlestick which created considerable amusement I must explain how this is done – The sheet stretched in the way of the sliding doors for the exhibition of the magic lantern was allowed to remain for the screen to reflect the images upon – a lighted candle was placed upon the floor at about ten or twelve feet from the screen – then some one – a girl or a boy – or perhaps both were placed therein between the screen between it and the lighted candle – commence performing antics – such as placing their

fingers to their nose - pretending to fight and cutting up shines generally - all of which would be reflected upon the screen to the amusement of the audience on the other side - and perfectly discernable, there being no other light in the rooms than that afforded by the single candle - as an occasional finale to the performance from time to time one of the parties would retire facing towards the candle and just as he or she got near it jump over it - following perhaps by his or her companion in quick succession - the effect of the shadows produced being most ludicrous - the nearer the person was to the curtain the smaller he would appear to be and in retiring back were towards the candle the larger he would appear though to the audience, when the ~~to~~ jump was given, it would appear that he was coming towards them. Another ~~effect~~ ~~peculiar~~ delusive effect produced would be to let a grown person stand near the screen

and a child away from it - which the child would appear to be the larger of the two. I have explained the jumping over of the Candlestick to you thinking perhaps you might like to try the effect of it some evening - up stairs in the way of the folding doors - But to continue an account of the evening entertainment at Mr Ogden's - When the Christmas tree was lighted up - the most beautiful tree for an occasion of the kind I think I ever saw - there were upon it several hundreds of things for its ornamentation - balloons and bird cages suspended in midair - Cocoa wax candles in small tin candlesticks each surrounded with four miniature american flags - reflectors, reflecting green red & yellow lights - glass balls of gold silver and various colors - cornucopias of silver gold and tinted paper, and others that were transparent showing the bon bons and sugar plums in them - fancy boxes, drums - golden stars, silver fishes, tiny brass bells - baskets of

Sugar Strawberries – French mottoes going off with a cracker, and having in them instead of Confectionary. Some articles of wearing apparel, a cap for instance of grotesque shape made of tissue paper – and besides these things the tree contained many other articles and was beautifully festooned with a profusion of popcorn strung upon strings and garlands of different colored beads and various kinds of transparencies – At the foot were several houses ~~[illegible]~~ a windmill and a stable made of pasteboard forming a miniature village. The tree stood in a bay window – at one side of the hall and presented a most beautiful sight which could be enjoyed (as the windows were open to give air for the preservation of the tree till New Years) by crowds of boys and girls in the street outside as well as by the inmates of the house. The presents by Santa Claus and the friends of the children had been arranged around the tree in the bay window – and were distributed early Christmas morning. And now the little girls with their little dolls and the little boys with what they most fancied were dancing around the illuminated tree, having a good time generally – to the delight of themselves their parents and their friends. It was taken altogether a nice social home gathering and reminded me of my own in past times when more favorably situated. I retired from the scene about 10 O'Clock wending my way back home through the slush – and then to bed to dream of all I had seen –

January 3rd 1874. It was my intention, my dear children, to have finished and have mailed this letter on the day it was commenced, but owing to an interruption I could not do so – I intended to write you a great deal more, and I wished to do so about the New Years festivities. Should I undertake it, I know some delay – I will however do the next best thing, being to resume my

notes, to read to you the portions that may interest you most, though perhaps it will be a difficult, perhaps an impossible matter in some instances to do so — I have not the time to copy them and put them in intelligible language, so ask mama to do this as she reads them along — I went to day a small box containing several things taken from Mr Pfeiffer's Christmas tree, the gift of his little girls Minnie and Olie — They are not much to be sure but you will doubtless appreciate them coming so far and from my little young children — too very nice little girls — Minnie is about 8 years old and reminds me so much of my own dear Lillie — and Olie is about 4 years old — The flags enclosed might have gone in the box and so ought a dollar greenback, but I thought I would take the flags out and enclose in here and

the bill I had to get changed to pay the postage – Next week I expect to get a little money and then I will send the bill enclosed to you – It would be nice were you to acknowledge the box by enclosing a letter to me for the little girls, and if you do so consider the stamps and the money which you will refer to as "stamps" as having come to the box and as having been received – I have borrowed it from you and will return it soon – but even if I had not been compelled to have borrowed it I would not have sent it and the box as I thought not have considered it safe – I hope you have had a good time Christmas and got some presents – Kiss now my dear children with many kisses and much love to you, mama, Frank and George, wish you good bye from your dear papa Thos Wharey

New York, January 8th 1874.

To My Dear Wife,

I have just completed a long letter to Mr E. H. Morse, which I enclose to you, and, as I still have something to draw before going over to Brooklyn, I will devote it to addressing a few lines to you, notwithstanding the length of letter I sent you the day before yesterday. You certainly cannot complain, but that, at least, lately, I have written very frequently, though, perhaps, you may complain of what something I write. We are all creatures of impulse, and we do things very much as we feel, depending upon the mood we are in at the time. Sometimes we are led to do and to say things which we think are perfectly right, which at other times, when feeling differently, we regret having done or said. It is so with me, and so I presume, it is

with the rest of man and woman kind.
Therefore my letter of yesterday, or
or any of those preceding it, contained
anything which gave you the least
offence, may I ask you to consider
the inadvertancy or thoughtlessness
of my action, and not to imagine
that it was done with the desire of
causing you the least pain.
Remember that I have a great
care and responsibility resting
upon my mind which engrosses
nearly the whole of my time
and attention, and unless I am
relieved from this by the decision
of the Surrogate in regard to the
interpretation of my fathers will,
I am rendered almost incapable
of attending properly to any
kind of business. Therefore if
I have said anything in
my letters lately to vex or
mar you in any way, I assure
you it was quite unintentional on
my part and I trust that
you will forgive me for it.
It is your love, then, unconditional and unrestrained, the same as of old, that I desire to have, and which I asked you and entreated you for so long, without yet being able to obtain. You have always been willing to give it to me with some conditions attached thereto and ready at any time to withdraw it upon the slightest pretext. Such love is not the kind that I am and hope to obtain. I ask for unconditional love, independant of any cause that may possibly arise. Such is mine towards you. Such it has been from the beginning and will continue to be till the end, through thick and thin. Such love I ask from you and hope to ob-

tains. If we show the same confidence on your part which I have ever shown towards you, and have at this very time. Confidence engenders and strengthens love - when, without it, none can ever exist. If this feeling of confidence which I desire to kindle in your breast and if I succeed, or you will but acknowledge that you possess it, you will no longer refuse to give me your unconditional love without a single "if" or a single "and" to mar the sympathy of feeling existing and continuing to exist and to grow between us which will become stronger and firmer with time. Only tell me that I have your unconditional love and you will render me perfectly happy and I shall bear all my troubles as light burdens, and when I can do so, will return

how a delighted man and willing to devote the balance of my life to your service - and neither do I think you will ever have cause to repent your action. But we are not immaculate, certainly I am not, and will vouch for it. I might sometimes be out of humor, I make cross to you - but would that be a sufficient cause for you to repent the action, thereby only adding fuel to the flame, incensing me the more - would it be sufficient cause to withdraw your love - perhaps detest and hate me - when by a gentle word or a kind smile, you might dissipate my feelings and win me back to good humor. You know me well enough that I never continue angry any very great length of time - but when provoked and irritated further as you want

I then said and did things which my better sense afterwards told me was wrong and made me sorrowful of — Do you remember the times, when you were out of humor, how long I coaxed you and used all my endeavors to get you good natured — you were obstinate, or perhaps it was your dejectation or hate of me which prevented you — when had you but relented all would have been sunshine — I persisted in my endeavors till I lost all patience and became myself provoked at your obstinacy and perversity of disposition — then there was war between us — and instead of bettering things as I had hoped to do, they became ten times worse — Remember all this, dear Mary, I was to blame, but you were also.

I am unprepared to decide, but I cannot help thinking that you were more to blame — that owing to your obstinacy, growing out of your want of respect and confidence in me — these the trouble, Mary, it was the want of confidence and respect. If you can restore me that place in your heart — your love for me will return and we shall again be as one —

I will not prolong this letter it is getting late, but I feel that I have written long — think over all that I have written, you are my dear little wife. I think — and can more for you than all the other women in the world put together, and my greatest wish is to regain your love, wholly and entirely from your devoted husband. J. R. Kinney

Jany 9. 74. There is now on exhibition at the Colosseum of this City a panorama of London by daylight and of Paris by moonlight. I saw the former many years ago in London when there in 1873-4. I send the description as given by the N. Y. Sun. If I have the opportunity I intend going to the Colosseum to see these panoramas. In regard to the back comer fence, which can be of very little account, you might burn it for kindling wood if you wish. I think of going to Cayuga. I do not suppose it is of much use when it is. But if you think it is, then allow it to remain.

I have written you so much lately I expect you will get tired of reading. 2½ P.M. Mr K has just come in having been to the Surrogate's. No decision. It was promised for today. Clerk hardly knows what effect to make. I do not think I will be kept waiting much longer. Hello.

New York. January 28th 1874.

Dear Mamma

I gave you an explanation of what I wrote yesterday. I was too late to mail my letter and thought here I would do it today. I was also too late for many things that I would have had done had I got up earlier. I got up at half past eight and then went to breakfast and then went to Beyond Second Avenue at Casino with Nina and her sister. We stayed there shopping until half past 10 so we were three hours in the city and the day is almost lost to us. Again I have been very busy in the evening. I am tired to death and I am not feeling well today. So do not be surprised if I do not come home. Nina's sister is very sick and I think it will be a great tax

Dear [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
you had [illegible]
about when to expect a letter [illegible]
had [illegible]
when to expect one [illegible]
of the time between getting letters [illegible]
long [illegible]
that she fails to deliver them to me [illegible]
about this I [illegible]
your letters [illegible] anything [illegible]
ing concerning me at least. If you would remem-
ber your letter [illegible]
you the date of last writing [illegible] you could just
set it down on a piece of paper [illegible] that [illegible]
ture to refer to [illegible] your last letter informed me
that you [illegible] letter [illegible] that you
[illegible] time [illegible] take
good [illegible] to keep
well. There are many [illegible]
[illegible] are [illegible]
but what [illegible] away [illegible]
have [illegible]
[illegible]
the children and hoping to have the pleasure of see-
you all soon, I am your affectionate husband, [illegible]

[illegible]

Did you get the one dollar
Greenback I sent in one of my letters?

San Diego California
Jany 10 "1874.

Dear Husband.

I am in receipt of two letters from you, received the day after Christmas and day after New Years, both of which we were very glad to receive. Mr Carr did not call to see me till New Years day, and Mr Morse about ten days after he arrived here. Mr Morse handed me the four Spoons. I hope you had a pleasant time through the holidays. I have not written to you for sometime, having felt sick more or less and finally was taken down sick for several days with Bilious fever, vomiting, dizziness

and many other things to make me very sick, I was taken in the night, as had to call Lowndes in. Am well enough now to write to you. We had a very dull Christmas and New Years. You are greatly mistaken if you think we received any presents. The children got from Mrs Seeley a very small box, with nothing inside, such as they train trees with, and that is all they got. They were so disappointed at not getting at least five cents worth of Candy in them (for that is all they would have held) that I gave them two bits. They brightened up a little and ran off to get some Candy, that is all they got for Christmas, and nothing for New Years. Mrs Wallack sent me a duck and a chicken for Christmas, this is the extent of all the presents. We are too poor for people to think of us now. When any one asks the children if they got any Christmas presents, they say no, but my Papa is going to bring us one presents when he comes home. I was sorry for them, but it could not be helped. I had to get them each a dress before the holidays, for they were really naked, could not get any heavy dress goods from Schulling or Wallack, but Stiems and Flanky let me have to the amount of fourteen dollars and a half. I am afraid he will send for his money every day. The butchery that took Gassing place in

Carson, has asked me twice for money as he is going away the bill is about $36.00. I told him I had no money but would give him some when you send me some, he said Gassen would not buy the accounts from him as he asked him to. He went off not pleased and said he would see what could be done. Some the present butchers some thing too but intend after this week to pay for the meat I get, if I can possibly do so. It takes all the money that I earn get to pay for washing, wood, water, bread and the few legalities we buy. I get a little wood at a time as it is scarce, and pay a couple of dollars a week until paid. So with the water, the washing I pay regularly. They are continually making changes in the union

Officially so that we cannot depend upon how much Frank will bring home Saturday. They pay him by the thousand now, forty five cents and take him away from that and put him to the job pays at two bits an hour, he ought to have the same for one hour as another. He was sick half a day and they took off four bits and so it goes. Christmas week he only got nine dollars and five of that had to go for board, so we had only four dollars for the holidays. No presents to Frank. It is old Dr Gunn the mean man, he has cut them all down, Frank with the rest. I will try and pay for the meats as I want it, but Groceries I cannot, as Schilley has not

what I want then I get it
from Wallack, so there are
two Grocery account on hand.
and so it goes, I suppose
it will all come right in the
end. Schilling pokes the price
of things on to us I can tell
you. He has moved to here
Town with his Store, and
the family will move next
week, they all came to see
me while I was so sick.
Mrs Wallack has been more
kind to me than any one
she sent me nice things
to eat while I was sick
and came here often to see
me. Do not forget to go for
this presents, and bring me
a present to give her too.
Mrs Wallack prefers your
bringing the presents from
his folks when you come
home yourself. Dr Hoffman
called to see me yesterday
having heard I was sick.
A great many have called
while I was sick. There is
nothing going on here. Mr
Cullen dropped down dead
three weeks ago with apoplexy.
Dr Stockton has not the
hospital this year, Dr Fenn
succeeds him at forty five
dollars a month. I hope you
will not be detained much
longer with that tiresome suit.
I suppose by this time you
have won it, and hope your
Mother will not be so foolish
as to appeal it. She ought
to be down on her marrow
bones every day more saying
her prayers, instead of fighting
over money matters. A queerer
kind of a Mother that. I
am glad to see you have
so much patience, and

that all these troubles do
not affect your health. You
seem to be in good health
so Rick keeps hoping and
waiting for you to come home
as soon as you
can. You have been away
from us nearly eight months,
and it looks like it may
be a year before you come
home all right. There is nothing
doing here, but dull in N.D.
and we all look discouraged
I don't Corinne would write
a note I would like to hear
from her sometimes if only
a few lines. Give them my
love when you see them all. Mrs
Hall sends it too. So the
children say so I will stop
for this moment. I am feeling
a little tired, I will not
write more.
Well I must close, we all
send our best love to you

Dear Son. Many are for being happy for
I see all around me what a scarce commodity it is.

Received
Answered

Fort Stevens Clatsop Co. Oregon
Dec 13th 1874

Dear Son

Yours of Dec 25th came to hand today. Sorry to hear your finances are so low especially in so large a City where there are so many inducements to invest. That is the main reason I my staying on this Coast for fear that a fellow might get in the same fix. Why don't you call on my particular friend "Reed" now on a summer tour on that beautiful Blackwells Island. He might give a friendly advice as to cruising the world. You think that I often continue full of joviality. That is the use of expending. I am the happiest dog in the country. Reed and Sailor with just

Everything is very dull at present in Fact Business in every department is very, very slack No money and that poor of prospects. It is a "Sin Sawa" matter I will continue in the Girl business any more as I have met with a great loss by the running of my whole establishment. This is the 2d time, I may perhaps recover the shock. "But" it will leave me in a crippled state to tell you the whole truth Now I am happier when I am straitened than when with plenty. Custom no doubt "reconciles us poor mortals" "When we cant help ourselves" they say. Poverty is fashionable in Washington Territory, I think I will move over "Thar" tomorrow.

Major H. C. S. wrote a very laughable letter to me on the subject of "Jacks." I sent him a small package to try it is a Indian medicine for women complaints. But the Major's circle of dignified old maids took so great an offence at it, that he anticipated making a hasty retreat from Walkiakumpt. But having tried it upon his Irish servant girl, and meeting with her peculiar approbation, he finally concluded to reserve judgement for some future day, so he still resides there with dispatch.

Mrs Faist writes often and appears well, It is too true our old friends are responding to the call of the Almighty Now and eventually when Gabriel blows that vehement blast through his great Tin horn, Recollect John, He must respond like men

Provided you should see any one
enquiring for me give them my
very best love and regards the
Ladies particularly Tom Chuck
of Charles Simon & Salmon Business
I consigned my fish last year
to him and James Keller & Co
marked Wm. P. Hodge. that was
my partner I noted his brand
but the firm was Sutton & Co

Provided you see Kate
remember me kindly also to your
sister. Sorry you have so much
trouble. but this is instead mother is
Watch & Wait

I am neglected to answer
my enquiry of Mrs Anna Whaley
with kiss I hear she had departed
I hope not. So Tom God Bless
us all and makes us good children
believe me your old friend Ans

New York. Jany 14th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you only a few days ago, the 9th, if I remember rightly. I went over to Jersey City Saturday. Was alone. He let me have two dollars and a half which enabled me to send the dollar to the children which ought to have been sent with the Christmas tree box, sent the 2nd of January. It belongs to the children - and they have to share the Ruffles little one's joy at being a portion of the present coming from them. I have neither the time or the inclination to write as much at this time. I have been waiting yesterday and to day at my lawyers office expecting to hear of a decision in my case in. I must say I feel discouraged, almost disheartened at being compelled to wait so much

necessarily. I fully expected, and so did Mr Ridgway, that the decision would have been rendered yesterday. He had an interview with the Surrogate personally, represented to him my position and the distance I was away from home, and requested him as a personal favor to render a decision as he possibly could - that he was himself in want of money and depended upon a favorable decision in this case to get his fee and hoped he would come to a decision soon for me. I think that this was about equal to asking him to decide the case in his favor. I do not think I will be kept waiting much longer, at least I hope not. The instrument will be filed tomorrow, on my representation of instances, I have no means of paying it yet, but do not despair of getting the money from home. Should I not be able to pay the premium by tomorrow I will inform you, that is provided I see no means of paying it within a few days thereafter. I certainly have my hands full of troubles and instead of diminishing they appear to be increasing - but time is not far off when I hope to be able to surmount all my troubles. As I said I did not prefer to write you a lengthy letter, merely intending to send the dollar belonging to my children and to inform you that the decision had not been rendered to with much love and many kisses to the children, I remain your fond, devoted and affectionate husband

J. H. Ridgway

January 14th 1874.

P.S. I have lost or mislaid the lock of hair which you sent to me. I suppose that it was in my pocket book from which, having a hole in it, it may have dropped out. Least that I should find it please send me another sample of this portion of yourself. I forgot to mention having seen Fanny yesterday, which I had not done before since coming in the beginning of November. He has been upstairs for some time past. He asked if I had seen Comma lately. I told him yes. He said he heard from him that she had had another baby. This then accounts for her being unwell and why I could not see her lately whenever I have been at the house. I will go to see her again soon. Before you write to her again, say nothing however about Fanny or the new baby. I think it is about time I heard from you, but you may have done so as you were expecting, from what I have written that I was to have been at

home by Christmas or New Years. Let me say to you not to discontinue coming here after January 1st, but to continue to do so regularly about the 1st and 15th of each month, not forgetting to give me the date of your previous letter that I may know about when to expect and to hear from you and if any of your communications have miscarried I will telegraph to you whenever I am about leaving so that at no time could there be more than one letter on the way, and should you confine yourself strictly to write on the 1st and 15th of each month and I should telegraph previous to either of those days I would have received the letter with the immediately before and you would have no further occasion to write. By this arrangement

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I would have gotten all your letters and then would be more in the way to order to be returned. If I keep on writing the postscripts will be longer than the letter itself. So I add mia Rosa Buena

P.T.O. Yours &c.

One thing more, I had nearly forgotten. Having read the notes I send you with about the holidays, I have to request you to return the same to him having occasion to refer to something therein contained. Yours &c.

Another P.S. I don't expect you then to write me any long winded letters as I know you have so much to do besides you may not always feel like it. Teach your self no regard to their length only please write the 14th & 16th of every month.

Certainly if I had any thing of an particularly to do I could not write so much, which was I do more for fun.

B. 1.

New York. January 15th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

Not wishing to commit myself to making any more postscripts to my letter of yesterday, I prefer to commence another under date of today. It snowed quite hard Sunday night and nearly all day yesterday covering the ground to the depth of nearly one foot. Last night it was tolerable cold and when I started out this morning I felt the severity of the weather for the first time this winter. The sun has been shining clear and beautifully since it rose this morning - causing the snow to melt on the sidewalks where it has not been cleared off. The merry jingling of sleigh bells is occasionally heard, more frequently however in Brooklyn - and the boys are having a good time of it snowballing and riding up-

on their Hedges. Their Sports seems
be of long duration as the hatred
the Sun will turn everything into
Shade and render things for pro-
ductions, most miserable indeed.
I spent last evening at Ruffels, but
neither he nor his wife were at home.
They had gone to witness a performa-
ance given by the "Avaranth" amateur
association, to which they had
complimentary tickets given them.
I enjoyed myself however, was
made perfectly comfortable seated
before a coal grate fire, talking
to grandma Lord 87 years of
age, amusing myself with the
children and reading the
latest newspapers, till near
10 O'Clock when I returned
home. It was growing rather cold,
the Stars shone brightly and the
fleecy white snow crisp beneath
my feet as I trudged along gaily
invigorated by the bracing air. I
found on my return home last
evening a letter from Mr Bataille
of the 30th January. He informs me
that he had been sick which pre-
vented him from writing sooner —
I am sorry for this. and hope he
has entirely recovered and will
not be similarly afflicted again.
(You said nothing about it in your
last letter) though that was written
some time previously. December 9th.
Were acknowledge his communica-
tion and make in this.
It is afternoon, somewhere between 2 &
3 O'Clock. I might ascertain the
time correctly if I were to pick my
head out of the window (Vane
at Ridgways Office, 56 Broadway.) and
take a look at Trinity Church Clock.
Ah! there sound the Chimes. ½ pt
3. The music is clear and sweet.
to day and as I am high up.

B. 4.

above the noise and turmoil of the street. I can hear it very distinctly. I do so love to hear those chimes. I must stop to listen — their music is a perfect lullaby — ~~and~~ carry me away to dream land — and make me forgetful of all care & trouble, rash or prudent. It seems to me if I were dying, I could yet hear the sound of their heavenly music it might alleviate the torment of the struggle of death and waft my spirit more comfortably to the realms of that future to which so soon we must all depart. Speaking of death reminds me that the quarterly premium upon my life insurance policy is due next week at this hour allowing for the difference of time between New York and Charleston. I should indeed feel very gloomy over it, as in case of anything happening to me you

would be deprived of any benefit to be derived from under the policy, very it not that I said Mr Hamilton this morning and he promised to advance ~~with the morning~~ money necessary on Saturday next. The risk will be only from now till then a period of only ~~[illegible]~~ for about forty eight hours. We will hope that nothing serious will happen in so short a space of time that would work so much to your disadvantage and that if the children as would my death, without having paid the premium due. I have had my life insured so long now that it seem absolutely necessary to continue it in order to live — besides I have been so unfortunate in various ways, that it seems to me that it ~~[illegible]~~ might be my ill luck to die at anything when delinquent in the payment

of the premium and thus deprived my family of the advantage which I have in view for them special benefit. I was very much bothered three months ago - ~~I weighed~~ owing to not being able to pay. It weighed heavily upon my mind. I could not divest it from my thoughts. I really believe that if I had not been able to have paid it, it would have rendered me so completely absent minded that owing to my own carelessness some very serious accident would have ensued - I do not feel this way at the present time because Howell has promised positively to let me have the money. Life indeed is so very uncertain. We have no guarantee of it even from one moment to another. yet how heedless we are, and little inclined to think that we shall ever die, or if called upon it will be at some remote period, certainly not today, tomorrow, next week or next month. I am reminded of this reflection, by the recent sudden death of the Steiner family, a rich Jew worth probably two millions of dollars - Joseph Steiner was the great retail tea merchant of New York having fifty eight large establishments - middle in the city, some in Brooklyn Jersey City and Williamsburgh. The family or perhaps the son and daughters returned home late from a ball - Early the ensuing morning a fire broke out in their mansion on 6th St and the charred remains of the mother and eldest daughter were found in one of the upper rooms and the ~~st~~ mangled forms of the father and a servant girl in the rear arrear. They having in madness jumped from a balcony - The mother and

the eldest daughter were on the balcony at one time, but returned to the room where they were suffocated and burned to death, leading on the balcony the youngest daughter who was taken by a neighbor in the adjoining house — In the same manner had they retained their coolness those who perished might probably have been saved. A son also escaped so did a servant girl and a man servant.) The funeral took place to day and such a gloom cast upon the Oswegatchie population and citizens generally as is seldom ever felt. It was caused by a defect in the flues — or rather from overheating the furnace and owing to the thinness of the partition walls the heat in the flues strikingthrough and setting fire to the interior woodwork — A much of the costly brown stone fronts are simi-

larly constructed to that of the house of the late Mr Steiner, quite a commotion is being produced among the upper ten dom - many of them feeling the insecurity of their residences and the liability of experiencing a like sad fate. An inquest has been held and a commission is appointed to enquire into and report upon the careless construction of dwellings in general. The fate of the Steiner family was a sad one indeed, and having made quite an impression upon my mind in reading of the details, has led me to ponder more freely upon the chances of life and death, than perhaps otherwise I would have done — . Intending yet to write a few lines to Mr Ballard, I must now close, leading you to reflect upon what I have written. Nothing that love and happiness will unite us soon, I remain, your affectionate husband —

Thos Whalley

Recd Feby 2.
Ans Feby 8
for Documents

San Diego Jan 15th 1879

My dear Father

Mama received a letter from you a day or two ago. Enclosed with one for Nannie and Violet and myself we are all well at home and hope you are the same. Mama received the Silver spoons that Grandma gave to Mr Morse to give to Mama and also the little flags that were in this letter that we received from you a few days ago. Mama has not been feeling very well

at all but she is feeling better
now. This year Christmas and
New Year was very dull. My
doll that I got Christmas befor
last is now a year old. I send
you all the love I possibly can.
I hope you past your Christmas
pleasantly. the family send
their love to you and also myself.
Eunice is married. her name
is Mrs Chenhall. Nannie sends
her love to you and she says
she intends to write to you
soon. George does not like to
be in San Bernardino and
he is right be home by the
first stage. he says there is
too much work to do.
Uncle Henry says his may

back and forth. We received the
little box from Mrs puffers little
children. We thank them very
much and send them our love
and I intend to write the two
little girls. Old Town is very
dull nospl ace for white folks.
to live in I hope all my cousins
are well. It has been raining a
little this morning and it is
blowing very hard now. I will
now close my litter as I have
nothing more tor write.

From your loving
Lillie
Lillie Whaley.

PS thin man. by what is that
hungry dog following me for I
boy. he thinks you are a
bone I reckon

San Diego
Old Town
May 15th 1874.

My dear Husband:

To-day being a very stormy rainy day and after having baked a batch of home made bread, such as I used to make some time ago, I thought I could do nothing better than sit down and write you a few lines. I am all alone in the house, the children having decided upon going to school in the rain, so as not to lose their places in their classes. I am feeling better than I did when I

wrote you last, and sups I think that Frank and
Rose I will feel all right
after awhile. The children
are all well, except Frank
who has fits of dizziness very
often, which compels him
to leave off work for a
half day or so then they
take off fifty cents or a
dollar so that at the
end of the week his wages
fall short of what they
used to be. They do not
treat him right after being
in the Office so long. Frank
needs a long holiday so
as to pick up strength
again. He works too hard
by far to long a chance.
Just as soon as you can
help us, and come home

I think that Frank and
Nelly would do well to have
a little rest and change
of scene for awhile. The cal
lines in Kansas, if we die in
despair. I have found Mr Cor
ne Mr Morse but once since
then. Return to San Diego. I
suppose we are too poor for them
I will not ask them for any
thing. We get along pretty
well as long as Mr Schulley
lets us have groceries. I com
menced this week paying for
my meals, not being able to
do so before, on account of
having to pay so much a
week on a load of wood,
washing and boiler to regularly.
Every thing goes on about the

same as when you lift
only people talking of leaving
Old Town. The Schilling moved
next door in the house that
Schilings lived in when first
married, they built there
more roomy, a barn and a
wind-mill, painted the house
over. a light color, darker trim
ings and it looks very well.
The weather side of our house
suffers very much from the
heavy rains, most all the
inside of the wall is wet,
the rain penetrates it through
the bricks, and the adobe
wall in many places seems
to be growing wonderfully less.
We are in receipt of the
little box containing the
Christmas trimmings, from

the Puffer's Christmas tree. The children pronounce things think them very pretty and have them in their play room. Silvia has write a few lines to Mr Puffer's children thanking them. Remember me to Mr Puffer, and tell him I hope he has not forgotten me. I am glad to think you enjoyed the holidays, which is more than we did, moreover we receiving any presents, except from Mrs Wallack, who gave us a large chuck and chick for our Christmas dinner. She has been very kind to me when sick too, sending me chicken, soup, baked apples, Eggnog & cake. You must be sure to go and get the

presents from Mr Wallack. I
shall be before you leave me
to distribute them before you
come home. They say you
can bring them with you
easily. It was indeed strange
that you saw such a striking
resemblance to me in a
girl of fourteen, I flatter
myself you must have been
thinking strongly of me at the
time, and perhaps if you
should see her again she
would not resemble me at
all. It may have been my
spirit hovering around you
Christmas night, as we were
all talking about you, and
wishing to see you so much.
Willey & Lillie say very
often, I wish my Papa

would come home, he
has been away long enough
now. We had but three calls
Mrs Jerry, Mrs Battaile, Mrs
Judd, Mrs Carr. Mrs B made
us bowls of Egg Nog, and we
drank it all up ourselves.
We called it our New Years
Gift. I think we shall have
a very heavy storm from
the way the rain is falling,
everything is very green around
and our Coraly looks very
pretty full of very green Malva.
Old Sloane wanted me to
take in fourteen of his
folks from Iowa, up stairs
and clear out your office
for a store, and the back
Corral for Cows, Pigs, chickens
&c, for the big rent of nothing

I told him it would not pay. She said she could get wood for three months in town for nothing. I told him to take them by all means. She must be crazy indeed. Mr Wallack took me down to see Mrs Stockton yesterday, and I called to see Mrs Stockton. She is preparing to go to Sacramento on a visit with the D. to see a nephew of his. I think they may remain there. There is no longer Hospital Dr. The Schillers come to see me often, but Mrs Manassee has not been near me since you left. She is very cross. Mr Rose and Mr Galewood are writing to Brigham Young concerning building a R. Road

from Salt Lake to Utah
Bluffs. They are really tied
ing the matter up. A new
Bank. Mr McCulley sold some
of his R. R. Bonds in San Fran
cisco, and bought goods with
the money. You may be able
to dispose of some to when
you return. Mr McCulley. Best
wishes of ever. We all want you
to come home, where you can
feel comfortable in minds about
business matters. Take all the
care you can of yourself, and
do not let things at home
bring sorrow upon you. And
when you leave her house
do not make any presents or
pay any money for such
treatment, take my advice,
about it, save all for our

for our children who were
so fond of us. And tell her
when she comes to California
you hope to have the pleasure
of treating her same as she
has you. It would be pretty
hard to give her anything, and she
would not appreciate it at
all. I think you have been
treated thoughtfully while there
and I do not think any of
us will come to see them any
more. I hope by this time you
feel quite settled, and I anxiously
await a letter to tell us
effects, for your peace of mind
as you say, "a little golden letter
would expedite matters." All
friends wish to be remembered
to you. The children send love
and kisses to you, and want
Papa home as soon as you
can come. You can
look upon us in no
that matter, we feel, I am
like you, you have been the
cause of all this happiness,
trouble, and bought you to do
that any money system and
scarcely states anything.
But I will not talk any
more about it, Pally, when
you come home. You will
try to be more gentle, quiet
and so afraid to be
disappointed as I was
to be. I get fatigued very
quickly with work. I will
always do the best I can.
I love you and want things
to go on quietly and quietly
if possible. Lizzie is to be
Lillie will write to you and

so write [illegible] as [illegible];

Love to the children [illegible]

wish you [illegible] the [illegible]

back [illegible] of the

[illegible] much [illegible]. The [illegible]

[illegible]

with [illegible]

charge of it. Mrs [illegible]

[illegible] Bradley [illegible] the

old place. [illegible]

moved [illegible] office

and [illegible] office,

[illegible] with you in

[illegible]

is [illegible] for Mrs Cullen for

board [illegible]

gone [illegible] Barbara with her

mother [illegible]

mission [illegible] all the

news [illegible] Rose [illegible]

[illegible] R. Road stocks.

How is it [illegible] your [illegible]

with much love from your

devoted wife

[illegible] E. [illegible]

Received Feby 8th 1895

San Diego Jany 18/94

Friend Waly

Yours of 6th inst. is at hand. I have paid your taxes but have not yet got your County tax receipt — I paid them on the last day & they make out the receipts at the leisure of saturday. They had not received the W's. Your city tax is $13.35 on a valuation of $1780. of which you are assessed for personal $75 and improvements $500. Real estate the balance. The State & County levy was $7.62 and the total valuation I presume was the same as it was made by the same assessor, Shaffer.

I wish we could sell the San Ysidro Ranch. It seems that there are a good many sheep men hunting for sheep lands below the line this year and their number must increase every year as upper Calⁿ gets filled up. I offered to rent it for $300 per annum & the party may possibly take it, "Quien Sabe".

It is the general opinion among the Mexicans I mean the best informed like Rojo & the present Governor & the Custom house officer, that our title is really worthless. I think I will write to Terrell about it; he occupied to know something about it. I don't think the reasons as set forth in the deed can make it any more valid so far as the law is concerned, though it would make out claim against

he "Horton House" is at last filled up for the
st time this winter, with visitors, but town
urn is dull. It is very rare to hear of a sale of
eal Estate. Parties are offering lots at one half
hat they cost two years ago, though 5th & 6th st
operty holds its own pretty well. There is nothing
ed about outside property, it could not be
given away. A good many of our people
have gone to "Nananimo". There is a great rush
there. San Francisco capitalists have bought up
most of the mines. T. W. Park says that Nananimo
at the present time could furnish 1000 tons per day
of silver ore for shipment to England.
It seems the ore is of such a character that it will
be cheaper to ship it to England than to smelt it on
the ground. Some very rich mines have lately been
discovered near the Colorado river in the N. Eastern
part of this county and the Supervisors have sent out
viewers preparatory to opening a road from Banner
(near Julian) to intersect the San Bernadino & La Paz
road, which will bring these mines and also La Paz
Ehrenberg & northern Arizona nearer to San Diego than
to San Bernadino, so it is said & so Hyman Mannasse
told me 6 or 8 years ago for he had often travelled over it.
I send you the Sac. Record - has an excellent article on San
Diego written by Haight the printer. I will also send you a
Chamber of commerce pamphlet.

Yours truly

E. W. Moore

Jany 25th Great rains to the northward the past week -
- no freshets. Ten to twelve inches in Los Angeles one inch
in San Diego City, though considerably more in the
county. I send San Diego papers to J. S. Ridgeway thinking
you would get them sooner so.

New York. Jany 19. 1894.

Dear Chief,

I write you a few lines very hurriedly, enclosing receipt of payment of premium on insurance, continuing policy to April 15th 1894. Hazell promised me the money on Saturday, but going to Stokes's he very kindly at the office, he wrote to his clerk however to let me have $30.00 in the event of a certain man making a payment, but he did not do so. I borrowed $25.00 from G. D. Pfaffe this morning for the purpose of paying insurance. It is a great relief to my mind, having paid it. I expect still to get the money from Hazell which will enable me to make me and Samuel pick

that I am. I have just returned
from the Surrogate's office with
Mr Ridgway — no decision —
it is promised however before
the end of the week — but not
more positively than it was be-
fore the holidays — though I
hardly know what reliance
to place upon it — With
regards to friends, kisses
to the children and love
to yourself, I remain
Your affectionate husband
H Ridgway

New York, January 21st 1874.

Friend Morse,

Your favor of the 9th inst informs me that the interest on City Bonds has been paid for January. I am pleased to hear of this though I do not approve of the means resorted to for raising the money, if they are to be a precedent of the future action of the Board of Trustees, understanding the matter as I do. I gather my impressions entirely from a statement of taxes due by the Ringgold estate upon the Hayes Ranch property, recently furnished me by Mr Battaile. If I am wrong in them, then all that I write in regard to the subject goes for nought, but if I am right in them, I may be wrong in my conclusions as to a solution of this statement of a, I do then all that I write upon the subject you will please

such as unworthy of your atten-
tion; but if on the contrary I
am correct I hope you will
feel sufficiently interested, as
I believe you will, to effect
what you can in rendering the

will reap the many benefits to be derived therefrom — Howard writes very encouragingly from the section of Country where he is. Eufaula, Ala. that:— "The weather has been very pleasant. Cotton is coming in fast and the times are improving. The Country needs more money and I hope Congress will furnish it."

I am also glad to hear that the interest on City Bonds has been paid — though I do not approve of the measures resorted to for raising the necessary funds. ~~They are to be a precedent of the future action of the board~~ as I am under the impression.

I do not know exactly how the thing was consummated, and gather my impressions entirely from a statement of taxes, recently received from McCartaile, due upon the Ringgold estate, (Hayes Ranch.) — County & State $16.89

City 20.09

He explains that the reason of the City being so much more than the County & State was:

ly gaining my suit and do not suppose it can be much longer before the decision is made and I am in possession of property which will make me comfortable with or without the appointment which is one, dependent entirely upon the will of the officers of the company, who are themselves being constantly changed. Should I have him before I have finally arranged my business, and anything unfavorable happens thereto, I might think that had I remained, it would not have taken place. I will however take the opportunity of consulting some of my friends about the matter, and be guided by what they say. I am glad to hear that the prospect of plentiful crops this year is almost insured by the continued rains, and hope that the farmers, as well as others in San Diego.

owing to a different valuation having been placed upon the City property, (higher than assessed for County & State tax) in contemplation of raising funds sufficient to pay interest upon City bonds. The different valuation of City property must have been at least double what it was for State and County. In other words, in order, that the tax of 1/2 of 1%, (which by their charter the Board of Trustees could levy upon the assessed value of City property for the payment of interest upon their bonds,) might be raised, the assessed value of City property for County and State purposes, has been doubled! I anticipated that the Board might wish to know such action, which they have taken, and in my interview with Henry Clews & Co, when endeavoring to negotiate sale of bonds through them, I stated only to them the authority given the Board in the latter part of

Act 22nd

the 10th Section of the Act incorporating the City of San Diego, which reads:— "and shall have power to modify and change such valuation in any way they or a majority of them may deem just and proper." Held rather more however, I have beg. for them to carry the point to the unmeasurable extent which they have done. Let us examine into the matter to see if it was proper — if there was any necessity for their action and then consider the justice of it, or rather the great injustice which has been done to the utter jeopardy of the law and rendering it optional with the property holders to pay the owners tax, impossible for the City to collect it, according to my ideas of common sense as applied to law. From official information received I am informed that the amount of City bonds outstanding was about $108.000. — and that the probable amount of assessable property of the City as informed by the assessor would be about $3.000.000. A tax of 1/2 of 1% upon this amount would have yielded $15.000, an amount sufficient to have paid the interest upon the outstanding bonds an increase of the valuation of the City property one tenth of one per cent would have yielded an amount more than sufficient to have paid the interest — no very great harm would then have been done — But allowing that the full amount of bonds $150.000 had been issued, an increase of the valuation of fifty per cent would have yielded an ample fund for the payment of the annual interest thereon of ten per cent. Wherefore then the necessity to have doubled the

assessed value, to produce an amount more than sufficient for the payment of the annual interest of any and all bonds the board had authority to issue?

If have increased the value of the assessed value even fifty per cent, the people, the taxpayers of the City of San Diego would have as much cause to complain as they have need of the great injustice done. I contend that the Board of Trustees had have no right to do what they have done. That it is a perversion of law and an outrageous wrong upon the people, taxpaying citizens. Had they confined their action within reasonable bounds no very great harm would have been done and the matter might be overlooked but to have resorted to the measure which they have, I think it would be submitted to if generally un

distrood, as undoubtedly it ought to be — What have they done? Virtually, levied a tax of 3 ½ % upon our good citizens; when, by right of their charter, they have only 1½ %! Is it not a perversion of the law to have doubled the assessed value in order to accomplish this end? Should the Courts, would the Legislature of State uphold them in their action? I think not — and I believe it impossible for them to collect the tax imposed upon us and if proper generally pay it will be because they are ignorant of the great wrong which has been done us. If they are permitted to impose this outrageous tax upon us, (more than equal to that raised for State and County purposes,) this year, they will do so next year and the

succeeding our, to the Women we give those in authority to understand that we are not to be imposed upon and set about notifying the above the letter it will be for our success and the prosperity of our city. Only think of it, we are taxed five and one half of one per cent (5½%) upon the assessed value of our property! Is not that enough to drive away one half of the people from our town and prevent any more from coming there to settle?

I contend that by the 10th section art 2, para of the act, incorporating the City of San Diego, those are not given the power, and nowhere else in the act are they given the power to increase for a wholesale increase of the assessed value of City property as furnished them by the City assessor, let even to trifling in amount even one tenth of the valuation, and in doing what they have, they have usurped a power which does not belong to them.

Referring to the 22nd Section defining the duties of the Assessor, you will perceive:- "The mode of making out such list and ascertaining the value of the property shall be the same as that prescribed by law for assessing State and County taxes:" ~~Clearly showing that the basis of taxation for revenue purposes of the City,~~ as shown in Section 10 - Art 2d - "Clearly defining - "on all property real and personal, made taxable by law for State purposes, not exceeding one per centum per annum, upon the assessed value ~~of such property~~"

Clearly showing that the basis of taxation of 1% for revenue purposes of the City, as specified in Section 10th Art 2nd, and of ½ of 1% for a Special tax, "for the payment of all interest moneys" as appears in the same Section, art 3d, "shall

be the same as that prescribed by law for assessing State and County taxes".

I think this is perfectly clear, and that the Board of Trustees have exceeded their powers beyond a doubt.

The list of taxable property with the value thereof ascertained as prescribed by law for assessing State and County taxes, shall be certified to by the assessor and placed in the hands of the Board of Trustees for equalization.

The object as expressed, is for equalization - and, what do all the Board have to do with the list furnished them by the Assessor.

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Received today 10 May 1874 Answered May 12

San Diego, Jany 30th 1874

Friend Whaley

I have been here just one month to day and have found a thousand things to attend to. I have been in my office every day and every evening but two since I have returned. We had a very pleasant trip and a reasonably short one.

The season here promises to be a fine one — large quantities of wheat are sown and we shall gain considerable I think for exportation. Of course you see the papers & your people also with the news. A committee of the Chamber of Commerce is getting up a pamphlet on the beauties of San Diego to be circulated abroad. How can we get the names of Hotels in all parts of the United States? Doesnt Appletons Guide book contain the names of some Hotels in every town nearly? We also want to know the names of Reading Rooms, Libraries &c. The Union published some Statistics on Climate, I send you half a dozen numbers.

Chalmers Scott says they dont pretend to

disturb the sale of the Gray Lots to us, our sale being different from the others, and with the consent of Mrs Gray also.

The people of San Diego felt very blue when I first arrived over their R.R. prospects, but now they are more hopeful. The Texas Pacific paid the Taxes on their lands to day amounting to $3500 00 — this looks encouraging.

How is your case getting on? If you dont hurry up I shall be on there before you get away. You need a large stock of patience, but "keep a stiff upper lip" you must come out all right in the end I think.

I saw Mrs Whaley down here yesterday and I thought she looked [redacted] well indeed. A few days previous I was up there and found her sick abed, and was glad to see her looking so well.

I think Howard will soon be in N.Y. on his way to London. He is now at Eufaula Alabama.

It is said Taggart is about to resign his agency of the P.M. S.S. Co and go to La Paz for his health. He has offered his residence for sale. If you could only drop into that berth it would be a nice thing. I wish you could.

Yours in haste

Morse

I have had nothing from you yet.

You ought to be here.

San Diego Jany 31/74

Friend Whaley

Yours of 8th inst. received today — will answer a part of it — too busy to say much. — I have been in my office every evening till 10 o'clock, but two since my return.

I did have a pleasant voyage & the carriages did arrive safely, but sell very slowly, though they have a good many visitors and lovers "when times get better".

It is too bad you cant get a decision — I do hope you will get it soon and favorable and that the

will be no appeal.

It is a great pity that you did not have some of that yellow ointment. But then if you had had a plenty of it you would not have commenced this case.

There has been no meeting of the Chamber of Commerce since my return I tried to get them together but couldn't.

There certainly has been a rupture between the B.M.M.S.S. Co & the Pacific roads and Boyd (Taggart's brother in law) told me that the opposition on the Route between here and San Francisco was supposed to be put on by the Central Pacific R.R. Co. It is helping San Diego

The agent has known nothing about matters in general relating to the Company.

Bowers has got his bill through the assembly by sheer "grit" perseverance or "check" whatever you may call it. I wrote him a long letter urging him to be careful not to give the Rail road Co. any more than the base right of way, that it was a close, selfish and powerful corporation, which would be continually encroaching upon the rights of the people and that should not be granted one inch more than was absolutely necessary — that it was his duty to guard the peoples interest the Railroad Co was powerful

enough to take good care of their own. &c &c

It is all very true what you say about their mean treatment of San Diego & our Co. It is a powerful Co, because quite a number of the men in it are some of the richest capitalists in the U.S, even though they dont put their money in it, their very name gives it credit. They will undoubtedly make millions out of it, and yet they are mean and unjenerous enough to squeeze the very life blood out of poor San Diego. Thank God we'll get some of it back in taxes, though I suppose they will soon buy up the assessor to let them off at half price — this year they pay it is said about $3500 —

To be sure their money don't build the road, but their credit does, which they would not have unless they had money. When the Construction Co suspended, the Texas & Pacific owed them over seven millions, which could have been collected from the stockholders by law in proportion to the amount of stock they had subscribed. Now you and I and the Gila Co, probably, could not have made a contract with a Construction Co to build the road and advance some ten millions on our promises to pay even if secured by all lands & donations of the road.

By the by it is said that it was this Construction Co. (which of course is the "Credit Mobilier" of the Texas Pacific) which induced the building

of the road around by the San "Gorgonia pass".
and this is some color for the statement when it is known that the Texas & Pacific contracted with the Construction Co to build the road for $35,000 per mile. Of course then if they could put in 100 miles more on the level desert probably clearing net profit some $3,000,000. while if they had gone directly east, it would have shortened the road easily to be built, very greatly while the balance would have cost more than the $35,000 per mile. And as you will see by comparing names, there were enough members of the Construction Co. in the Texas Pacific to control its action in adopting the former route

over the latter.

I confess I have lost a good deal of my faith in Tom Scott. After his talk to us in the Committee room about "this road would be built upon true railroad principles without regarding any mans private interest" &c. what are we to think of its "Credit Mobilier" the California & Texas Construction Co. and what expect, except to be swindled at every turn.

Maj Evans has just returned from the East and he says "theirs people are very confident that Scott will get from Congress all he asks. Evans is in remarkably good spirits, says the future of San Diego looks brighter than ever. They told him in the office at Philadelphia that they were

going right along with the road whether the bonds were guaranteed by Congress or not.

When I arrived here the Trustees had held meetings night after night for nearly 3 weeks preparing a Charter. The meetings were public and all through the papers were continually requested to meet with them and discuss it, and prominent citizens by personal appeals from the Trustees.

I was in at the closing up and found they had not provided any sinking fund whatever, nor sufficiently for the interest, but after considerable discussion they put in I think sufficient provisions to cover both. Some d-d fools strongly opposed it, on the

Ground that it would increase taxation &c. I told the idiots I knew from our experience in N.Y. that they couldn't sell a Bond for over 50c unless there provisions were made sure by law.

The new Charter makes 6 Trustees & 1 Mayor, instead of 5 Trustees as now but with no more expense, and it places the whole city under one school system.

Capt. Sherman objects to these provisions, fearing his property may be taxed to build a good school house (he cut his addition off once before to escape being taxed) and he thinks the 7 men will be too cumbersome.

It will be too cumbersome to form into a ring; Had our old boards of Trustees consisted

of seven instead of three we would have had no such swindling of the City as was perpetrated by the three Macs. Such shameful, wholesale stealing could not have happened in a board of seven, for even had they all been thieves they could not have agreed in the distribution of the plunder.

Sherman is taking round a petition to remonstrate against its passage. He was not present at a single meeting though personally requested. It may not pass y in that case we will be no better off as regards the Bonds. Sherman who is selfishness itself, thinks that we take an interest in this matter only because we have some of the

bonds the Gila Co. swindled out of the City, and we want to levy taxes for interest and a sinking fund to swindle some more money out of the city. And he is actually getting signers to his petition. Aint there a lot of d-d fools in this world?

The January interest was paid about the 7th or 8th I think, the taxes not being been paid in until the 6th — one day after the last day required by law. The Collector had thousands of dollars on hand which he might have paid in a week or ten days sooner, but no he must keep every dollar till the very last moment, no matter how much our credit might suffer. For just such cases as this we need a

11 { I wrote you 8 days ago that Tappan was leaving & to try for the position

Mayor who's duty it is to look after the interests of the city, now it is nobody's.

No meetings of the Gila Co. yet.

Hartman's suit comes off next month.

Hartman says he must have the Deed filed in La Paz before he can do anything with Ranch.

Havn't inquired about 256 yet.

I hear nothing wrong of Frank. Fehrenheld says he is a better printer than Bushyhead. Frank told me to day that all were well.

Mrs Morse is in Northampton but returns to West Chesterfield on 1st of Feby - tomorrow. I hear from her every week.

I have written this since ten o'clk P.M.

Yours hopefully Morse

Feb
1874

I enclose you five ($5.00) dollars for wood or whatever you most require. 1.

New York, February 4th 1864.

My Dear Wife,

A letter received from Mr Morse on the 20th January of the date of the 9th January, informed me that he had seen my folks a few days previous thereto and that all were well except Mrs Whaley who has been suffering from a bilious attack. This information accounted to me the reason why you had not written for so long a time, your last letter being of the date of the 9th Dec. I had attributed it however to the supposition that you were expecting me home about the holidays, therefore it would be useless to write any more. I should have written immediately on receipt of Mr Morse's letter but was expecting one from you - at last it came - yours of the 10th January received the 26th. I was sorry indeed to hear that you had been so very ill and perhaps suffered in consequence of comfort

and attention, but glad that you had so far recovered as to be able to write to me — You have had an immense deal of trouble from the accounts contained in your letter, but how could it be otherwise situated as you are impossible for me to render you the least assistance. I am glad however that you are not entirely without friends, and those who have shown you attention I will not forget when in my power to be of service to them. I will not forget Mr. McCallack's brother before leaving and get the presents — I wonder that Can and Mose do not care of them but it is not because we are poor as you suppose, they have been very busy since their arrival, it is this which has prevented them. Our present situation might prevent some people but certainly not them, they understand us too well for that —

I have not the time particularly to comment upon your letter of the 15th January — besides I have also received yours of the 15th Jany. on

closing one from Lizzie to me and one from Violet and Lizzie to Mr Ruffin's little girls thanking them for the presents from the Christmas tree — which came to hand the 2nd inst and I delivered it to them the same evening, and they were much pleased with it and wished me to thank my little girls for the letters as they would not be able to answer it —

Parenthetically I was going to say that the reading of your letters have given me much pain particularly as it is not in my power yet to relieve you wants, but depend upon it that as soon as it is in my power to do anything for you I shall certainly do so —

No decision yet in my case and I have become quite disgusted with the promises made me from time to time by the Surrogate and have advised Mr Ridgway not to go to see him any more, at least for some time to come. I hope further

Mr Young to bring influence to bear upon the Surrogate to take up the case at once and decide it upon the merits, and I believe that I am in a fair way to procure the influence — Mr Young having found among his acquaintances some one who is intimate with the Surrogate who has promised to speak to him. I am to see him again about the matter next Sunday. As soon as the decision is rendered, no matter which way, I am ready to commence a suit in the Supreme Court of Kings County, for to contest mother's right to the Brooklyn Avenue lots standing in her name. The papers in the case are made out and ready to serve on Should the decision be against me in the Surrogate's Court an appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. My lawyer is very confident indeed of winning if not in the present court at least on appeal of the case — Cohen thinks that in case of the case going against mother that she will not appeal, and he would then be against

him doing so — I enclose you a letter to Mr Morse which you can read and then send to him — You will see that I tried hard for the agency of the P. M. S. S. Company at San Diego — and had I heard of the vacancy before I did, I might have secured it through the influence of parties here — But I was too late & so there is no use of repining — Now I gotten it I was thinking of Ballard's and I add in connection with it, probably there might have been objections for them. I intend to use the influence which I have in procuring the appointment at some future time whenever a vacancy occurs. — I have not the time to write you now any very lengthy letter, but will do so soon as I can send to your billets whenever at leisure and you reply to the Chicadeen — What do you mean

by a heavy switch weighing four pounds? When do you propose carrying that? Certainly not on top of your head? Four ounces I should think would be more the requisite weight. I will get you one as you say encasque and many other things besides. The great requisite is money. Do not forget to send me a sample of your hair as I lost the lock you sent. I have been at Geneva twice in three months lately, but have not seen Corinna yet. She was confined Christmas day with a boy. A nice present way it not for the holidays. Though I suppose you would not appreciate such a one? She has not been very well since. She was down three weeks afterwards and has been out. I think she has had a little set back. I expect to go to the house next Sunday and hope to see her then. They were all well. Corinna was home on a visit from school. She is learning very nicely. I see Tom occasionally. He was kind to give me a letter of introduction to Mr Hatch of the P.M.S.S. Company, and to speak to him in my behalf. Though the letter from Mr Henry Clews was of more consequence and commanded the greater attention and induced Mr Hatch to telegraph to Capt Higgins to know if he was perfectly satisfied with the appointment as [redacted] was not he would recommend some one from S.D. for the position. Of way Higgins answer to the telegram that decided the thing and cost me my place for me.

We have had some cold weather and considerable snow lately. Still I get along tolerably comfortably and attend my health. All the frost and weed. Cannot school. I see him often. He presides

me with a dollar regularly – Things go on about as usual at Hamick – Hiss and Shaw not spoken and Hamick and her children never speak to me unless I speak to them, and I doubt wish to be the first one always the consequence is Cranly exchange courtesies with any of them. I suppose she thinks I am giving her a benefit and remaining at her house so long. John says she has mother she thought I had been [redacted] long enough that John ought to take me for [redacted] talking about you tell him [redacted] she said she would not like to do that as it would create so much talk. She has doubtless done everything to make it as uncomfortable for me as possible, thinking that I would become disgusted and leave of my own accord – I have put up with her treatment so long, I can stand it longer and I am determined that I will not go until he John or she tells me to go – God knows if I could I would not remain in her house a day longer I do anything but pleasant to me – and I shall be never glad when I can go. I am then

as little as I possibly can help, about only to sleep and get breakfast — not more than one half the time for supper — now if I have the money to spare or can get it any where else — I am sorry to learn that Frank is troubled with fits of dizziness — but he must with the rest of us and share it best he can till things get better with us — I have written the whole of this letter in Mr Harrell's office expecting to see him down to day, the weather being so very pleasant. He has recently purchased a fine house & lot Corner Madison avenue and Fifty Seventh Street which cost one hundred and thirty thousand dollars — I was up there a few evenings ago to see him (Saturday) and he showed me through a portion of it and wished me to stop and take tea with him — but unknown to I had done so with Olive in Cedar City. He promised to be at his office more early on the first pleasant day —

Do you know he has never yet given me the thirty dollars to pay premiums on my policy – and I had to borrow from Ruffer – I am after the money and expect to get it to day and if so I will send you a portion of it and retain the balance for myself as I need some few things very much. I can but hope that the times will improve and that we will be no longer dependant upon others. Mr Good Chum dear man answered be right in the course of time – So live in hope – I think we will not die in despair – any of us. Mr Hawkes has made his appearance – I am still waiting for him and will enclose you something in-as-much – all things are to an extent and adapt I place no dependance upon any body – With love regards to you from your husband. Florence.

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San Diego Feb 1st
Old Town. 1874.

My dear Husband.

Am in receipt of your letter of the 19th Jany containing receipt for Life Insurance. I hope you are well and getting along better than you have done, You need not have been so alarmed concerning the matter of life & death, I do not think if you had not paid your insurance that you would die any sooner than when your time comes, but as you have paid it so long, I

think you might as well
continue doing so. We are all
well at present. The decision
in your suit seems to drag
along very slowly, I think
your Mother must have paid
the Surrogate considerable to
keep it back, you may rest
assured that she has got
her lawyer to fix that for
her, could not the Surrogate
be compelled to render the
decision, that is what he
is there for, your lawyer may
not be sharp enough to
carry you through, he may
not be as smart as he
might be, so keep your eyes
opened wide. You must
keep patient, they are try
ing to tire you out, I think

you will get discouraged
and leave. You ought car
tainly to get it soon. Do not
when you get your money be
too lavish, do not give Harriet
a single cent, she does not ex
pect it, or deserve it, you
know that we have contracted
more bills here, and need
all the money to straighten
our accounts. Your taxes
are delinquent, and the
School tax will be so on
the fifth of this month $20.00
I suppose the property will have
to be sold for the taxes, too
bad. Nobody has troubled me
for money so far, except the
butcher that took the shop
after Jassen, he wanted his
money, as he was going away

of 36.00 cts ed. I have not heard from him since. I gave Mr Morse Storms note for $80.00, as J. S. Moore a lawyer in New Iorn said he thought he could get it, by putting it in his account, commencing suit against him, and attaching some property that he knew him to be interested in. It will of course take time, but Morse thought the same as I did about it, better to do that, than have the note lay in the safe idle. The note was within three months of being outlawed. Everything is very dull yet, The adobe part of the back corral wall has tumbled in, so we have taken all the timber in to [redacted]

I think if we have another such rain and storm that most of the rest of its will go to. I had the roof puttied and painted as far as the paint would reach leaving a little square in the middle of the roof unpainted, during the last rain everything was all right. We have having beautiful weather now, just like summer, and New Town is filled with strangers, but none of the cure to live in Old Town. Our Town is really almost deserted. The Horton house is full. Mrs Lane is now proprietor. Solomon has charge of the eating arrangements. I went to the wedding of Clara Twitch, the pretty girl Mrs Leahy ~~Bed~~

to work for her, you remember her her. She married a young man from Nevada, he came after her, he is conductor on the Central R.R. been there for ten years and has quite a sum of money saved. Mr Chetwood married them, he had a splendid supper, and if I had not let my tongue loose and been lively, it would have seemed more like a funeral than a wedding. Mrs Manassee gave me several slaps about my appearance, but every one said she was very jealous of me, then Mr Chetwood took me down to supper, and that hurt her terribly, she thinks because she is better off than I am now she ought to be noticed the most. Mr C- noticed her many towards me. She has not called to see me since you left. They all drank my health for having entertained them so well. Mrs M- said I had better leave the talking for young folks to do. Well said I, as you are one of them, you may take the lead. She let me alone the rest of the evening. She thinks Mrs Seely takes me out too often in her carriage, she makes remarks in company about my dress, my blue silk and opera cloak. She says "always the same things." I should think you would get tired of them. J.B. Manassee is always very polite to me, and always speaks kindly to me. The Schullers too

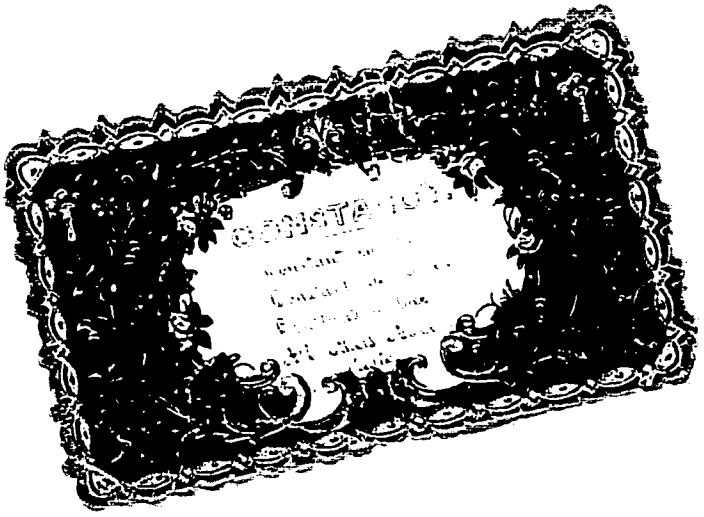
are kind and polite come to see me often. Only Mrs Schiele said the other day when I went for a few groceries, that "I was very lucky to ~~have~~ be able to get my groceries there". I suppose it is all meant kindly, but it does not sound rightly to me. Capt Dubois is here, his family will come down on a brief tour, the fare is only $4.00 on the opposition line, $8.00 on the other lines, low fares being the cause of so many strangers in New Orleans. George is only home yet, the flood being the cause of his detention. The levee is still running, but the flood has disappeared. I will be glad when warm weather comes, as we have not

been able to have much fire this winter in the parlor. Mrs Flanch is the only one that I can get wood from, she is willy to take a dollar or so a week until she is paid. I am burning the back fence now, she has promised me some wood next week. I am sorry you lost my lock of hair, as my hair is getting so thin I can hardly spare any more, but I will send you one in this letter. I would like two switches heavy ones, and long, with no stem down the middle as those are not good ones. two nice long curly natural ones, and some frizettes for the front of my head. If you can possibly get me the Astrachan sack you may leave out the fur collar,

as that will be very useful
to me for a long time. I hope
you will be successful and
come home soon, we all want
to see you very much, and make
up for all the hard times you
have had away from home.
I feel all right towards you and
impose no conditions upon you
but if you are cross and ugly
to me, it has its effect upon
me and I cannot feel right, there
is no necessity for it, for since
you left me get along quietly
enough, I get up, get the
breakfast, and there is no
scolding, banging things around
and making a fuss generally,
there is no reason for it. So
that it is all right. We all
want to see you, and all will

go cheerfully. Frank is still
at work but not being under
wages, it is hard scratching.
I will have to make him come
home every day for two weeks so
as to get his board money for
wood, and to pay Ashes for
water, I owe him two months.
he has only been bringing home
from four to five dollars a
week for some time. I pay
for my meat, and my clothing,
and the washwoman, and that
is all I can do. Poor Frank
he is a very good boy, and
wants to help me. Bishop
Kip will be down here in
two or three weeks to admin-
ister the rights of confirmation
I am thinking of letting Frank
& Nannie be confirmed

him, they are perfectly fitting
and Frank says he intends
to go to the church Sunday
evenings. He comes up Saturday
nights, and goes down Sunday
afternoon after dinner. It makes
an awfully busy day, but I
like him. He likes Mr. Lincoln
much. He needs a suit of
clothes, and I wrote badly. I got
letters around at Lowestoft,
he told me the other day. I
wanted another to come and
get it, but I shall be very
busy around 31, ruling c. [illegible]
as I want it. I have no more
news. Give my love to Carrie
and congratulate her for me
upon the birth of another
daughter. Give Ris thanks
for me, and my love to her



February 8th 1874.

Lilly, my loving Child,

Your welcome letter of the 15th January, came enclosed in one from your dear mama the 2nd of this month, also the one written by you on behalf of yourself & Violet to Mr Duffie's little girls thanking them for the presents from them Christmas tree. I delivered the letter to them the same evening I received it — Their father read it to them — they were much pleased with what you had written and wished me to thank you and Violet for them and to tell you that they will answer it when they learn to write. I said the youngest one — Ollie — the oldest Minnie was 8 years. Lucie to be a seven year old. I am glad to hear that you are all well — and hope will take good care of your

mamma till such time as I return home. I am feeling very well at present. The cold weather appears to agree with me much better than did the warm weather. I can take long walks now without getting overheated. This afternoon I was at the Central Park skating pond and passed a portion of the evening there looking at the proceedings. There were very many girls & boys. They did seem to enjoy themselves very much. Sometimes they would fall down upon the ice but never weather in the least. Those who had no skates amused themselves sliding or even pushing along in chairs upon runners. When they got cold they ran into the pond house, which is a large three story building heated throughout with large stoves, to warm themselves and if hungry to get something to eat, and to those that had the money and wished to buy anything. The building contains many rooms and conveniently arranged in every respect for the convenience of ladies and gentlemen. There is a skate room where those who have no skates can hire them for 25¢ per hour and there are boys who will put them on for 5¢. There is for gentlemen a smoking room where they can procure hot or cold drinks. But nothing stronger than lager or hot spiced wine. There is a long hall or restaurant where at the counter you can procure cake nuts, candies, fruits, oysters coffee &c, or you may go into the saloon for the ladies where you may be served with anything you wish comfortably at tables. The third story is intended to be especially for ladies, but there were as many gentlemen there as ladies. It is a large hall

and lighted with gas the dances and the other rooms in the buildings - there are many tables where you may sit and rest yourself - look down upon the pond upon the groups of skaters. I spent considerable time up there amusing myself at the windows observing the rapid movements of those outside as they passed wending their way from one portion of the pond to the other. passing under the bridge and along the line of red lights defining the path of the pond that was safe. Their lights are about 100 feet apart and the word DANGER is painted in large letters upon the strands which bear the lights and there is a barricade formed of ladders planks - snow-ploughs, separate from one light to the other. Ropes are placed here & there and the park police patrol to warn the use of danger - along the

of the pond are gas lights with large reflectors casting the light upon the pond — so that even the darkest night the skaters may move along quite rapidly without danger of running against one another — Every precaution is taken for the prevention of accident and rarely anything occurs to mar the pleasure of any one of the many thousand people who go there, men women boys & girls — The pond is open for skating till 11 O'Clock generally. Everybody people go there to enjoy themselves but it is not quite so fashionable for the ladies as formerly — As I sat there looking upon the groups of children or mingled with them upon the pond I was wishing that you and the other children were there to enjoy the sport. You would be in

less fun to go skating. I used to like it when I was a boy — and thought it fine delightful outdoor exercise. Perhaps one of those days you and the rest of the children could have an opportunity to try how you like it — It is much better than parlor skating. — I was very sorry to hear that mama had been sick, now that she is well again I hope you will take good care of her — your Christmas could not have been a very pleasant one — but nevertheless when papa returns home you shall get very many handsome presents. I have my eye upon many pretty things in the stores and am only waiting for the money to come to buy them. Your cousin Emma must have got married very shortly after her return home — I could not make out her name — please write to me again and tell me who her husband is. If you know anything about him — I should think that you would wish George to return home — he is such a good little fellow, and handy to have around to make beds, run of errands &c —

The ground is covered with snow — and the sleighing is very good in certain localities. The day I was in Central Park, I saw very many fine turnouts — the weather is tolerably cold — colder than it has been — still I do not feel any inconvenience from it. I am out a great deal — day & night — I have a more comfortable shawl than I had; a large double one — black & grey — which I intend for mama when I return. It is a very nice one indeed. I am glad to hear that you have had so much rain — that will make the grass and flowers grow so fast.

[illegible] Spring time [illegible]
Mamie & George [illegible]
the hills and [illegible]
valleys and gather very many pretty
flowers - which you will bring to
Mama and me.
The good Christ [illegible]
all you can be [illegible]
and to your brothers and sisters
Give them all my love and kiss
them for me. I should much like
to see you all and hope to be able
soon. But make all you can of your
to come to me and see the dear
[illegible]. I should [illegible]
of such children to forget and [illegible]
family of them all - but know
of our [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] House [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
House [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Sunday [illegible]
Mackie [illegible] his morning [illegible]
to see Mary Bissell [illegible]
[illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]

N. Y. February 9. 1864.

I saw Mr Young last evening. He thinks he will be able to bring through some of his friends strong political influence to induce Hutchings to take up the papers in the case and render his decision according to the merits of the case. He hopes in the course of a few days to be ready to inform me something to my advantage. They room at dinner when I called with several friends and I was pressed for him to go home – and therefore did not see his wife or children. I send you a handsome valentine, something entirely unique in that line. in the form of an easel. by touching the pallet which answers for a bellows, it feels often receiving the butter of a witness – You can stand it upon the mantelpiece in remembrance of me – and let each of the children have a share in it – I can retake to send them – The other valentines are in the form of manned Gibbs who gave

time to me to send to the children. I have more at my lawyers - he knows of nothing and in my case - we are waiting ~~[illegible]~~ patiently - In case of a decree in my favor it will be so arranged that none of the others will derive any benefit from it - and if they want their money they will have to commence proceedings in their own name - and it will cost them probably near as much as it will me - Henry Shank would have done better to have given me a power of attorney and have allowed me to have made the same arrangement for him as I did for myself. I hope you and the children are well - Continue to write the 1st & 15th & each month or as near as you can to those dates till I telegraph to you that I am about to leave, which I hope will not be long now.

Yours ever affectionate husband!

W. P. Hackney

New York. February 13th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

I have not time to write you fully therefore enclose you my notes to read what you can of them - it will require strong glass and some determination on your part to be able to do so. They were not written with the idea of sending them to you therefore excuse their roughness - after reading please return to me as I may have occasion to refer to them - The most important item is what relates to my hope and intention of being able to leave Hartwick house soon and of getting into some kind of employment. Better address letters hereafter to Care Mrs L. H. Gibbs. 449 Classon Avenue. Brooklyn, New York and see Morse and others to do the same. I shall go there probably Sundays or can have them forwarded home from there.

There is nothing new in regard to my suit - my notes will inform you all if to date.

Do not think that I am disheartened, though I have had enough to bother me to drive me almost to desperation. Things will be all right with me, and I hope with all of us soon — a mere question of time — when five days hence we do have it hard at the present time I promise you all the better good fortune. When you the have another fire to enjoy. My health is greatly improved. I must say I stand it much better than I expected I would be able to this winter. I have inured myself to the cold and the change from heat to cold and I believe myself capable of enduring anything. I will be as comfortable as I possibly can. Mr Alden has loaned me an iron coal which is more convenient than the stove to be annoyed in it — It will serve me for dinnerpots — I hope to get settled soon: I have to write to Mose Anton and Thos and will as soon as I am settled. I send Valentines to children — I will send you a portion of what I earn for the greater portion, all that I can conveniently. With love to you and may God bless and protect you all. Your ever loving Mother Lucretia Coffin.

Feby 14th 1874
San Diego

My dear Friend

This being St Valentine day, and as I shall now write every fourth and fifteenth of each month I thought it right to begin my letter to day, not as a Valentine. We have not had a letter from you since the 20th Jany, the one containing receipts from Life Ins Company. They sent me a notice saying that there was no more office in San Francisco. I think dear Poppie that you could not have any good news, that is the reason you have not written, before, And now

that another heavy storm of
rain has set in here the
mails are all delayed for
two or three days past, and
no knowing when we shall
get them in again. It has
been raining steadily for three
or four days past, and they
fear the front corral wall
will fall, and other parts of
the wall which have been
very much softened at the
bottom by the rains. I hope
you are well, and by this time
your decision has been ren-
dered you. Your patience
must be almost entirely ex-
hausted, but keep a stiff
upper lip and perhaps all
will yet come out right.
All our property has been ad-
vertised in the Union for
sale, I went to see Moore
about it, for days he has no
money but if he gets some
from the bank as he expects
he will pay your taxes, if not
I suppose it will all be sold.
He however paid the school-
tax which was $16.50, delin-
quent on the 8th Feb, I went
to see him on the sixth got
a check from him for the
money, and D. Burr dated
the receipt from the fourth
taking off the five per cent.
Burr also had the improve-
ment cut down for this
place from one thousand dol
(as you gave it to me) to four
hundred. The taxes in all
amount to $190.00. I will see
Moore again next week. The

are all well at present, and
everything goes on as usual.
Frank still works, but comes
out short many times, as he
threatened. Dr Stockton
says with brain fever, he
has had two attacks already
from close attention to type
setting, it requires all his mind
and he is very careful to set all
he can. If he could stick to
the job perhaps it would not
hurt him so much. He has
to quit work for a day or
two when it comes on. He
will come to home some next
week. George is home, but
likes the country of San Ber-
nardino very much. Miss
Dublois and Minnie who
is now married called
to see me the other day

[illegible]

he is home. He could home
Saturday evening, and goes back
Sunday afternoon. The illness such
as it is, has lasted a great while.
She does not seem to improve
any more. The girls are very
young, very female, very young
yet to be of practical help. Very
much in need of a wife. Lizzie
plays and sings. Prairie letters.
Franklin has great faith for
Mrs. Dr. Stockton and wife
have come to Sacramento on
a visit. He says he may be
careful not to remark and do
keep off the Brain fever.
He says he ought to call and
see Authie. Mrs. Bartlett will
write to you about Mrs. Rush
business. Lizzie says she touch
to see Carrie's "Dear
Aunt" to keep Uncle Walter
until his coming home." And
Lizzie says, "Mamma, Gaston
is well, and will come home Sat. as
he will come home

— Feb 17, 1874 —

Arnold, Gunn, Choate
Felsenheld form
"ring" to steal a
portion of the "Park"
from Horton. Page 3
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Reed Wm Ans a Mar 19

San Diego 12th Feb,

Friend Wheaty

I see by the papers that the bill to legalize the Bonds issue the interest and provide for their redemption has passed the Senate. I dont know what the bill is — cant find out that any one here does know but presume it is all right. Now as soon as that passes the legislature cant you sell them in New York at a good figure. I could get a certified copy of the law as soon as it passes the assembly as I presume it will, through the

anti-railroad men fight against it.

They certainly must be a good investment, when confirmed and the intent made secure by act of the legislature, a special act. Money is plenty in N.Y. now but very scarce here.

What have you going to do about your taxes? — I wish I had the money I would pay them for you, but I am paying now two per cent per month for money and on a large amount. I wish I could sell something even at a very low figure but there is no sale for lands now.

Howard starts for Europe soon, he writes me. He wants to take a lot

of the Bonds to London, but I dont think favorably of the plan after our experience in New York. It is too far from home and too little known about us there.

I think you can do better in New York.

How are your matters progressing?

It has been raining hard all day and will be a strong night, plenty of rain so far this year.

Arnold, Choate, Gunn & Rosenfeld have formed a "ring" to steal a portion of the Park, and they have gained a very important point through Horton's stupidity or rascality for he has deeded to them 160 acres of the Park — on the south

lie. His deed to them resites the lie that he derives title through a sale to him by Morse & Bush Trustees of the City.
Horton gave them also a deed of Carrutts land. —
What do you think of this? nice little arrangement isn't it?
These are facts, and they have created great excitement here, but you won't see a word about it in the "Union" oh no,
The World however of course has something to say, if only to spite Quinn.
Yours in haste
Morse
I would send you the World if I could get a copy.

I send you "World"

McCARTAN & LOGAN,

47 Pearl Street.

New York, July 17 1874

Mr Whaley,

Sir,

Two of the Erie Railway Officials complained to-day of our not having light boats enough there last night while there were two lying on the upper side of the dock which never reported. This is not right. There should be no light-boats there unknown to you. You should also know the time of their arrival there and where they lay and report the same to Mr McDonald. You should also know the names of the loaded boats and where they lay in order to be able to tell the Captains of the Tugs where to find them. You should also see that the Captains of the boats sweep up the grain on their decks, and if dry and clean put it in the hold, but if wet and dirty throw it overboard. Should it rain you ought to see that the Captains put on

Messrs McCartan & Logan
Gents,

I have drawn up some rules for the government of the Corporation in your employ, in accordance with your letter directed to me.

The case they are taken for today to you, please have them duly perfected, or make any change or addition that you may deem necessary and return the same to me over your signature, and I promise to do all I can in having them duly enacted.

Yours Respectfully
F. H. Rutherford

Hon. F. H. Rutherford

Wm. Maley,

We note your what

you were sent there to see, and to see that the Captains did so & so, not what the Captains were to do to you. If you wait like a Government official in one place till the Captains report to you we fear ~~that~~ you will not hear from them very often, consequently you would not be of much advantage to us.

Very Respectfully
McEntah & Logan

Helena 19th 1874.

this Hatches and not let them lay off with this Hatches open while the rain is pouring down, and in upon the grain which was permitted to happen a few days ago, and was observed by a heavy western shipper who was over there and saw it with his own two eyes. and complained of the negligence to the Gen Railway Co. It was not altogether to look after the Swimmer that we sent you thus but to make yourself generally useful for our advantage.

Very Respectfully
M. Curtan & Logan

Rec'd

San Diego Feb 23 th 1874

My Dear Father

As it is a long time since I have written to you I thought I would write to-day. We are all well and hope you are the same. We shall all be very glad when the day come that you can return home. We have had plenty of rain and San Diego is green all over the river is down and has been running for a long time There is no school to-day as Washington's Birth-day came on Sunday they are keeping it to-day. This is the last week for school. Mrs Brook is going to New Town to live

says and she says she dont think we will have any more school in Old Town I dont like that much, but I intend to study at home. How is Mrs Young and all the children? Give time my name many kisses. How is Grandma I hope she is well. Remember me to her. The children all well and send their love to you I thank you for the Valentine, it is the first I received this Year. Mama intends to have Frank and myself confirmed when Bishop Kipp comes. Frank come up every Sunday. When George returned home from San Bernardino. Eunice sent me a very pretty pair of blue vases and Violet a pretty handkerchief Lillie a pretty little clock with a glass cover for her playroom. Since you left I have been to two weddings Mary Lowley to Mr Donahue she was married in the church and had a nice ball. Clara Twist to Mr Case a young man they were married by Mr Chetwood, it was a very quiet wedding if it had not been for Mama it would not have been pleasant at all. Mrs Hornbeck has gone away with her mother. There is hardly any one in Old Town they are all moving to New Town. I would like to see N. Y. again but I would rather go to Boarding school. Mr Schiller has moved his family to New Town. Mrs Dentler has gone to and two or three others. I would like to see you very much. Dear Papa I will now close my as I can not think of anything more With my love and many kisses believe me I am your affectionate daughter.

Emma A Webster

Good-bye.

San Diego. Feb 25th 1874

Recd March 19

My dear Father

I received your letter yesterday and I was very glad too hear from you. I am glad too see that the cold weather agrees with you so well. We received valentines, which you sent in the letter. I received yesterday. the one that mama got was a very handsome one. the others were very pretty too. George has returned from San Bernardino. Eunice's name is Mrs Chenhall. The River came down booming a few weeks ago. It has washed away one of Mrs Smith's largest fig trees. Give my love tor all my cousins and

tell them too write too me as soon as I can. After this week there is going too be no more school. I am very sorry about it but I will study at home. I cannot think of any thing more too write

From your loving child

Corrina L. Whaley

Rec'd March 19

please send

San Diego Cal Feb 26th 1874

My Dear Father

I write you these few lines to let you know that I have not forgot you you must excuse me for not writing to you for so long I have had a very nice time in San Bernardino I don't like John very much he's a very rough boy I saw a great many Artesian wells up there and a great many nice streams running through town we have had a great deal of rain in San Diego the river has covered the flats too Mrs. Smith

has lost two of her large
figures and a great many other
trees I can play on the Banjo
a little and I can play on
the harmonican verry nice
please try me a harmonican
you
can get a verry nice har
monican for 3 or 4 dollars
please excuse this writing
the next time I write you a
letter I will write you a very
nice one please do not show
any one this letter it is hardly
nice enough for your self to
look at so good by this is all

From your
Affectionate
C. George H. R. Whaley Son

George Whaley

George Whaley
To
Thomas Whaley
From San Diego

Thomas. Whaley
to
George W Whaley

please send the harmoni
can as soons you can

and please dont
forget to ~~[illegible]~~ me the arolin
please send the
harmonicans
as ~~[illegible]~~ as you
can

please send me the harmo
monicans as soon as you
can please dont forget
to send me the arolin
if you please

Recd Mar 19

San Diego. Feb. 27. 1874

Dear Father:

It is a very long time since I have written to you. We all received the Valentines you were kind enough to send us. We also received the last letter you wrote. Today is Friday and it is day of school and I am very sorry. One day at dinner I was eating some Oyster soup and what do you think I found a little pearl. I will enclose it in a piece of paper of which I will send you in this letter please excuse this writing because I was in a hurry to write to you.

I send you 1000 kisses so good
bye dear Papa. from your
Dear child

Violet Whaley
to her dear
Papa

MAR.
1874

New York March 1st 1874.

My Dear Wife & Children,

I have on account of being almost constantly employed been deprived of the pleasure of writing to you lately. I have sent you portions of my journal however but as they were very crudely written and hurried in cars, on ferry boats, or whenever I happened to be having a few minutes to spare, with no intention of sending to you. I fear you will have difficulty in making out all that I have written. There is nothing of any great importance, therefore take no particular trouble in deciphering it. Read what you can readily and guess at the balance. I send you these crudes because I have not felt like writing lately and having no comfortable place to do so in. I cannot say that I like my work. It is rather

too rough a place for me. I think I shall go elsewhere next Sunday, my expenses being paid for this time. I have been able to save very little out of my earnings so far — having to purchase some few things to make me more comfortable. Out of my present earnings $15.00 per week I shall be able to send you at most not more than $5.00, but should I receive more I will send you more — $10.00 per week is about as little as I can get along with for room, board, washing and other incidentals. The little I can send you will however be of great use to you in addition to keeping Frank and me. I enclose my first remittance from my earnings $10.00 being one of the bills I had received. I hope to be able to keep my present situation and to get on to something better. But should I lose the one I have I would indeed be in a pretty tight fix as where to go except Ohio. He will not however anticipate trouble that may never come. I have had an extremely hard time of generally and if anybody had told me of what I have passed through I would not have believed it possible. I anticipated a severe winter and gradually prepared myself for it by accustoming myself to exposure. Fortunately the winter has been an extraordinarily mild one. The long walks I have taken and the constant exposure to the kind of weather has fitted me for my present position which is almost entirely out of doors from morning till evening, rain hail or shine. I am pretty well broken in with the exception of slightly chapped hands and frost bitten ears, and these with timely precaution I might have prevented. I hope it will not belong before a change takes place in my affairs for the better which will be for the benefit of us all.

I think it is a South Pius. It is a long time
that has no third. I have been so very
busy or so very tired I have had scarcely
time or inclination to write or attend
to anything. I have been continually
for two days night and day learning
lessons. No galley slave ever worked harder
or was more constantly driven. I am
now becoming more settled and shall
have more time and inclination of
evenings to write and attend to what
I can. I have neglected everything
been confined to do so much
work as I could get settled. To day
I feel more rested and more like
myself than I have felt for three
weeks or more. I am in receipt
of your letters of the 10th & 15th January &
1st & 8th February. Letters from Mose of January
28 & 31 & February 4. Letter from Fanny Dangerfield.
Letter from Cousin Mi January 28th and various
others none of which I have been able
to answer but will do so to day.

I cannot write you anything very lengthy or entertaining at the present time — I refer you to my notes for anything of general interest — I wish to go to see Mr Young this evening if I can possibly, to ascertain if he is likely to accomplish anything through his influence in determining the Surrogate to take up my case — I will hereafter give the matter more attention than I have been able to do for some considerable time it is my intention to write to the Surrogate — but I have not felt like doing anything. You will excuse my writing more or another time your letter particularly. I hope to have some good news for you soon. With remembrances to friends and love to you all.

Yours your affectionate
husband & father
L H Rodney

Feb. March

their own disposition [illegible] [illegible]
But she is more [illegible] than [illegible]
[illegible] Could [illegible] [illegible] married [illegible]
Mrs Churchall [illegible] [illegible] in the
[illegible] she is at home and he gone
back to the [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] troubles her so she could
[illegible] the old [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] glad to get home [illegible]
[illegible] trouble and impolite [illegible]
[illegible] did not treat him [illegible]
[illegible] but he used [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a little [illegible] which
she found [illegible] [illegible] she had
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] day that I was [illegible]
[illegible] able to get [illegible] from [illegible]
I don't like people to [illegible]
But we manage to live. [illegible] will not
[illegible] anything. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] (Scattercha) [illegible]
[illegible] me. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] come to see [illegible] but [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] but I
tell [illegible] a [illegible] good home and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] live in a [illegible]
This place will [illegible] up, and
[illegible] will be [illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

Hell Mr Mark Ancaster Esq. of the 12th Company, March 7th Have a very heavy job today for about the last hour I have been on my Grain Mat. I am very sorry to say I have a very bad cold and feel very comfortable under existing circumstances. Notwithstanding the very heavy frost which fell during the last night, (which was a most lovely moonlight one,) the weather to day is very fine indeed clear and warm. If this weather was a sample of all the Northern winters I believe I would rather live here than in California; but we all know that it is not so. My idea is not to dilate upon the weather, but upon other things. particularly to inform you that I send you a letter yesterday enclosing my journal from the 14th ult. to March 7th inclusive, and a ten dollar greenback, being some of the first proceeds of my earn[illegible] I hope that you will receive it. [illegible] I have enclosed you a letter to Mr M[illegible] which please deliver. As the contents [illegible] detailed in my journal,

I might do; I went to see Mr Young. He was absent — gone to Chicago on business two weeks ago and was not expected home before Monday next, a week from to day. I saw Corinna and the youngest of the Young a bright blue eyed beautiful boy baby a little more than two months old (born December 25th). A fine Christmas present was it not, for his mother, though perhaps with such an one as you would like to receive — a hair switch, an astrachan sack, or a fine black silk dress, you would prefer to receive, and appreciate a great deal more — Well you shall have one and perhaps all these things too. Corinna says she has done all the dressing she intends to do in preparing the world. Also saw Corey who was from school late this morning — She is looking very well indeed — grown considerably and robust. She enquired about Frank. [illegible] tickled to hear that he is her only brother [illegible] recognize others only as friends — [illegible] wishes Frank to write Corey a nice little letter. She seems to encourage her in the idea that Frank is to be her beau. Says that she will write a letter to Frank dictated by Corey — Corey is with Corinna to write and say she hopes soon to be able to answer all of Frank's letters. Corinna asks for your address, says she will write you a long letter very soon within the next few days. Reminded her of the moments of business. She said that she would look up something and hand to me — Corinna is looking very well and appears to have recovered her usual good spirits — Your company came in during the morning — Mr & Mrs Schroeder and a gentleman by the name of Phillipps who have much before at the house and the city of the Vale of prosperity. He is a man with two or three millions of profits in sailing maybe a [illegible] but a perfect little [illegible] man a [illegible] friend of Young's [illegible] they have [illegible] Scott or Scott [illegible] Corinna [illegible] several grand pieces of

sang some beautiful airs. Oh was the first time I have heard her since we were on new together. I think she has greatly improved in music. I am not much of a judge however though I think I can always tell when good music is. She is said to be one of the best amateur players in the city. Her singing is sweeter and pleasanter to me than any I ever heard in public.

There is much in Corinna that reminds me of you formerly in disposition and the way she entertains her company. She moves around with distinguished grace and elegance and makes every body feel comfortable.

She informed me that Mr Young wished her to tell me that Mr Mancisla, a friend of his, intimately acquainted with the Russ-gate, had had an interview with him in regard to my matters and that he [illegible] would, as she said, be decided in my [illegible] March [illegible] for the [illegible] I suppose that the papers [illegible] would soon be taken up and a decree [illegible]. A

at night which probably it would be and she
would improve his mind. It would be a relief
to him he would have easier and pleasanter
times every way and probably make
more than he does at present. Perhaps if
Fanny knew that he intention was to leave the
Union office he might be urging him to what to do
[illegible] He thinks he can do it he can run for
[illegible] may have as little wages as he pleases
and make the work hard because he believes
[illegible] can not help himself. Sometimes
I could get my money - my first cousin would
be to look after it and [illegible] and
that they get some adventurous in the world
[illegible] I am glad George has
[illegible] from Clan Gunnison and the
[illegible] he will be a very good boy. Little
[illegible] Orbet that Papa [illegible] to come home
soon that they have a papa who thinks just
as much of them as ever and would be very glad
to see them. Kiss them and Mamma from me.
My love to you all. Write soon again
and hope to have good news.
Remember me to Your ever dear Father.
Mrs Ballance thank her for me.

[illegible]

—Copy—

New York, March 13th, 1874.

Hon'ble R. C. Hutchings,
Cumrogate,
Dear Sir, —

"In the matter of the accounting of Rachel Whaley, executrix of the estate of Thomas Whaley, deceased."

This is the title to a case argued in your court, some time during the month of November last. Since then, I have been expecting almost daily, to hear of a decision, and might still wait as patiently as I have heretofore done, were I alone concerned, but there are those having claims upon me, who are suffering in consequence of the delay, in whose behalf I should make some effort. I refer to my wife and children, at home in California, from whom I have been absent so long. My natural sympathy for them is the only excuse I can offer for the liberty taken in requesting that you will examine the points in the case referred to, and expressing the

wish that a decision thereon may be rendered at the earliest possible consistency — and that you may fully appreciate the motives which prompt me in addressing you upon this subject, I enclose a letter received recently from my wife for your perusal, which please return.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Svt.
Ho. Wheaney

Chicago March 18th 1874

My Dear Wife

The weather has been exceedingly cold and disagreeable during this week past and not feeling altogether well I have not been out or about much except at Mr Ridgways where I have spent most of the time during the day. I was one evening this week at my cousins John E. Pye to thank him for the kind which he left with my lawyer Monday ago about which I wrote you in my last. Another evening I spent at Young's. He had returned from Chicago. Was much surprised that a decision had not been rendered in my case, having effected as he supposed an arrangement with a friend of his, with that view before he left. I showed him a letter which I had written with the view of sending to the Surrogate, in the

count of his not being able to accomplish any thing in my behalf on the part of his friends. My lawyer approves of the wording of the letter says there is nothing objectionable in it or at which the least exception can be taken. Mr Young said he would see some of his friends intimately acquainted with the Surrogate and he is still in hopes of being able to do something in obtaining a decision soon, and wished the letter which I had prepared to show to his friends that he might understand fully what I desired so I gave it to him, but not the one from you which I intend to enclose to the Surrogate should I ever do so. I am becoming very much disgusted with the manner of acting of the Surrogate. It is his way in all cases coming up before him when money is concerned. A few hundreds of dollars would fetch him and a decision in my favor. This I have known for months past. But as I have not the means to obtain a decision in this way I must await his time and pleasure or obtain it through friendly influence, which I am endeavoring to do at the present time. There is no redress, as I understand to be had, the judiciary of the State being chosen by the people. If such men are put in office by them no one has the right to complain. So long as he commits no gross error and those having business with him seem more inclined to conciliate him than to question the legality of any of his actions, as the radical way in obtaining a decision in this cases. Generally those having the much money and willing to spend it are the ones most likely to meet with his favor. In my case however the chances

are perfectly equal - for though my mother has the money I do not believe she could be made to see the propriety of parting with a thousand dollars to gain the Surrogate in order to get a decision in her favor. The point of delicacy is that when his honor becomes thoroughly convinced of this he will on account of her meanness and upon general principles decide the case against her, but how long I must wait his coming to this conclusion it is impossible for me to say.

I shall wait a few days more to see if Mr Young will be able to effect anything through the personal influence of any one of his friends. He is connected he tells me with the Hutchings wife the daughter of Comsley, but does not care to seek his nominate acquaintance on that account as he is no admirer of the man. He speaks to him when he meets him

but would not go to him to ask of him a favor. He has however friends who are very intimate with him who drink Champagne and Chucks Choice Havannas together - and through some one of them he hopes to be able to expedite the decision in my case. Enclose you a copy of the letter which I have prepared to send the Surrogate Should Mr Young please fail —

Comma was looking very well indeed. The Children are all well Tom was there. They were just rising or about to do so from the dinner table when I was shown into the dining room. They desired me to partake of something but I had already dined to my satisfaction. The family had evidently been in conclave discussing the affairs of their circle as I judged from what Comma told

me after Tom had left and during the temporary absence of Mr Young from the room. It appears that Mr Young having met with heavy losses in his sea speculations and not having been able to sell his property in Westchester County finds it necessary to reduce his expenses, which are for the house more than $12.000 per annum besides having to pay nearly as much more in the shape of taxes upon his property. He proposes to leave the house furnished on 16th for a couple of years. His family will go to France by the steamer of the 8th June to reside there and his intention is to go to China again to engage in the tea trade. Emma says she can live so much cheaper in France and be able to educate her children there. Tom takes Nellie but what he intends to do with her they did not seem to know, but expressed the wish that he would not take her to

his present place of abode. I do not think Mr Young is in any way seriously involved but for the panic he might have disposed of his Westchester County property to good advantage and have saved himself ah over, but not being able to do so he has been compelled to sacrifice on hers and now feels the effects of it. Therefore his determination to retrench his expenses. It seems that the rich have their troubles as well as the poor. and that we are not alone in afflictions. I asked Emma if she had yet written to you. She said no, that she had had so much to think about since they had determined to rent their house and reduce their expenses till such times as the times improved again. That she had not been able to do so. She enquired particularly concerning you and if I had heard from you. On Mr Young returning to the room he asked Emma if she

had told me of their intention. She said yes that she had done so. He said he was then about going to insert the advertisement of their house furnished for two years for four thousand dollars per annum and that I must excuse him for hurrying away. We left the house together. He again promised me to see some of his friends and hopes to be able to accomplish something in my favor.

Suppose you write to Corinna again. Dare say she would be pleased to hear from you and she may then write to you. The last time I saw her previous to the last she was not only going to write to her but was going to write a letter dictated by Cory to Frank and engage to bring a valentine from her. I told her if her object was to reduce expenses and if Mr Young was going to China the better to go back with me to California after I got

my suit decided, with her children that our house was plenty large enough to accommodate all, and remain there till Mr Young returned from China and keep your company. She said she did not think she would like to live in California and that our object she had in going to France was the education of her children — Mr Young said that the climate of San Francisco was delightful. I told him that that of San Diego was more so and if his wife would come there and remained six months I am sure she would like it. That there were nice houses there, she could live and keep her horses and carriage for much less than in New York that a friend of ours did so for less than our hackman's bill it was costing them. I had referred to Capt Wiley. If there object is retrenchment of expenses, San Diego would prove the place for them

where unknown by their present circles of acquaintances. They could live quietly and economically under such circumstances. Mr Young's business prospects—

You might write to him and tell him what I say about her going to Europe and her husband to China, and that she had better come to San Diego where there is an excellent family hotel that $150 to $200 per month will defray all expenses — or in case she did not like that you could place half of your house at her disposal. It is not likely she will accept of any proposition you may make her as she is bent upon going to China but you can mention it the subject of a letter to her and ask excuse for having written. There I think this is about enough concerning the Youngs at the present time. I have written what I have in the way of gossiping while passing the evening in the reading room of the

Astor House. It was my intention to have gone over to Gibbs' this evening to see if there were any letters for me, but concluded not to do so on account of the cold wind blowing. This morning the thermometer on Broadway opposite the Herald Office at 8½ stood at 17°. It must have been much colder when I got up. For the first time this winter I found that the water in the wash pitcher was frozen, the ice being an eighth of an inch in thickness. It must have been very cold out of doors. The weather during the week has been colder than any time this winter after having such extraordinary pleasant weather during a portion of last week and previously since the first of the month. I am not sorry to have left the grain wharf at the time I did on account of the weather. I got cold I was there the last day and have not been comfortable since and I suppose on this account I am more susceptible

like than I otherwise would be – I must take good care of myself as in case of sickness I don't know what I should do. I often think of this and wish that I been home again. Should anything very serious occur to me I know that I would suffer for the want of your kind attention, and if there is any thing that I do like it is to be taken good care of when I am sick. I could not certainly expect much or any thing of this kind situated as I am at the present time without money or friends. I often think what a fearful miserable outcast I am in consequence of the manner of my mothers treat disregard of me – but it will all be right I hope soon and I shall go home rejoicing and make you all comfortable and happy as is my great desire to do. It is nearly 10 o'clock I think I may as well return to my den at the Eric House, and retire

Saturday, March 14th 1846. The morning is bright and clear - and thought little cold. The weather has moderated considerably. The thermometer in front of the Herald office at 9 O'Clock being only 29°. I am now at Ridgway's office, Holloway. I have just left Owen here he being detained on business at home on account of the Court in Yorkton. I do not suppose however any new developements have transpired in my case since I was there yesterday. I did think I could be of more use to Mr Owen before this time he having requested to inform me in case of his succeeding in my behalf. I am sorry not to have gone to Toronto last evening as there may perhaps be a letter then for me which I should like to have before leaving this to you, but it was too late. I did not feel much in the humour of going there to see. I am invited there to dine tomorrow and shall find out and in case I get a letter from

you will write again soon. You spoke of commencing suit against Wm Holmes who owes me on a note given March 23d 78 for $88.43 with interest thereon at 1½% per month which I fear will amount to a considerable sum. He is rather a plausible man. I believe he might have paid me several times had he been so disposed. I have acted very fairly towards him and been very lenient towards him. The note was given for goods purchased of me in 1879. He once offered to give me a bill of sale of his wagon and horses but I did not wish to deprive him of the means of earning his bread which I think I have done at the time. If he has minds I hope through your agency I may succeed in making him pay.

Maunsell & Schilling have in their possession a note against José Antonio López given to Wheeler & Cochrane in payment of goods, dated April 1878 for $129.46 with interest at the rate of 2% per month. I wish you would upon the receipt of this let them about it and have them commence suit at once to prevent the note from becoming outlawed. I wish to get judgment for the amount of the note and interest or have a new note for the amount. If López is in Texas he may be induced to do it and then there will be no further trouble or expense incurred. If he should in the interim be induced to pay the note and case Mr & M. will not institute suit for the recovery of the money or in obtaining judgment thereon in their favor (but without placing the same to my credit till paid) I wish you to get the note from them and have suit commenced at once in my name or Mrs C's name for the purpose of recovering the money thereon or in obtaining judgment. The note I think is endorsed "Wheeler & Cochrane" and Mr & Mrs C or Mr C can commence suit thereon. If

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not endorsed it may be necessary to commence suit in the name of Mr B. C. or in my name being one of the partners and authorised to collect the outstanding debts of the concern as per dissolution with Col. Waite. The note though dated April 1st 1850 may have been made payable at some particular time or in 6 months or a year from date and if so the time of limitation would be from that time — See the note and it will explain itself, and you will tell you what the Gentlemen be communicate immediately or not to prevent its becoming out lawed. You will also ask them now about the note left with them against Dr Luther Gilbert for $100 and the chances of getting anything from his estate? It would be wise necessary to look over the old accounts and notes of Mr B. C. you might perhaps find time to

able to execute a free deed. Any one you think be likely to pass do such hesitate to prudent need thing of Cochrane might if he can certain be able to execute some of them.
One other thing. I wish you to ask Nathan how the settlement of my matters is progressing with Cochrane. Tell him I wish either a settlement as agreed upon between Cochrane and myself and undertaken by him, or a judgment against him in the district court and that under no circumstances do I wish this suit in abeyance until such time as the settlement is made. You can tell him that I expect to be home soon, though I may be detained several months longer, when I shall insist upon the settlement with Cochrane or go in for selling judgment against him. — That's all about

have to pay on business at the present time — Mr Shew & one other thing and that is the payment of taxes upon my property which you informed me are advertised. But I have no money and can do nothing in regard to the matter at present. Mr Shew wrote to enquire what I was going to do about paying my taxes. He said that he was himself overhead up & could not borrow money at 2 pct per month — otherwise he would pay them for me, that he was expecting money from the East which if he got he would pay them forthwith. I would not like to have the property sold and to redeem it at more than double or treble the amount of the tax — therefore if Mr Shew says I ought to have him do so, and if he cannot I hope you will be able to borrow the money or induce some one to pay and I will pay them interest on the money & be perfectly in your debt. Yours &c. [illegible]

Old Town San Diego
March 17th 1874.

My dear Husband.

Your welcome letter and notes, together with a Ten dollar greenback came to hand safely on the 15th inst. We were very glad to hear from you, and to know that you enjoy good health. I would have written on the 16th but I met with a very bad accident, and which came near being a very serious one, Coming from New Town on the evening of the 10th, after having Frank and Annie Confirmed by Bishop Kip, the stage got into a hole and bounced a Rock Red about

Dear Husband
Your loving
wife
Angie E. Smith

so that I could not hold on and knocked the right side of my face against one of the iron post in the doorway, my eye is terribly bruised, and so swollen that I can scarcely see with the other, but by resting often I can write you a few lines, my shoulder down to my elbow all black and blue, and my neck was so twisted trying not to be thrown only that I cannot not move as much, I am better to-day and Dr Stockton says my eyes is not injured inwardly, and if I do not take cold in it, I will come out all right. I do not think you would know me if you were to meet me in the street my face so swollen and all black and blue, the shock made me quite sick for several days, so much so that I could not get about, to-day I feel a little better, and able to scribble a few lines. We went with Mrs Seely that night, only herself Nannie and I. They were not hurt any, of course it may be poor me. With care I will get well soon. There were twenty nine Confirmed, & twenty one baptized in our Church while Bishop Kip was here, Dr Stockton being one of them & Mrs Pendleton & Mrs Wallace also, quite a revival in our church matters, Mr Chelwood is a rusher, and has started

all the other churches, in having prayer meetings; Mrs Beatty goes to our Church often.
Mr Carr has called but once since his return, and that visit was a New Year's Call.
Mrs Mottle calls occasionally.
Mr Pendleton since she joined our Church has called to see me with Mrs Hornbeck, she wants to make up with all those she has been talking about, she has sold out her furniture and is leaving San Diego for good, going to Fresno to live with a sister of hers. The Calkins will move to new town and the Ballards too, and Mr Cullen to is Wonder says. Frank was not well Sunday, so Dr

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that will make [illegible] so as to keep your
hands [illegible] of us who think so much of
our dear Poppa? I would not let them drive
you [illegible] away until such time as
you have accomplished your object. [illegible]
way to New York. George sends his love
to you. And so do all the rest of the
family. I must close now as I feel
very tired. And my eye is [illegible] very
weak. With love from all. Kind
wishes to all. I am still your own
loving and devoted wife

Anna G. Scholes

Rec'd April [illegible]

I am sorry you have such a hard
time and hope they will make it
easier for you soon. You must take
good care of yourself, and not expose
yourself too much to the weather, and
besides make yourself comfortable
and do not send us any money if
you need it all until such time as
you are comfortably situated.
Remember me to Mr. Pappas and thank
him for his kind way to you. Mr. Alden
also and children. My love to John, Mary,
Mrs. Young. Mrs. Gray, also Mrs Faulkner & E. M.

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work bench you would be
astonished to hear me
play on the harmonican
the brother down on the
Plaza can play very nice
After you left San Diego
about a week after you
left I was just learning
my self the best kind of
harmonican is these long
ones they have only one
side to play on the sound
of them are distinct and
very nice please send
the harmonican as soon
as you can I will pay the
expences on its way a
connuing Pa[illegible] making
a Circular Gam[illegible] think
it will work [illegible] more

Hon. A. J. Mitchell,
Representative
Queens & San Diego

Hon. Lucien Sharpe
Chairman Committee on Judiciary
Assembly Chamber
Sacramento Cal.

Dear Sir:
Enclosed please find a copy of a memorial
from the Queens & San Diego
Counties, praying
for the passage of a law
to provide for the
appointment of
Commissioners of
Deeds in
Counties
where
there
are
no
Notaries
Public.

Recd April 1st 1874

No 28

San Diego.
Cal March
1874

My Dear Father I hope
you are well and enjoying
your self in New York I
should like to see the great
city I should like to see
Central Park and should
like to try a pair of Skates
very much. And should
like to see those nice
Swans I never saw one I
have done a great deal of
work since I have come
from San Berniardino
I have chopped up two loads
of wood I have me a chest
two feet any tools in and
I have an side a nice to my

Recd April 14

San Diego Mar 18. 1879

Dear Papa

We received a letter from you on the fifteenth and we were very glad too hear from you. I am glad too hear that the climate agrees so well with you. There is no more School. The School is Closed forever Nannie sends her love too you. She has a little class of girls. She teaches them George is the only boy in Nannie's school. He sends his love too you. There has been a great many cases of the Scarlet fever in Old Town. Mama and Violet send their love too you and hope you

too see you at home soon. I
send you my love and a great
many kisses with it. I hope you
are enjoying yourself in New-
York. I close my letter now as I
cannot think of any thing more
too write. Excuse this writing as
I was in a hurry too write it
so Good bye.

From your loving child
Corinna E. Whaley.

New York March 18th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

I write you at the present time, though I have nothing in particular to communicate — as you will see by the enclosed notes — more that you may hear from me on the anniversary of your birth day the 31st March, as I calculate that this will reach you in thirteen days from hence. I am sorry indeed not to be able to be with you at that time and to celebrate the day in some appropriate way and to your benefit. I have nothing to send you, but to let you know that I have not forgotten the occasion, I send you the letter which is all that I can do at the present time. It was in hope to have been home with you, or at least to have been in a position to have sent

you some pitiful memorial of my regard, but until I gain my liberty I can not do this and many other things I do my wish and intention to give you. Let us hope that before the recurrence of another anniversary (and may you live to enjoy many of them) our fortune will be very different from what it is at the present time and that we may be united and surrounded by our children, loving and blessing us. Do not think that I have in the least forgotten either you or them or that my love is any way diminished by distance or time. My heart beats only for you and for them and the result of all my efforts will be for your and their happiness. You can tell I may succeed and restore me once more to my home and family and that the future may be one of unalloyed happiness for us all. Let us with many kisses receive this from your dear and respectful [illegible]

Nevada Nov. 26th 74.

Hon. J. C. Sullivan
Executive
Carson

"In the matter of the accounting of Harris Mason, executor of the estate of Thomas Evans, deceased."—

This is the title of a case around which centers a world of agony. I have been an eager spectator of decisive and, in part, painful events, long, very long, concerning, but, by bonds of love and children, yet in California and depending in consequence of unfeigned obedience, I am induced to request that you will examine the papers in the proceedings referred to, and render decision Monday

at your earliest convenience. That you may fully appreciate Mr Lee's motive I have in addressing you, I shall now furnish you with a second letter received from my wife, which speaks plainly & obliges

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
J. McKinney.

Nov. 30. 56 Broadway.

APR.
1874

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Grand Central Hotel.
New York. April 3. 1874

My Dear Info.

Your long and welcome letter of the 19th came to hand last evening - I might have gotten it two days earlier had I known it was at the Gibbs for me - I feel pretty tired to day having written considerable for the past few days. I have just completed my notes and as they are full they contain all that I might otherwise write. You will learn with regret that I have no decision yet but the chances are that I will have soon as I have some friends who are interesting themselves in my behalf with the Surrogate. Do not think that I have any fear for a lawyer he is a very learned man & stands high in his profession.

and had we a few such in San Diego we should have more justice than we have - Galewoody ways would not go down here and I doubt if he would have any standing here as a member of the bar: I am perfectly satisfied with all my lawyer has done and if I do not win my suit it will not be because I have not pulled on my side or because he has not attended to it thoroughly - I may be defeated in the Sacramento Court I would not bet upon his decision one way or the other. I do not think my mother has paid anything to keep the decision back neither do I think she would be hard if rendered in her favor. She thinks too much of money to see the importance of paying out a little for the purpose. The

Surrogate I believe could be bribed and he may perhaps be holding back thinking that either mother or I will give him something — I am sure she will not — and I know that I cannot — I hope however to accomplish my end in an other way through influence of a most influential friend of his with whom Connie is perfectly acquainted. She has promised to use her best endeavors for me and besides my Cousin John E. Page promises to bring some strong political influence to bear. I think I will succeed eventually and shall not rest till I have accomplished my object. I am as persistant in this as could be in anything in my life — I find I can use influence which will be of such a nature I must not

to procure a decision very speedily and I have no doubt but that it will be in my favor—everything seems to tend that way even the finding of the old brief and the offer made me as a sort of feeler on the part of my mothers lawyer to give me $5.000— I might have taken this some time ago but notwithstanding I have waited so long and firmly believe I will get a great deal more. But let this suffice about the case. I have not long to write and few little incidents that way, having written so much to day—

I am sorry to hear of the serious accident you met with coming from New York after the confirmation of Mark and Mamie & am glad however you have so far recovered that no serious consequences will result from it. I would not like to have you blind of an eye though it might be of an advantage to me sometimes. You could not see quite so well what was going on. This is only for a joke. I should like to see the photographs of you enlarged up, as you were so that I might have passed you in the street without recording you— Be careful of yourself dear Mam, do not spoil either of those beautiful eyes of yours— You know how much I have always admired them. and thought them the most beautiful and expressive I ever saw— So take good care of them and let no thing happen to them or yourself again. but keep your mind composed and take things quietly and easily. All will be right I assure

you. There are many happy days in store for us both and our children too. We have also had a pretty hard rough time of it. I am very much worried about Frank. I hope nothing serious will happen to him I should be very sorry indeed. To have him afflicted with brain fever which though he recovered from it would entail upon him probably some bad effects. If you apprehend anything serious perhaps it would be better to keep him at home for a time or let him go up to San Bernardino to his Uncle Franklin. What he makes is very little indeed. I figure it is of great use to you but suppose you did not get it for a week or two or even a month could you not get along without it. The

but our hope and that is
the result of my case in my favor.
Lorin thinks to take good care
of himself. he must not overwork
or overtax himself in any
way for the sake of earning
more money than he can do
without inconvenience to himself
or he may produce serious
consequences. Tell Mat he
should make only half as much
when he comes sick and prevented
from making anything. I am
glad to hear from the little
ones and that they are all
well - I hope they will es-
cape the scarlet fever
and be free from any other
kind of sickness. Give love
to all - I wish I could
see them soon - I hope Mamie
will not the rest of the children
give good to their mamma from

Friday April 3. 94. I have concluded to send this letter off as it is this morning — as I shall be busy all day — it was my intention to have written more but will postpone doing so till some time next week when I hope to have some good news for you — am glad you got the pics from Ho about the 25 & 31 — Do not return my notes or journal, I expect to see more him again before I leave — With much love, dear Nan, from your ever devoted

Harry

San Francisco April 9th 1874

Dear Anna &c

Your last dated Feb. 23d was received with pleasure although we were sorry to hear that you met with an accident but hope that by this time you are quite well. It is too bad that doing your duty you should be knocked in the head.

Tell Frank that he has my blessing for his good conduct to his mother & that God will bless him also & he will have good luck all his lifetime. We are sorry to hear that the Sun family are so mean. What has become of Mr Bushyhead has he left S. F.? What a pity

Frank is not with him?
anymore! he was such
a kind friend to him?
That old Mother-in-Law of
yours, is a regular dure à cuir!
She must have a heart of
stone! She almost in her
grave & holding on so tight!
God forgive her! but I think
it is a poor way to get to Heaven
Yes, my dear Anna bear on,
bear bravely on (He that endureth
to the end shall be saved. Matt. 10.
22.) How glad we will be to see
you both my poor dear daughter!
Oh! how I wish that the old Sinner
would open her heart & let poor
Whaley return to his family!
poor man he has had a
hard time of it lately!
Tell Nannie we thank her very
much for her kind letter
We think she has improved
in her writing & we are glad to
hear that she does not neglect
her French.
I am afraid Amelia's health
begins to fail. She complains
very often now. She has had
somuch trouble this winter losing
her scholars on account of sickness.
She had a class of seven children
in the Grand Hotel but the
scarlet fever broke out
among them & now she has
but four & they, are going
East in May. I also had
a class at home & it was
broken up on account of their
children being sick.
We have not seen the Boswell
lately. they stopped their lessons

Some time ago; you were
going to Europe & perhaps
they are gone; we do not
know what has become of them
We commenced the winter thinking
we would make a little money
but the weather has been very
hard, very sickly among children
& we of course suffer for it.
I have not the Rheumatism so
bad since I left Fisher street
but I am very weak & feel very
nervous. Yes if God's come it will
revive me.

My daughter writes to me that
poor Peter is in very good
general health, but not in
a condition to be discharge
it gives me no hope. Oh!
what a living trouble that is
in my old age but God's
will be done. Amen.

Recd Apr 22 [illegible]

San Diego April 8/74

Friend Wheeler -

This morning's World says it is rumored that Rufus Hatch will be agent at San Francisco Higgins has resigned.

If you may have heard of it - I choose your letter line just as the mail is closing.

Perhaps a show for you some here in the place of Dorsey

Yours

Moore

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Robert H. Magill, Manager.)

LOSSES PROMPTLY PAID IN COLD COIN.

(Branch, San Francisco.

PHŒNIX OF HARTFORD AND HOME OF NEW YORK

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Combined Cash Assets, January 1st, 1872, - $6,580,874 87
Income, 1871, - - - - - $4,687,471 58

Agency at San Diego April 11 1874

Friend Haley

I am very busy, can say but a word or two.

You are mistaken in your premise The Board of Trustees made no change in the assessment roll. The Assessor valued the property higher — says it was really higher in the market than when he made the assessment for State & Co. taxes, about one or two months earlier. The difference he made is about 20% not more. There must be some mistake in the Kays Ringold property. The Supreme Court has decided that the State Board of Equalization can not raise or lower the valuation in a lump, in one county.

You can not confine the voting to resident property owners — such a charter would be unconstitutional in every State in the Union.

The Assessor has a sworn duty to perform and a Charter could not say that he "should assess the property at same rate as assessed for State & County purposes" The assessment is made by two different union elected by two different districts at different times, how then can the assessment be alike? The Assessor & Collector must be two

different persons according to the Constitution. The Treasurer & Collector may be the same. A bill passed the Legislature making quite a number of changes, amongst others, giving the Treasurer no salary or commissions and the Collector but 3 but the bill was pocketted by the Governor. A Dozen good men per would take the Treasurer's office without any fees. In Massachusetts the usual price paid to a Treasurer & Collector the same person is 1¼ to 1¾ per cent for ~~collecting & disbursing~~ and here we pay 8% your Old Town Trustee Estudillo is Treasurer and gets his 3% but has not attended a single meeting of the board for the past 4 months.

I like many of your suggestions very well. A new Charter was carefully drawn up in public and read at several meetings of the board of Trustees but the "Ring" offered it and Mr Coy positively said it should not pass, so Bowers to whom it was sent did not introduce it.

I have not been able to get a certified copy yet of the Bill to legalize the Bonds will send it when it arrives.

Kimball Clews ~~was~~ certainly very gentlemanly and I have always liked him very much, but our Bank had committed themselves so far to Drexel Morgan & Co that they could not draw back. Clews did not pay in full however.

I presume when Marston and Howard things looked well, but for a month or

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so, it has looked very dull. Everybody feels exceedingly blue. I think no work will be done on the Railroad this year. It is rumored that Evans & Woods have attached all the Railroad property here — may be so may be not — things look bad.

If we could pave in our lots at New Town our title would be all right, but I have no money to do it with and must risk it. They are not worth much now.

Mannaux had an inquiry for Ranch lands and I offered him San Ysidro for 65¢ per acre and to pay him commissions out of that if he sold. Hartman said refer them to me for title I have examined it and it is perfect. He said the twin had found & it was not now in his hands.

I am sorry you did not make the grain business stick longer.

I hope you will get a decision in your favor soon — I am terribly in want of money, am in debt & can't get out. That Mortgage will be outlawed soon what about that? I hope Mannaux will sell that San Ysidro property.

I wish I could get away before May but I am afraid I can not much before then — and scarcity of funds I suppose will compel me to ~~leave the~~ steamer.

Yours in Lord
Nrose

I sent you lots of "Worlds" some half a dozen "Illustrated Shitto" It is a big ~~[illegible]~~ good thing in it.

Recd May 3

San Diego Apl 6 15/74

Friend Whaly

I send you the law will try to get a certified copy & send you also.

R. S. Rose expects to sell the Bonds in S.F. "Quien Sabe" in the present "depressed condition of Railroad property" which are bad very bad. Tremont is in San Francisco. It is rumored that Scott is bust up & the Company are about selling out to other parties Evans dont think there is any truth in such a rumor but he is in the dark as much as we are. no one here thinks Scott will get any help from Congress.

A. J. Whiting advertising

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Moore

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Mrs H Hurd

San Diego April 16th 1874

Dear Papa.

We received a letter from you on the 14th of April. I am glad too hear that you are well. We are all well at home and hope you are the same in New-York. I am writing in Nannie school which she has in your Office. Mr Bush is about moving away from Old Town. I send my love too you and also too Grandma and cousins. Nannie is a good Teacher. I have learnt a good deal since I have been to her school. Nannie sends her love too you and she says she will write too you very soon. I have my Doll and her little buggy still. Violet sends her love too you

and also too her cousins. I would like too see you home again. It has ben such a long time since I have seen you. Mama sends her love too you. She told me that she was going too write too you tomorrow. George sends his love. also he says that he wants you too answer his letters. It is so long since I have written too you that I have a good deal too talk about. I do all the kitchen work. Mama does the cooking sweeping and she make her bread also. Nannie and Violet make up the beds in the morning. we are all good help too Mama. Violet says she will write too you as soon as she can. In Spelling at Nannie's School I have had the head-mark 6 times. Violet has had it 9 times and George has had it but once. Nannie studies so that she will not be back in her lessons. It rained hailed and blew so hard that it blew down several trees. The hills are covered with wild flowers. but there are too many snakes too go up and get any of them. Violet hopes you are in good health. and she will be glad too see you home again. I send you a specimen of my first attempt at Drawing. and also some of Violet's. This is the longest letter I have ever written too you. I cannot think of any thing else too write about as Old town is a very dull old place. So good by with much love too all.

From your affectionate child
Corinna Lillian Whaley.

Mr. Dan Clark has moved too the la playa.

Ans. June 20

Recd May 3 74

San Diego, Apr. 17th 1874

Dear Mama

Yesterday received a letter from you on the 15th we were very happy to hear from you as we have not heard from you for 15 days. I sent you the 10 cent piece. I received the 1 cent piece on Saturday four days you failed. Mama sent me down to the Post-office to see if there was any letters, and I went down and got a letter and when I was coming home I fell the 1 cent piece I thought it was a 10 dollar piece. I came running into the Parlor where Mama was

sitting. I handed it to her and told her what I thought it was. She opened it and found a real piece. I am earning very much in Annie's little school. Annie takes care of the Unions. They have stopped giving us the World. But I have fixed all that there is. We all send you our love and hope you will be home soon. I hope you are in perfect health. I hope nothing will trouble you. Annie says she will write to you the next time Pauline writes. I can not think of anything more at present but hope you will not forget me. I send you many a kiss and I still remain your

affectionate child.

Ella E. [illegible]

San Diego April 18/74

Friend Wheeler

Many wants to know if there is any prospect of doing anything with the Stonewall mine.

He says, write to Wheeler That — The miners all say that some day this mine will be worth a million of dollars.

The mine is 40 feet wide where they are at work now.

They have all the water they want from the Laguna

There is no blasting required in the mine & therefore costs to work it immensely less than where Blasting

Reed Mining Co.

is required.

Ore enough to keep 100 stamps running.

Wood costs only $2½ per cord delivered at mine. Timbers for mine cost for 12 inch square, four cents per running foot.

The ore can be taken out and milled at a cost not exceeding three dollars per ton.

The grade now runs from $15.00 to $20.00 per ton.

I think the mine is a good one, but it needs a large capital to work it to advantage, and Tracy is cramped all the time for want of capital.

Real Estate was never so slow of sale as now
than an absolutely no sales.

Our Railroad prospects look very dark, but our material prosperity is fine. Klauber estimates our yield of honey this year at $200 000=. He is buying at from 15 to 22c shipping to Chicago (in the comb) and selling them at 27c currency by the car load. It is the finest honey in the world: why could not it be shipped by water to N. Y. Would the Isthmus route meet it? Tons were shipped last year in 2 lb tin boxes the comb cut to fit & sold in St Louis & Chicago by retail at $1= currency for box. Good judges estimate that we will ship 25 000 bushels of wheat.

this season. — this will require from 30 to 50 teams per day to arrive & leave town for a period of 100 days nearly 4 months sundays out.

The Wool crop is doubled this year, large sales of cattle horses & sheep & the great increase of bullion will bring in lots of money by next fall.

The Foster & Sanderson getting men in Gilbert's counting house & with Gilbert made an exact calculation of their profits this year on 600 acres of wheat and Gilbert told me after making very liberal allowance of incidentals the profit would be over $10000.00. Foster says he is well satisfied to make one crop in 5 years. Our wild lands covered with brush & sage & heretofore looked upon as worthless, will yield more money with less work than the richest corn lands of Illinois. In Henry get many people are now coming here because we have no back country.

It is reported that Rufus Hatch will be the agent at Santa Barbara and if so there may possibly be a change at San Diego.
I have heard nothing from them.

I shall start as soon as I can possibly get away. I have a case in court set for the 25th April and I may have to stop till a few days after that.

I am very busy, get into my office at 7½ in the morning and remain till eleven at night — of course I am out occasionally on business.

Hartman has had his case in the Gila Co transferred to Los Angeles Co. Mitchell says we are sure to win, but our witnesses must go up. Yours in haste

Moore

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Mills

you owe me now over $1500 — ~~and~~ including your Mortgage which matures next October — I do sincerely wish for your own sake and for your family that you succeed in your suit and will raise some money, but I am really hard up for money myself — I have property but it is unsalable now and interest & money is eating it up. I would not write this way to you, for I know you are doing all a man can do to expedite matters, but it is right you should know how it is and not blame me for not rendering you more assistance.

Recd May 2 '74

I telegraphed you a few days ago that Higgins had resigned the agency of the A.M. & S. Co at San Francisco at the request of Mr Wisely

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I certainly expected to have paid
before this time and certainly should
have done so but for the shameful
treatment of Cave [illegible] which
has been almost entirely the cause
of my present embarrassment
He owes the Store and to me more
than enough to pay every dollar
I owe — Remember me kindly
to Mr Witherby — McCoy and others
who have been kind to me and
you and give them every assurance
that I will pay and refund them
every dollar I owe as quickly as
possible — I am sorry for that
butcher who had to [illegible] such
a shave upon his bills to get his
money — I have seen the time
when a claim against me would
have sold for almost its face in
San Diego — I suppose 20 ¢ on the
dollar would be a high estimate
at the present time — But enough
of this — I met Alden on the boat
crossing the ferry this evening —
looking very well — thinking of
looking up another wife — I
have your gold enamelled [illegible]
will send it by first opportunity
offering or in the trunk with the

toys along with the dresses, in
case I get money enough to pay
the freight which would likely
be $8.00 perhaps more —
Commend to very kind to me
indeed and so to her husband —
They make me feel at home —
Mr Hall promises to write to you
but she is so busy I dont think
she will — Enclosed a few lines of my
composition written at Long Branch
shortly after the death of my mother
I think them very pretty — Laughing
with her out to her mothers grave
some day this week — She has had 2
photographs taken from each of the
only two pictures of her mother —
one of each for you and one of each
for herself to take with her to France.
She thinks a great deal of you often
mentions you — would like to have you
here and if she conducted would take
you to France to live with her — I
do think you do not write — you
neglect — She says write a very kind
letter when in the humor — Thank
all of your dear love and kisses — Do
not think dear Anna that my love
for you is in any way impaired as I
love and pray always remain the
same — I think only of my dear wife
and children now. The good Lord bless
them. I should like to see you

Oct 20/74

Dear Vitale

Mr T. writes me that you want the list of lots upon which you paid taxes – I enclose tax receipts.

Rose offers 75¢ for bricks – says his neighbor can get 71 in San Francisco perhaps he can get 80¢ who knows? Of course he can get more than he offers us – I think I will offer him mine at 75¢ for I am hard up and must have money some way.

After I leave here H. F. Chase will open my letters and attend to my business, and can attend to anything required about the bonds so far as

rows.

I think probably Rose will gobble up all that are lying around loose though the Trustees will want to hear from you I presume before closing any bargain with Rose at less than 80c.

Rose says positively he will not give over 71c, but if he thought you could get more he would of course say he could give a little more.

Yours in haste

Geo. A. G. Baker

Howard & Adams
597 Commercial
Green Bay, Wis.
Keep Below

Recd May 18, 1874
Answ'd May 21st

Horton House,

A. E. HORTON, PROPRIETOR.

San Diego, Cal. April 27th 1874.

Dear Father:

As I have not written to you for so long a time I feel almost ashamed to do so. But, nevertheless, better late than never, I will try to inform you as briefly as I can of what is going on here. In the first place our railroad prospects look rather gloomy. The first ten miles have been graded but no signs of track are at present to be seen. People are leaving, but there are a great many who have decided to stay and see it out. We will, this season, have very large crops, and as it is, our farmers feel that they will not starve this season. Turn aside from railroad to improvements, and much is being done. The new buildings which were commenced some time ago are being finished up, and will ornament this place a great deal. As for Old town, not much can be said, people are leaving and stores are closing, which makes it at present rather dull. There is a rumor on the streets to-day that the San Diego "World" will suspend

to-morrow. I have it from good authority, that is
Mr. Gaines. Yesterday there was an election on
the purpose of raising whether there must be a special tax
votes for school purposes which was voted "No" by a vote of
over 850 – to 20. It was one of the greatest rumores put
upon the community, headed by the managers of the
"Weld" gang. They made some $700 out of the Old
Town Special school tax, but could not make the
$1500 they aimed for this time. I think it is about time
that they should shut up shop after trying to swindle the
poor people in this manner. I am still working away
in the office, not actually, but in day. I am working by
the "piece or thousand," and do not make as much as I
did by the week, but have more time to myself, and
average twelve dollars a week. Mamma and I have an
idea in our heads to save money in the following manner:
I pay Mrs. Johnson five dollars and a half a week, fifty cents for room rent, and the rest for board. Now
we have an idea that will save at least three of this
for family purposes. It is one I wanted to do some time
ago, but my health not let me exercise. It is to get me
a horse and let me ride down in the morning and ride
up at night. I can probably board the horse at Sally's
for about $2.50 a week. We spoke to Cousin Sandy

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at Sutey's
to Sundays

and said that I might probably have the house in about a week or ten days. Dr. Stockton said that riding exercise would be good for me. I have at times what is called a rush of blood to the head, and also chills. But they have not troubled me now for about a month.

In regard to the printing press it is a very good idea; but I think it would not pay at present. Besides the stock and material I should want would be more than you think for. I could run a job office alone very well, and would like to. But it costs so much to get everything. The card you sent me is a nice specimen, and stock is cheap, and money can be made at it. Times are dull now and I don't think it would pay to invest. But you write me further on the subject and I can give a more decided opinion. I addressed to you day before yesterday, in a postal card, in fearing you that I had sent to you the prettiest of the homes, and a piece of printing of my own design and presswork for my cousin Cora, which is the first piece of the kind I ever done in San Diego. It's related some time back or I intended to send it them! but out for it, it has not come. I will in this show you that I have improved in my writing. This letter does not look it. I came the nearest one to running the pens for improvement, and I thought that was wonderful. But nevertheless this was written in a hurry and must be excused, the next will be better.

and you can read a great deal plainer. I have not had much time to practice but I intend to do so as soon as I can get home. In picture you must excuse as it is the first one I tried. Left out the adobe wall so as to show full length of house. There is one fault, and that is the perspective. It is very good considering that I never studied that kind of drawing. Show it around. The children are all well and send many kisses and much love. Mamma is well and over her accident. Hope to see you with us soon as you have just been away from us one year on the 25th of this month. But you are in good health. Hope you will win your suit, and get the agency of the Pacific Mail Company in San Francisco as the agent there has resigned, and as Mr. Taylor is there as acting agent. Mr. Muse said he telegraphed you the fact. He will be with you soon as he leaves here in a week or so.

As we are all well and I cannot think of any more to write

I remain your son dear so

F. H. Pinkey.

P. S. – Write soon – write I will answer. All your letters have been received. We have not had one from you for at least two weeks. What is the matter. F. H. W.

Nacogdoches April 28th 1874
Recd May 13, 74

Dear Papa

Having waited anxiously and receiving no letter from you. The last letter we received from you was on the 13th. Mr Davis is about moving away from this place. He is going to Gonzalez County. Every body is moving away from this place. I hope to see you home soon and in good health. I send my love to you and also to Mr Puffers little children. Tell them that I hope they will soon be able to write me a letter. Violet sends her love to you and she says she would like to see you home again. Mama is writing a

letter too you. I send you this book-mark. Old Town is getting too be very dull. Annie and George send their love too you. I cannot think of any thing more too write too you So Good bye.

From your loving child

Corinna L. Whaley.

Give my love too all my cousins and tell them too write too me.

San Diego. Apr. 28th 1874

Recd May 13.74
Answered

Darling Papa

Having received no letter from you for a long time we would be very glad to hear from you. I hope you are in good health. I send you my love. Annie still teaches school. I also send my love to Mrs Puffers little girls and to Mrs Youngs little girls also. Tell them I would be very glad to get a nice little letter from them and from Mrs Puffers little girls.

I hope you are enjoying yourself very much. We are all very anxious to see you home again. San Diego is very dull. I will now close my letter by sending you many a hearty kiss,

from your affectionate daughter

Violet Eloise Mihaly

MAY
1874

Received June 31st

San Diego May 15/74

My dear Papa

We have received two letters from you which gave us much pleasure. We are all well and hope you are the same. I would like to see you very much indeed and hope it will be soon. We all think Mrs Young has been very kind to you. I hope she will have a pleasant trip to Paris. Papa you can not imagine how dull San Diego is. I think you will find it so after living in New York. Papa will you when you return please send me to Boarding-School? I am very anxious to go I will never learn any thing in this old place. Remember me to all your kind friends. I would like very

much to live in New York. Frank and myself ~~who~~ went yesterday to the Jewish picnic and had a very nice time. Friday there is going to be another picnic and we all going I wish you were here to go with us I am sure you would enjoy yourself very much I will tell you how the picnic passes of. Papa will you bring me a nice set of drawing cards & When Mama reads about the trunk you aught ~~to see~~ the children they make Mama read it four or five time before they are satisfied they wish for the trunk every day. I am sure Mrs Young has been very kind to us all. The twenty seventh of June is my birth-day and then I shall be fifteen I would like very much to have a party but dont think I can. I dont think there is any thing more to write about so I will close my letter by say Mama and the children you their love and many kisses and please accept the same from your loving and affectionate daughter

Annie A. Whaley

(Good-by dear papa)

Rec'd June 3rd 74

San Diego May 17. 1874

Darling Papa

Mama received a letter from you yesterday. We were all very glad too here from you. we are all well at present. I hope you are having a pleasant time in New York. I send my love too you and also too the Youngs. Give my love to Mr Felfers little girls and tell them that I will write too them both. Mr Wallack and his family are going away from Old Town. Annie and Frank went to a Pichic yesterday. The picnic was at Roses Canyon. The picnic of

of our church is going too be on Friday. We are all going to it. I wish you were here too go with us. I hope Mrs Young and the children will have a pleasant trip too France. I would much like too be in New York. It must be a very pretty place. I cannot think of any thing else to write. So good bye

From your Darling child
Corinna. G. Whaley.

New York, May 7. 1874.

My Dear Wife,

I sent you a long letter the day before yesterday, enclosing a few lines written by Connie previous to his departure for Texas, and informing you how pleasantly I had passed my time at his house for a month previous to his leaving, and that I was at the present time at the Albemarle Hotel with Mr Young acting as his secretary &c. I hope you will get that long letter sent. I have been very busy indeed but have been more than amply paid by the good people whom it has been my pleasure to see. Yes,

They have indeed done a great deal to add to my comfort in every way. besides having given me many presents for the children and things to you which you will know best how to employ. I shipped the things to day per Panama R.R. Colon connecting with the Constitution and as I hear that the Constitution does not go into San Diego it may be the things will lie over till the next trip they are contained in two trunks - the top in one and clothing in the other. You will find in them I expect the greatest treat that has gladened your eyes and heart for many a day. and the children will see that though I am far away they are not forgotten. You must have become - ruined as I know you needs. Send your bills to me to for - ward to me. The expect to hear of the safe arrival of myself and bills on at Dunedin tomorrow or Saturday at farthest. I have prayed for their safety morning and evening. and am anxious to hear from them. On Gunpowder telegraph to me when to hear of the arrival of the steamer that she may understand how anxiously we have been looking for her safety. The freight to Panama upon the trunks. It was Commin who gave me the money or rather I have taken the $10. or what was necessary of it to pay the freight carriage &c, which she gave me to send to the children. Give refund it whenever I can do so. Enclose what bills I can from at the present time knowing they it may be of use to you. I can close you the B.P.O. You will

have nothing to [illegible] on their
arrival but the furniture from
the steamer to the house.
You can tell people that they
are presents from some one
of your friends. I would spare
them alone with the children
and not let anybody know
what you have got. There may
be things there you may not
want everybody to know about.
It is none of their business. Do
sort the things properly and dis-
pose of them when they will be
taken good care of and ready
for use. There is a nice carpet
stock for sitting & bedroom and
piece of handsome carpet to
cover it and also a nice piece
of their light parlor carpet which
will make a handsome rug or
mat. The large Cambric
feather, the high curved

Capes and the blue pina apple
dress are presents from Ro-
manus to you — the other things
for you to dispose of as you think
best — there is a nice doll for
one of the girls — a handsome
trunk for another — the
magic lantern for Frank
lots of things for George — Shan
some bird feathers for Maurice
also beautiful socks — watch
dresses for all — Take care
of the galvanic battery, the
blow pipe & spirit lamp for me.
I packed the things in a great
hurry — some may be considera-
bly mussed up — My object
was to get in as much as pos-
sible. Still I have more to give
the gold enamelled cross, the
silver salt spoon — the photo-
graphs — the astrachan sack
Mrs Gibbs thinks were worth

making over — at an expense of $15
or $15.00. I have a considerable
amount of squirrel trimming
one piece long enough to go around
the bottom of a dress — the same as Emma
wore it — in excellent condition and
a great deal more that has never
been used — Mary thinks there
enough to make long tippets
for the children and trim
their jackets — I also have two very
beautiful skins — enough to make
you a handsome muff and a
cape. They are each about 12 inches
wide and eighteen inches long or equal
to this measurement. They are of
a rich dark color nearly or
most black, or between that and
very dark brown and when you
blow upon it, it shows a lighter
brown beneath — the square
skins are of a grayish black
rich color — I think you will
inform me what to do with the furs.
There is in the trunk a white fur
sack which I think will do for
Lilly or Violet also two white fur
capes and a muff — also a new
blue velvet cape trimmed with
the breast feathers of some bird and
around it — Emma said the
white sack we could be washed
I suppose she meant wiped off
from the outside with soap and
water — I do not know much
about such things. You will
be surprised at the amount of
silks, satins velvets — large &
small pieces all will be useful
to you — cambrics, linons, &c.
beads — trimmings &c &c, take
any of the beads, bugles &c
there is a pin dominos dress —
all you want to a mask —
several fancy ball dresses of
rich materials, a paid of new

India rubbers for you and a
pair for one of the girls — two
beautiful beaded hanging bas-
kets — Let Frank take good
care of the Metropolitan book
magazine suit — it is complete.
Shirt, pants & cap — Cost
$25.00. There is also a pair of
handsome lace curtains not
much the worse for wear — some
nice curtain bands — a set of
linen furniture covers which
were cut up unfortunately — You
will have enough to keep you
busy sewing for some time —
There are some fine handker-
chiefs. Socks, shoe strings &
a pair of silk suspenders for
Frank — I want you to give
Mamma some of the nicest things
you can get her because beau-
tiful dresses and gold lace are for
for yourself and the children.

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enclosing tax receipts. I was not in doubt of them I desired only the list of lots upon which the taxes had been paid that I might compare with my list to see if any had been omitted. I hear nothing in regard to my land matters. They are at a pretty stand still. Hutchings seems determined not to do anything notwithstanding the strong personal influence I have brought to bear. He promises well, but slow to perform. I can do no more than I have done — and must think patiently. I presume by this time Morse is on his way and perhaps useless for me to answer his letters. The accounts which he gives me concerning San Diego are anything but encouraging. When a man so sanguine as Mr Morse generally is complains I think there must be some cause for apprehension. I hope my engagement at present with Mr Young may lead to something profitable and I shall do better by remaining here than in returning to San Diego. And if I can only do well I care not all else of that be cared — but I must have you all with me — say nothing to arouse needless the suspicions of any one for may be I cannot do better than to return to San Diego. I wish very much that my land was divided. That I had money to square up and have a fresh start again. I might perhaps be able to make money again if I got right fairly started. Don't forget to write to Connie. Tell her you know how much I loved her in my last letter. You were not so partial I am sure — for you know that I

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Received May 24 '74

San Diego May 7th 1874

Dear Father.—

It has been very near three weeks since we have received a line from you. But last week we did. We have all been very anxious about you; thinking at times you were sick, and also that you were on your road home to surprise us. But according to your letter we were mistaken in everything. I am over-delighted to hear that you are in the house of Mr. Young and so comfortably fixed. I hope it will be your pleasure to remain in their house as long as you intend to remain East. God through his kindness, has granted you good health ever since you left us, being so sick then, which is more to you than a thousand fortunes can make East, and I hope he will spare your health until

you can reach your happy family here in San Diego. Mr Noble told us that he telegraphed to you regarding the resignation of the agent of the Pacific Mail Company in San Francisco, and for you to look out, as there may possibly be a show for you. I hope you will try either for here or there; as there is only an Acting Agent there (S.F.) at present.

I hear through your letter that Mrs. Young and Corinna will sail on the twenty-seventh of this month for Europe. I hope their trip will be a pleasant one. Remember me to them, and say that I would like to see them again, and hope too at some time not far distant. The same to Mr. Young. Tell cousin Cora that I am waiting anxiously for that letter from her. Mamma sends her love and expresses the wishes I have above written. Our Railroad prospects at present are in about the state as when you left here. Business is not quite as quiet at present as it has been; and we look for quite lively times soon.

Mr Morse intends starting east soon on the Montana, which is due here soon.

Did you receive a package which I sent, and if so what do you think of them.

Do you see any improvement in my writing I am going to try and improve it.

The folks are all well and send much love and many kisses and wish you were home.

I send you the same and will always remain

Your dear Son,

F. H. Whaley

Received May 26 '94

P.S.- If luck turns out good, do not forget a "piano."

F. H. W.

I cannot possitively perceive why the Surrogate will not render a decision in your case. I hope soon you may be able get the decision, and in your favor, as it justly belongs to you.

As regards printing I do not yet deem it advisible to invest in printing material, as we cannot tell yet how the "cat is going to jump". I should well like to have a press, and type, but the amount, styles, etc, would come to so much, that it would not pay at present to invest.

As regards my getting along here, as it is, it is sometimes pretty hard for me to make a dececent weeks wages. But I will not complain, as the "good time is coming" and we all will be happy again.

N.Y. May 20 1864.

The key will unlock the lightest trunk, the one containing toys, but closed in most it all the way — leave a portion of the bolt of the key to turn around on the outside of the lock. I have mislaid or forgotten which is the key of the other trunks. Any common key will fit it. Do not burst the trunks open — remove carefully the bagging around the trunks taking out the tacks, and take off the ropes without cutting. George will find use for them. The Valentine is for Violet. The fancy paper for Lilly Bennie and the Cards for Frank & Hudson of your own fine lithography — The B. Masonick is a friend of the George. He will leave in the steamer Lamartine — take Willie & your daughter with you, and write him and spend a few months with Mrs G. in Paris. I know him well. Mary Ed Frank can get down or send for photographic cards from Mr Baxter or from the Trustees. With love, dear Nan from your husband. Thos McKeacy

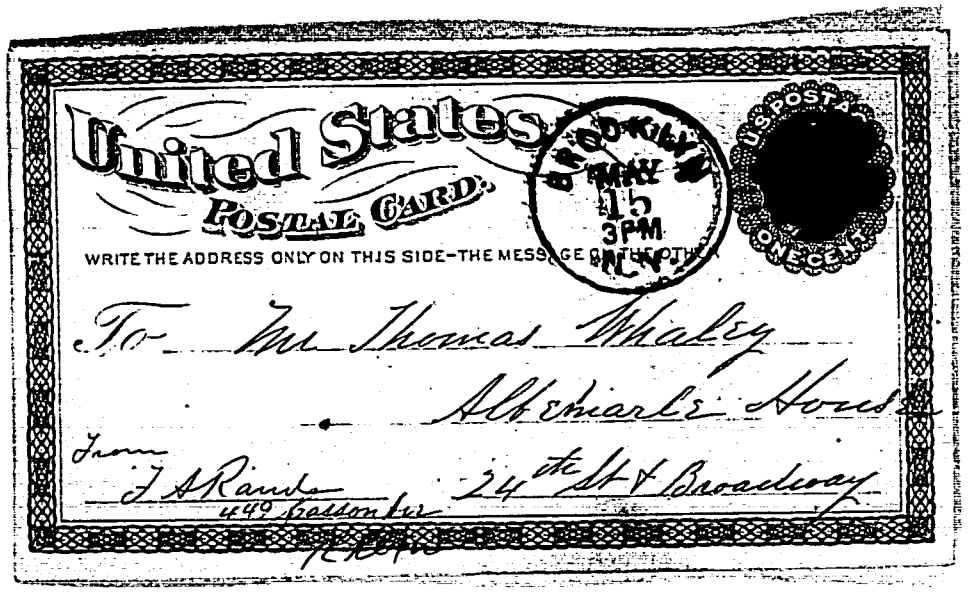
I have a pleasant room looking out upon Madison Park - one of the finest and nicest places in the city. I have been writing nearly all day. I am going to take a three and attend to some business. Mr Young and I got breakfast indeed much more together. He goes down town to attend to his business and leaves me to attend to mine. I shall not be so hurried after a fortnight and will write to you more frequently. Do not think that I have forgotten you or my dear little wife. I love you too much for that. My thoughts are ever of you and I am with you in spirit though not in flesh. I hope you are well and that the children are too. Frank wants to see their dear papa very much. He tells me I hope to not for distant in patient waiting as a man. Good

May 14 1874

Dear Wife. Yours of the 28th April enclosing letters from Mrs Violet & Lizzie came to hand yesterday, also one from Frank with the photographs of the house and memento to his Corinne. also the book mark to "Pa" my Papa — with all of which I am very pleased. I received from Frank the memento to Corinne at Paris, showed it to Mr Young — He was pleased with it — I am still very busy — will have more time I hope soon when I will write more fully — You and the children must excuse me and not think hard of me for not writing more — No news in regard to my suit — I have done all I can do through the influence of friends — If no decision this month must wait some months longer — as the Courts take vacation and the Supreme Court will not meet till Oct again. Let us hope for the best and that we will be rewarded. I am still with Mr Young at the Albemarle Hotel and will probably remain with him as long as I am here or until he goes to France — He is very kind to me. I should not wonder if being with him so much as permanent good to me. If I get any money will send some you soon. I believe the best of everything [illegible]

in every respect - but no money - Not a cent
you can as well see I sent the tickets
by Steamer 8 P.M. expenses are paid.
Cousin arrived in 9 days & 22 hours from
the time of leaving April 29 - came - at
Liverpool - I never saw the photo-
graphs of my affection and of Nellie.
She shall be the pride of an address which
keeps by me - I have forgotten her name.
I have not time to write more
So my dear wife with love &
many kisses to you and the
dear children I remain
your devoted husband
Thos Anthony

N. Y. May 14. 74



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To Mr Thomas Whaley
Albemarle House

From J A Rand
449 Gasson Ave
24th St & Broadway

Rec'd May 15th 1874

Brooklyn May 15/74

We received a letter from Mr Morse directed to his Girls inquiring about you he says that your folks have not rec'd a letter from you for two months they want to know if you are alive or dead You can address to Mr L Morse P.O. Box 116 Manchester New Hampshire as he will be there

Respectfull

Fred

Received June 3. 74

San Diego. May 17th 1874.

Darling Papa

I will now take up my pen to write you a letter. I hope you are well and enjoying yourself. We are all very well except me. I am not very well at present. My neck is swollen and I have had a very bad tooth-ache but it will soon get well. We received a nice letter from you on the 16th. Mrs Young is very kind to you indeed. I send my love and many kisses to you and to the Youngs also to the puffers and will write to them soon. I wish you were

home it would be so nice. I would much like to go to New York and see all the pretty things. San Diego is very dull indeed. the only thing that stirs it up are the picnics, most every day they have one. The picnic of our church is to be Friday I think we are all going to it. I wish you were here so you could go with us. It would be so nice. I must say we very glad to hear from you. Every time we get a letter from you Mama reads it to us most every day. I must now close my letter as I cannot think of any-thing else. From your loving daughter

Violet E. Haley.

P.S. I hope Mrs Young and the family will have a pleasant trip to France and will injoy themselves very much.

Astor House.
New York. March 19th 1894.
(Correct date the 19th.)

My Dear Wife,

I mailed you a short letter yesterday containing some additional notes. Calculating that in thirteen days it would reach you upon the anniversary of your birthday the 31st day of March, and being in need of some present I am unable to send you at the present time.

In the evening I went over to Brooklyn and went to see Mary Gibbs. They have two letters from home both postmarked the 14th inst. one from you enclosing my notes from the 2nd day to the 14th inst. and the other enclosed letters from the children & one from Mr Fletcher Ayres and his wife of the 1st of March and three of the children of various dates in Feby. In the children's envelope I found a ten cent piece and a small pearl Violet mentioning having sent the pearl but not the money. It was my intention to have sent you word not to return the

notes. I remember having told you to return them but it was in reference to those first sent from December 20th to January 2nd inclusive to you the last named day. When are these if sent they have never come to hand. If sent you will please return them till sent for. The notes sent are from the 3rd day to 14th February. Hereafter you need not return any notes sent unless I particularly desire it. The last letter I received previous to the one yesterday was dated February 14th. You either did not receive my letter of the 2nd day containing the notes and in addition three American flags - or you have forgotten to return them, or if you have returned them they have failed to come to hand. Please explain if you can how it is. Also in a letter on the 15th January I enclosed the one dollar greenback given by Mr Pepper to the children and which I thought to have seen at the same time as the chief mourner boy. Also in a letter on the 4th Feby I enclosed a five dollar bill - green back - neither of which in any letter received from you you mention the receipt. I think this strange for even though you never received the letters containing the money as I speak of having sent the money on those days in my notes. I wonder you have said nothing about it. I also sent you on the 2nd enclosed in a letter a ten dollar green back which I hope you will record and note you did the former amount - or is there to be a fatality attending the remitting of money between us. The dollar bill which you speak of having sent me I never got though I got the letter in which you speak of enclosing that sum. I opened that letter while sitting at table in Harrie's dining room and did so as I supposed very carefully and it dropped out I do not know how to account for it. I mentioned to Harrie that I had dropped some money or at least thought that I had, early next morning. She said that she had swept the dining room but that she did not see any money. It is certain

I have written Mr [illegible] a long letter.
I have two days of writing for which I will be paid.

by a mysterious [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the enclosed of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — I should like to know what the
[illegible] [illegible] if I have any
[illegible] in sending it to you at once.
I am very glad to hear that all taxes
are paid upon my property with
[illegible] Please procure me a list of
the lots [illegible] — Ask Mr Moore for
a copy or allow you to make one and
return the list to him. I fear we the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for my business
[illegible] been a good friend to us and
merits the high opinion which I have
always entertained of him. Remember
me kindly to him and all the family
[illegible] and I hope to be able to return
the [illegible] and the kindness. [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] for the
information concerning [illegible]

and also for attending to Mrs [illegible] matters

New York – 21 – Mar – 74.

Owing to having been busy writing for Mr Ridgway I neglected mailing the within letter. I shall have finished my copying for Mr Ridgway this coming week and will then be ready for the next job that offers – I have just called to see Mr Hasse and do not find him in. From what his clerk tells me I think he has been mother as he promised to do this work – I will call to see him this coming at his house – I am sitting in his office writing these few lines but must hurry back to finish my work – There is nothing new – no decision yet – I said some thing to Mary at Jersey City. he and family were I read some portions of your last letter to him – Did you ever make Mrs Wells acquaintance and get her husband the particulars for

the case you mention. I think I'd rather write to him myself. I may come to see the young this evening – tomorrow I go to Brookline to see Thursday my Ellen and to dine with Pappa by invitation –

I must now close with love to you

Yours

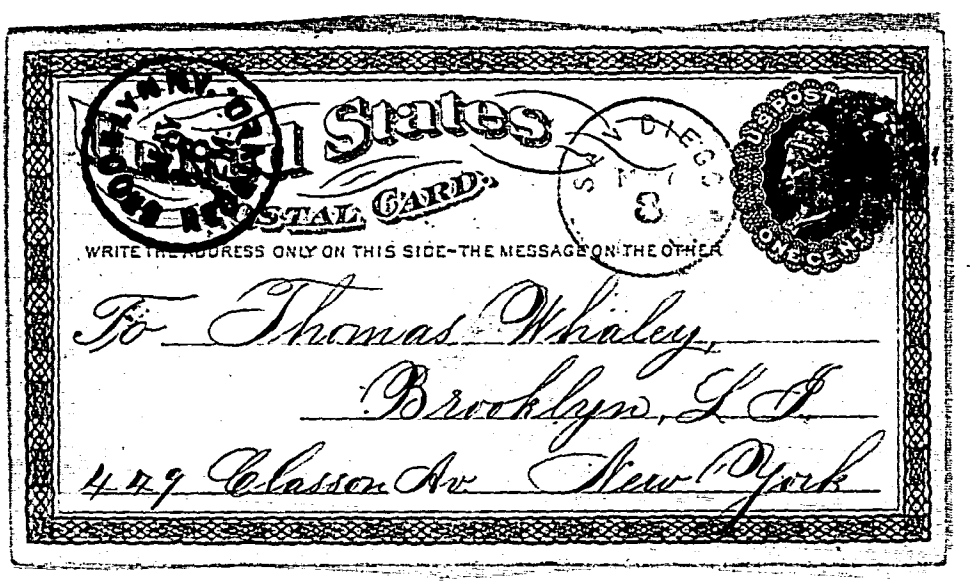
F. W. Bedford

P. S. Office
Received May 22 74
Answered

San Diego, May 7th 74

Dear Son — We have just received your last letter to us, and am glad to hear that you have changed your quarters. Have had some pretty good railroad news. My house is on his way up. We are all well, and hope you are the same. Mr. Muse leaves here for the east. Remember me to all. J. S. Whaley

Did you get the volume I sent.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To Thomas Whaley,
Brooklyn, L.I.
429 Classon Av New York

New York. May 22nd 1874.

My Dear Son Frank,

I received your P. C. of April 25th the 7th May informing me of your intention to send pictures of horses & some printings. Your long letter of the 27th came to hand the 13th May, also the drawings of the [illegible] and the printings for Congressman [illegible] Union of the 20th of April & P. C. of the 4th May were received the 19th inst. I believe these are all the acknowledgments which I have to make. I am anxious to hear what the railroad [illegible] which you speak of in your P. C. of the 4th inst. From all accounts things are extremely dull in San Diego - worse than ever, because the people, having been disappointed so often

fine it more. I see no inducement for me to return there at present. I would not be able to make any more there than I am making here which is little short of nil. And if my suit were decided and I had the money which I expect to receive I would not wish to risk it in so dull a place as San Diego. My only regret is in be a compelled to remain away from home so long. Whether I will come down when I expect to be relieved from all my troubles. With money I may square up with the world once again, and take a fresh start, if not in San Diego, then somewhere. I will not anticipate the worst but rather expect that the rain was a prospect will be brighter for San Diego & that we shall realize all we have so long hoped for. I would much rather return to San Diego than remain here provided that I can do so to any advantage. Now, however at the present time the cash chance. [illegible] to leave him for some time to come unless a decision is rendered in my case within a few days or than down are that is possible through the influence of friends to get the Surrogate to render a decision in my case and so far have failed, and it is probably be consequence to let the great man take up my business in its regular turn and avail his pleasure. It is very unfortunate for me that I have not had the case decided before this and if nothing is done within a few days. The Courts will be in vacation and nothing can be done in the way of an appeal to the Supreme Court before October. You

will see the unpleasant fix I am in — without means, almost — and impossible to get into anything. Would not for the kindness of Mr & Mrs Young who have been very good friends to me indeed, I scarcely know what I should have done. I am still with him at the Albemarle Hotel and I make myself as useful to him as I can, and in return he supplies me with all my wants. I have no reason to complain, except for the want of a little money which I would much like to send to mama occasionally. It grieves me when I think of the deprivation which you have all undergone — but I know the good time can not be far away when I hope to have it in my power to supply you all with everything we require. We will have a good time generally and I shall not be in mind-

full of my dear Son who has
been so good a boy and taken
such good care of his mother
sisters and younger brother. I
will reward you my dear boy
for it all if ever in my power.
So continue in your efforts
for the welfare of all those I
love so much and Heaven will
recompense you. The time will not
be long I hope when we shall be
united once more. I am weary
of being so long away from home,
most one year to day since
I left home in old Boston. I did
not expect to be so long away,
and when I saw mamma and
the children after parting with
me on the steamer, standing there
away along the wharf I little dreamed
I think I should a year and more
must expire before I should
see them again! I have however

a certain work to accomplish and until it is done, I cannot think of returning home, let the consequences be what they may. If I should return now without money every body would be clamorous for what I owe them. Besides what could I do when I get home to make a living? Now, though I may not be making any thing, I am on the spot to attend to my legal matters, which if I am successful in will give me all the means I require to make us comfortable. It is this which has kept me here so long and still decides me to remain. I have been more comfortable and independent since leaving you and Harriet than I was before. It is probable I shall remain with Mr Young as longas I am here, or till he joins his family in France which from present appearances will not be for several months — Bethought of this, let us forget all cares and troubles and invent to something else — I am much pleased with your effort in drawing our house at Bell Town, and although not strictly correct as regards perspective it gives me a very fair idea of the place. I am glad to have it to show to some of my friends here. The paintings for your cousin Cory came long after his departure for France. They are very creditable to you and exhibit the proficiency you have made in your business as a painter — I will send one of them to her mother for her, if I can do so — Bring on the paper prevents rolling or folding them and to encase them in boards would make it an awkward and expensive package the postage being 13¢ for each 4 of an ounce. I shall send them to Mr Young who was much pleased with them and thanks you for the attention. I know you have shown his dear little daughter, he thinks

so much of and looks so clean up. He says that he will put the specimens under his hands and take them to her — He says that he is glad to hear that you are such a good boy and hopes that you will make a good man — He wishes to be remembered to you and sends you the inclosed gold watch key and would send you a gold watch if the times were not so extremely hard and money so scarce — This key he sends you, he says for the kindness shown Cory when here and for the nice letters written to her which gave her so much pleasure — Cory is really a very nice girl is learning very fast — begins to write and promises to send you a letter as soon as she is able to do so — She thinks a great deal of you — during the time I was at the town frequently

their going to Europe. Anna to see a great deal of Cory. She was great company for me - indeed so were all the children. Anna's boy every morning Cory her little sister Jessie, her brother Edward and her cousin Nellie, came to kiss me - and so did they at two or three times every day - Cory every day or two would ask me if I had heard from Frankie - that she wanted to see you - She thinks there is no one in the world like you - Really believe that she loves you - She thinks some day that you will come on to Nice for to see her - and says that you and she only begin that she will see have - She I used to tell her that you were a great big boy, nearly a man - now and too big for her - She would not,

like this, and say "Pen me Mary
am I not a young lady and won't
I soon be as big as Franky?
Then I would say "Why Cory you
are only a little girl and it
will be a long while before you
are a young lady - you must
wait several years yet - She says
at School they called her Miss Cory
and that she was more with the
large girls - that she did not play
with the little girls the same as
Jessie did - I to - I was go-
ing to propose to you to get up
some thing printed on newspaper,
which, by being gently folded
once or twice might be enclosed
in an official envelope and
sent to her. and that you may
do the thing right. Here I write
you her name in full, again
Corinne, Frances, Marie Young
born March 23, 1864.

her Sisters name is Jessie Amelie
Cornelia born February 10th 1866,
her brothers Edward James, born
Feby 3, 1868 and Louis Joseph,
born ~~Feby~~ December 25th 1874.
So you have them all as exactly
from their family bible -
The cards sent are of the date
Aug 18. 1873 and addressed to
Corrina Young - which is not
properly her name -
I expect by this time the family
have arrived at Paris and I hope
safely - We have not yet heard from
them but expect to soon. I am go-
ing to write to Mrs Young in a day
or two and will inform her of the
cards sent her daughter and
enclose the locket received from
mama containing her likeness -
The 14th ult I enclosed to mama two
photos of Mrs Appleton and one
of your cousin Helen Warner which

I hope she will receive her letter of the 5th May containing the basket and letter from Mr Miles came to hand the 19th inst. Marie answer it in the course of a few days and I think enclose to him the good wishes which Comm gave her belonging to his mother Mrs Appleton. I am carrying it around in my pocket and been that I may lose it — I sent the B/L of the trunks shipped by the steamer which left the 9th, on the 8th inst. I hope in due course of time that they will arrive safely — they contain very many things useful and ornamental that will please you all — there are parts of three bottles of essence, one which be very careful of — a few drops in a small bottle of alcohol will make fine perfumery for handkerchiefs &c — there are also very many pieces

beautiful sticks which will make
red scarfs and make them for
you and me too if not already
made of them before my return home —
The lamp (Gas oil or Oil I don't know which) not baby
Cora oil. The one with a chimney
to it is the one for the magic lan-
tern which is a very fine one —
You will find it in perfect order if
not so — The bottom of the lantern
has been broken for some reason
or other perhaps to put a candle
in, but not to injure it — You
must get one of the bottoms of the
magic lantern which will put
a boy astonish some of the chil-
dren in S. D. those who have never
seen anything of this kind before.
Tell mamma to be very careful
of all the things — There are very
many very handsome things —
enough for all — I am glad
to hear that you have a horse

to ride and hope that your health
will be benefited thereby — I think
we've gave it to you, and I'd grow
for anything I'll consider it in ex-
change for the mule belonging to
me which he took down to his
ranch down grass a go — It will be
the just and only thing which I have
gotten on account of the large amount
he is indebted to me and hope he
will intend paying me more —
I look upon him as an unprincipled
man madly and willing to cheat any
body — and do not care that he
or any number of his family should
associate with mine — I have done
enough for him and his ungrateful
crowd — I shall never forget his
wife charging me $7.00 for wood
when her husband was owing me so
much for the many things I have
taken for my store — I do not have
anything to do with such people
who have cheated us and been the cause
of our present troubles and desti-
tution. I am glad however that
you have the horse as it will benefit
you and enable you to grow to
mama a greater proportion of your
earnings — I think by this time
the Union boys ought to do
better by you than they seem dis-
posed to. But normally we will
good time Job Printing Office a crush
if we get our money and things
in San Diego will remain till Christ-
mas. No matter the cost so long as
you are able to run it and you
believe it will pay. I think with
your popularity you could com-
mand money as the work of
the press. We will play to get
even with them for their meanness
in deducting the 25 cents for
the wood you took home. I pray
you dear Frank not to over-

work yourself to please such peo-
ple as you will get no thanks
from them, do by them, have done
what is right and fair to long
as you receive their money, and
learn all you can, to make
you the better to run in opposition
to them whenever you shall be de-
cided. The Union offered one of
Dodge's old slaves to consider
they indulged to me and if
I can make up the loss for
your benefit I shall be satisfied
What do you think of George for
looking in your footsteps - if he
becomes a painter he might be of
service to you and when he be-
comes a man go into partner-
ship with you - Tell me frank
what you think of this - Remember
look after George and if I am
ever able I will send him to school
I think it would be as well

probably for him to focus in your tracks, besides you might then look after him and give him good advice. He will not think any more of the Job Printing Office, at least about commencing operations at present in San Diego. Perhaps when I get my money the times will improve and then we will open regardless of cost provided it pays a reasonable amount on the investment, of which you certainly must be a better to judge. I must do something for you Frank if in my power in return for what you have done. You have been my representative to a certain extent and done all in your power for the support of the boys since I have been away — and I must not forget it. Besides I have always wished to have afforded you more opportunities in the way of education

and I must compensate you for my inability to do so if in my power. I am pleased with the specimen of writing sent and hope you will still do much better. Improve all you can, not only in writing but every thing else — It is not a difficult matter for you to learn any thing if you will but determine to do so — and the more you acquire, the greater will be your facilities for doing so as your mind expands — Now is the time for you to learn all that you can possibly — I know after working hard all day you will not like much to sit down to study or to read — But if an hour devoted to books will be no hardship to you — nay, you will even find it a pleasure — and you will be surprised at the immense amount of information & learning you will pick up in six months or a year by devoting only one hour each day to study — Some of the best informed men I have known were self taught, whose advantages were no better than have been yours, and whose intellects naturally were not as good as yours — I only wish that I had possessed only half or one quarter the amount of common sense or brains that you do and with the advantages given me and the desire I had to learn when a boy, and I would now know a great deal more than I do. My great trouble with me was that I had a very poor memory and no matter how hard I studied or how well I knew any lessons I was certain to forget it shortly afterwards. You

however and so indeed have all the children excellent heads, learn easily and retain without difficulty all that you learn — therefore on this account you ought to try to acquire all that you can while still young and your mind free from the cares which in after years are sure to beset you. Perhaps the association which you are forming under the auspices of "B. O. N. F. Boys Own Mutual Club", as I interpret it, which among other things is for the purpose of debating, will enlarge your mind and be of advantage to you. Associate only with good boys, think and shun all things that are bad if you desire to be successful in life. I hope you pay some attention to your Sisters Man-

[illegible]

New York, May 23rd 1874.

My Dear Little Wife,

This being the anniversary of my departure from home, and all those I hold near and dear, it affords me on this occasion a sad pleasure to commemorate the event by writing to you that [illegible] that I am not unmindful of you. Little did I imagine on our leave taking that we were to be separated for so long a time. A few months at most was all that I should be away — but now a whole year has past and I am still unable to say when it will be our happiness to meet again — but I think I hope that it will not be for any great length of time — a few weeks

on months at most - before I shall
be restored to you to participate
of that happiness which you prom-
ise of loving me as of old. How
I should like this dear man.
It is what I have sought and
implored of you so long without
obtaining that I can scarcely re-
alize that you really mean it.
No man can love a woman more
than I love you - Indeed there
never was a time since I first
knew you that I did not and
would cheerfully have sacrificed
my life for you as I have con-
sented to sacrifice everything else.
Some how dear Man you have not
fully understood my disposi-
tion or you would never have
treated me quite so indiff-
erently. Even suppose I was
sometimes cross and irritable

I never was so with you - and
there never was a time but that
a simple smile or a single caress
would have dissipated it all had
you but chosen to have bestowed
it upon me - such was the ma-
gic influence of your character
over me had you been willing to
have exerted it over me - Remember
that I have many things to pro-
voke me what with the loss of
property and the ingratitude
shown me by those who I thought
were my friends and who I was
ever willing to oblige - Reflect
too dear Man that my cross-
ness never was of long duration
a mere momentary affair,
over almost immediately but
you were differently disposed
and the harder and more I
tried to bring you back to

to me the more difficult I found it - till at last losing all patience I did and said things that my own good sense tell me almost immediately was wrong - Do you think it was right for you to try my patience to such an extent and were you not to blame in that shut - ? It was not your want to do so when we were first married and so long as you really loved me but when you used to come to me, upon in my arms and had the fullest confidence in me - Were really happy very happy then - and so I believe were you - but jealousy and hate took possession of your soul,

and as I have always told you and even now tell you, without any actual ground for this suspicion — I remember you telling me that you did not believe me and perhaps you do not now. I can but assume you that I have told you the truth and if you suspected me in not believing ~~you~~ me I cannot help it — and the responsibility must remain entirely with you be the consequences what they may — It was jealousy and hate that made you what you became — changing your whole nature — and which was the cause of all the trouble. It was when you ceased to love and respect me that our unhappiness

ness began – Your feelings became unmanageable – beyond my control, and, as it seemed for me to persuade you, as it was to blow against the wind – Still it was my unceasing love for you that made me do it, in the hope of winning back the love which was dear, nay, but all my efforts were useless. If however you love me now – have confidence in me – wishing to believe that whatever I may do is right and for the best, there will no longer be any difference between us and we shall live most happily together, like as you suggest, "two chums at high tide." So that I agree with you perfectly – I have no longer any misgivings concerning you and believe most implicitly all that you write. You make me feel as

happy and I shall now be more anxious than ever to return home as soon as I possibly can – I am taking things very comfortably just now with Mr Young – living at the Albemarle Hotel one of the pleasantest and most quiet in the city. He is very good to me, more like a brother should be – provides me with everything. I certainly have no reason to complain of his kind treatment. He provides me with money but only sufficient to defray little current expenses. If I were only making something so as to be able to send you a little now and then I should be perfectly contented. I never ask him for money – but he keeps me always supplied with enough for my own purposes – Jimmie said the boys had to go into a church – may be some day, he said, but if he

does not. I shall not ask him for it. He has given me a guarantee, one way or another, besides the things sent to you. I have a tolerably comfortable wardrobe - of some things more than I need and of others not as much as I would like - I spent a very fair gentlemanly sum for insurance and if I had the money would certainly have my photograph taken to send to you. My health is very good indeed. I think I never felt better in my life and the prospects of my doing some kind of business are very good indeed. I am very glad to hear that your health is so much better and hope by the time of my return home it will be perfectly restored. Do not let things worry you, take them gently, there will be a good time for both

You are good boys. I wrote yesterday to thank rather discouragingly in regard to my suit, but have since seen my lawyer, Mr Ridgway, and he gives me every encouragement that the suit will be decided before the end of this month and in my favor. He has made some arrangement with the clerk of the Surrogate to which I have consented. It will be not much of a sacrifice on my part though it may keep me out of a portion of my money for a year or two. I think it better to do this than to be kept longer in suspense in regard to the matter. There is no doubt that the case can only be decided in my favor - and the only reason for keeping back the decision is that somebody may be allowed to make a little money out of it, and we such a roundabout way to

it cannot possibly be construed into a bribe. I am perfectly willing so long as I get the decision which has to be in my favor and the party must wait till I get the money before bringing up the Supreme Court, after the 1st June will not much kiss be about so that nothing in the way of appeal can be done till then. My only hope now is to have a decision in my favor. Mathew will no doubt appeal or threaten to do so — we must frighten him by persuasion — threats if necessary — in any way to prevent him. I think we do all we can do — and I have no doubt but when Hazlitt gives the Grand Lunch he does that he may readily have several thousands of dollars more by it. Mr Young says he was to see my sister in the folly and address not of continuing the suit which will cost him a great deal of money and which ultimately he must lose — that he need not think that I am destitute of money or without means to prosecute the suit against him that if necessary he will advance one or two thousand dollars, all that is due me. He thinks by talking this way to me she will receive here hopeless it will be to discourage me which he has thought to do before this time — If he can get a decision in my favor and I can prevent nothing from appearing, the whole matter will be satisfactorily arranged and I shall be able to return home very shortly — for the other hand I can effect nothing I shall have a hard time of it for the next six months and perhaps longer — Let us therefore hope for the best and hope that it will not be long before I shall be on my way home to you and the dear children — Lettie write as soon as I have anything more

encouraging. She received a letter from Corinna this evening. She was on board the Calabria in Light of Lava and expected to arrive in Liverpool the next morning, Sunday the 10th May. She spoke of the children having been sick. That she had received a great deal of attention & gentlemanly from the captain. She was seemingly in good spirits then. But her sadly distressed state must have felt on her arrival at Liverpool on learning that Mr Reynolds (their friend upon whom she relied for an escort from Liverpool to Paris and to place her in comfortable quarters there) who had preceded her by steamer with his two sons, had met on the voyage over with a very serious accident breaking his leg in two places. It must have been a terrible blow to her when she heard of this, as the

depended so much upon the kindness of Mr Reynolds for assistance under the sad bereaving and comfortless bereaved in his Decision home — He is an old and intimate friend and had it not have been for the incident which the placed in him for protection she would not have consented to have gone — neither would his business and have consented to her going — She said to me on coming before her departure that Mr Macey should go in case anything happened to Mr Reynolds and he should not be in Europe to protect me and my children. She thought possibly the steamer might be lost as there had been so many accidents to the Europa, America and others. I assured her I did not think it probable there could be any more losses of this kind — that

they might make her mind easy upon that score. I did not think it possible for anything happening to Mr Raymond except in connection with the loss of the steamer. But owing to the accident which has occurred she is nearly as bad off as she is deprived of the protection which she relied upon so much. She said to me at the same time we had this conversation "I am so sorry Edward is not going. If I had the money to spend I would have you to go with me. I would then be certain and undaunted apprehension." I told her I should be much pleased to go if I thought I could be of any service to her. That so long as my mind was undecided and I could not return home, that it was immaterial whether I was in Paris or New York." Comino seems to possess the same prudential much about things which sometimes I have noticed in you. Mr Young Burlingley discussed about his wife and family. He says that he will wait till he hears again from Comino. That if she writes with any degree of certainty and wishes him to come, he will do so provided he can possibly arrange his business, and in case he cannot go, he would like me to take a run over there and make them all as easy way comfortable. I have promised him that I will do so in case of absolute necessity. So should you hear of my heading your way Emily do not be surprised. I have an opportunity of sending the beautiful cards which Frank presented a copy to Jenie

by two young gentlemen by the name of Merritt - who are half brothers to Nellie Shannon. I also sent the locket to Emma containing your picture but Mr Young says he tells to keep it till either he or I go as it might get lost. I have a long letter of condolence to Aunt Corinne and she also encloses some porpoise of yours to me. I think she is a nice dear good soul. I love her very much - next to you - I am not much given to any particular admiration for women, particularly to love them, and so that there must be something very extraordinary about your cousin for me to admire her as much as I do - Her she has a noble generous heart, been so very kind to me. That of her sweetness and amiability has attracted me to

hey it is not to be wondered at. She said she would be a sister to me and so she has been indeed, and I shall love her as a brother should — and any thing I can do for her now or at any time hereafter if in my power I shall do most cheerfully. I hope she will be right with her and that she is getting along all right and that I will be no necessity either for Mr Young or myself to go down to Paris.

I hope you received the verses I sent you written by her and her nice letter written only a few days previous to her going — You will answer it I hope without delay and send it down to enclose to her — You can if you choose write direct to her, only be careful to ascertain the correct amount of Postage — Her address is to the care of Messrs Drexel, Har-

jes Co, Bankers, 31 Boulevard
Haussmann, Paris, France.
You will please remember
this address. I shall en-
close in this letter the cross
which Corinne sends you
as a souvenir of her mother
When she handed it to me she
said "here is a cross which
I send to Anna. Now
look up something of mother
to send her — Afterwards
she said that cross belonged
to her mother, to send it to you
as a memento of her — not
for me to let Mrs Macdonald
see it as it was a present from
Mrs M to her mother. It is
a very pretty cross though
with the one you expected to
get perhaps at some future
time you may get the one
promised to you. I sent
enclosed in Frank's long letter
a gold watch key which
Mr Young gave him —
Now in a future letter
I send the little silver spoon
and a handsome piece of lace
veil for you — I also en-
close the Duplicate Bill of
Lading for the lumber sent
by the Ocean Mary & the
all expenses paid from N.Y.
to San Diego. As the steamers
do not stop there now — we think
must go to San Francisco and be
shipped from there to San Diego, at
the expense of the Company. Take
good care of the B/L — and enquire
if they do not come in time. If
they go direct through they need
reach San Francisco, June 3 or
thereabout and if they lay over
our steamer on the Columbia
it would be just so much longer

No 20.

on the way to You can calculate about when they should arrive in San Diego — I will here acknowledge some of your letters.

April 2. Rec'd April 13.
" 10 (Telegram) " " 12
" 10 (Insurance Receipt) " 22
May 17 (Brown & Lillie) May 3
" 28 Brown Lillie & Mannie " 13
May 5 with Locke & Miles " 19

These letters you received during the time I have been with Mr Young & as I was very busy when I first went there I really did not feel any inclination to write. I was busy all the time from early morning till late at night I worked very hard and if I had not done so the cows never have got off by the 29th — the intention was to have gone May 16th but owing to the loss of the "Venetia" steamers Europe and Amerique the programme was changed — so that the amount

[illegible]

As for selling lots I have
not been so. The last sent
you were [illegible] 22. I am
sorry I kept you so long with-
out answering your letters at
the time but I knew when I did
write you would a feel awfully
Comfortable. In having waited
Morse had become impatient
and wished to marry. I was to
inform him if I was glad or
[illegible] — I am glad he has had
his own way and [illegible]
a looking out for [illegible] when he
arrives. I am sorry to
hear that the R. R. prospects
are so depressed at the present
time discouraging every body
and [illegible] [illegible] to leave
Much depends upon Scott getting
his charter he is seeking
from Congress. [illegible] and [illegible]
if he gets any whatever.

and perhaps when he brings the
Country out any [illegible] may [illegible]
in his efforts and build the road
without — There is no doubt but
that the road will be built [illegible]
is he has asked to build it but
he cannot, I think it will be
several years before anything
further is done — I already
feel discouraged in regard to the
present prospects of San Diego
I have invested nothing there
and shall never invest another
dollar in that place unless there
is more active signs of R. R.
building than we have had here-
tofore. I hope I get money
I expect my only object in [illegible]
ing would be to [illegible] it [illegible]
leave my [illegible] in condition
till [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] anxious to [illegible] [illegible]
to look after. I am becoming

[illegible]

[illegible]

2/18/11

[illegible]

New York, May 29 "1874.

Papa's Dear Children, { Mamie & George, Violet & Lillie,

I have received from each of you many and various interesting letters, all of which have given me great pleasure to read, and make me desire the more to see you.

I would much like to write to each of you separately, but as this would occupy considerable time & be, to a certain extent, a repetition of what I might have to say, I have determined to address you en masse. So let this single letter answer for one and all.

I have just finished writing several pages to your dear

brother Frank, from whom I recently received a nicely written letter, (probably the best penned by him,) since as it is getting late and I feel rather tired I must say what I have to do briefly as possible. I have given in Frank's letter some portions which more appropriately I should have written him — that about hearing read your letters to Mr Ruffin's children for instance.

I want to tell you something about the Sunday school Anniversary which took place in Brooklyn the day before yesterday the 27th inst, but as I was occupied nearly the whole of the day I did not get over in time to see all that I wished to see of it, indeed I did not get there till after the grand procession o

of the different divisions were over and the children were wending their way carrying their banners to the different churches to which they belonged to participate, listen to addresses, unite their voices in singing praises to God and partaking of the refreshments provided for them. I saw enough however to give me the impression from their happy countenances that they must have had an enjoyable time of it. There were very many children in the parades of the different divisions probably more than 50000 so that with their friends to participate with them the streets thoroughfares seemed almost a moving living mass - Very many of the houses were beautifully decorated with flags, banners were stretched across the streets and in some places arches and festoons of flowers and evergreens - the city generally presenting the appearance of a real gala day (more like the 4th of July - the crackers and booming of cannon alone being wanting to make it complete). Before some of the churches within the green enclosures large tents or awnings were spread and beneath these the children were partaking of refreshments, amidst the enlivening sounds of festive music. I will enclose an extract from one of the papers giving a fuller account of the occasion than I am able to do.

I am extremely sorry to hear that Old London is so very dull. It must indeed be very lonesome for you all, but you must amuse yourself all you can by rambling over the hills and gathering the very many pretty wild flowers.

presenting a most beautiful appearance
I have just returned from Union Square
where I have been to witness the for-
mation of the veterans into line.
They are on their way with their way
flags trophies and waggon loads of
flowers to Cypress Hill and other cem-
eteries to decorate the graves of the de-
parted heroes who sacrificed their lives
for their country's honor – Mr Young
is writing to his family and I have
taken this opportunity of sending my
letter to you – when through our in-
tention is to go to some one of the
Cemeteries, may be to Cypress Hill,
Brooklyn to witness the ceremonies.
I must now close, my dear little
ones, hoping that you will be good
children, love your dear mother,
mind Jane & all she tells you and
that I shall have the pleasure, if not
to see you, of hearing from you again soon.
With many kisses from your loving papa,
Thos Whaley.

Violet got an jolly doll in mistake for
a one cent prize for a ten dollar prize.
When could I get a ten dollar goods prize
from. Such kind of money is not used
here – nothing but paper from ten cents
and upwards excepting the nickel and
copper coins of a smaller denomination
Gold and Silver coins are only to be
found in the Brokers' windows. To com-
pensate her for the mistake she made
I will get something jolly between
in this in the way of jewelry, not-
toes or dicalcomanias.

Nannie is very good to teach you
now that there is no school. You must
learn all you can from her and good
her as little trouble as possible as teach-
ing is rather tiresome business.

I am glad to hear that the "Unions"
are being taken good care of as I
may require to refer to them when
I return,

I thank Violet for the book mark "Ho.

papa". I have carried it in my pocket book ever since I received it & have shown it to several of my friends who think it very nice.

I have given your love to Mr Puffer's children and written the same to your little cousins — Cory, Jessie, Willie & Edward.

Let Frank to give you all some instruction in writing as it would benefit you, particularly Mamie. I would like to see you all very much and hope soon to have that pleasure. I am glad to see that you all are improving so much. You evidently try and considering the advantages you have, you are progressing very. Lillie says she has had the hard work in spelling "two". I am surprised that she spells so simple a word "to", "too" from the beginning of her letter to the end, and as she uses it rather frequently the mistake she makes becomes a very prominent one — with this exception all is correctly spelled — I wish you all to write to me frequently. I would like to hear from George and Mamie oftener, but I suppose he is so taken up with his tools and the with teaching that they can hardly find time to do so.

May 30th. I was interrupted from finishing this letter last evening therefore I could not mail it at the same time I did Frank's but wrote him I would finish it and send it in a day or two. This is Decoration day and a quiet holiday. The town is alive. From my window early this morning I saw men decorating the monument erected to the memory of Genl Worth, which stands in front of the hotel. It is probably 50 ft high and festooned with evergreens, garlands of flowers and decorated with emblems, crossed swords, wreaths, on every side,

San Diego Dec 24th 1874.

Received Jan 8 1874

My Dear Rafael.

Your two letters mailed May 31 came to hand safely containing one Key to trunk & Bill of Lading Valentine Dance paper, also a letter pertaining to these containing one from Lorenzo for all which we thank you. Thank you ever so much for the [illegible] Comfort [illegible] a [illegible] letter with [illegible] likeness for Lorenzo. If your Papa [illegible] is [illegible] her as [illegible] would. Just as you [illegible] would [illegible] her to have it [illegible]

good opinion of me.

It would not have made me die any quicker, or the young either, but perhaps have had the effect to make us live all the longer. I am not jealous of her love for you, or your love for her, on the contrary, and glad to think she has made up for all the bad time you have gone through. She must have sent us very handsome presents, and the children are wild over the two trunks, which I suppose will arrive by the Montana about the 29 or 30 of this month. It will be a rare treat to us all. I hope there are some dresses that I can wear, as I am very

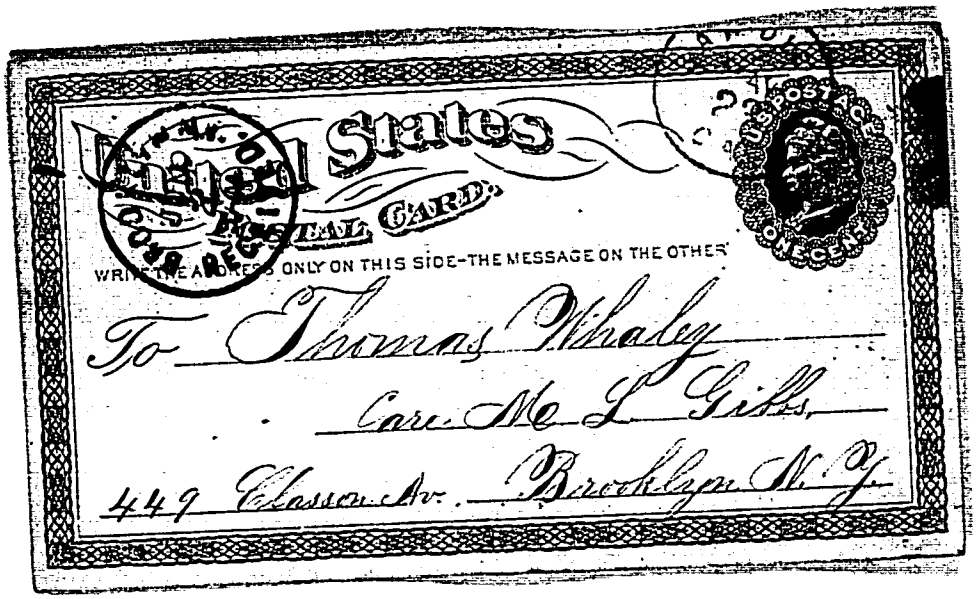
much in need of both under
clothing and outside clothing
The children tambien. I shall
tell people that they are presents
from my Cousin in New York.
Did she give you the Memento
from her mother? Something
I could wear as a Talisman,
for good luck; for Emily
always brought me good
luck, I loved her very much.
I wish you had sent the
Photographs in the trunk,
I dist so want to see her
dear face, but whenever you
please about the things
you have retained.
The squirrel trimming will
come in good for trimming
and you might have some

[illegible]

[illegible] I [illegible] to learn
it causes you to feel something about Charley
leaving. The benefits of the Sanatorium
are said connection with the Estate of Bush made him Administrator
[illegible] and the family are billeted opposite
Mr Lewis. The Bush family move &
may know next month in their house
[illegible] the Old Gov. Shepard
house which cost over $4,000.
The Hallock's house is already taken
down to make room for one with the Public
Library which is to be between the London Office
on Fleet Street opposite and the Post

Office. But [illegible] Sally [illegible] to come to
England to live in London and [illegible] Victor
here. It is a long journey indeed, which
[illegible] may [illegible] for years to come. There
has not all the [illegible] gone back to [illegible] you
[illegible] the [illegible] about you continually
and wonder how you [illegible] alone
so [illegible] you were [illegible] I
[illegible] yourself [illegible] Be ready [illegible]
to him if he might [illegible] home soon. The
[illegible] time [illegible] of [illegible] in disposing
your [illegible] to Catherine [illegible] I think they
for me for a [illegible] alone. Let them
[illegible] your [illegible] love. Let them
[illegible] which [illegible] remind me to the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] love [illegible] family [illegible] send you many kisses
much love, from your loving wife. Anna

So to a masquerade Belle
Competence I forgot to mention
that I received a letter
by Dearborn which you also
received, the same day I did. Charlotte
Dearborn I could do
nothing with him, just as they
Hamilton has written you
where it was, for he had
said nothing to me about it
when I saw him. Fleetwood will
come here next week. Bookhead
proposes to come, & I think
I would go to New Orleans
to live but who would pay
the expense? I wonder if not
Mr. Clark is our last hope for
me to live on. That Blanchard
Belle is a most [illegible]
[illegible]


United States
POSTAL CARD.
WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.
To Thomas Whaley
Care Mc L Gibbs,
449 Classon Av. Brooklyn N. Y.

Recd June 3 '44

San Diego May 7th

Dear Father.

I was here requested by Mr Morse who is now on his way to New York per steamer "Montana" which left here May 11th to tell you to drop a letter in the N.Y. Postoffice, letting him know where he may find you. He will call for it on his arrival. All hands well. Received two letters. Did you get pictures and letter.

T. H. Whaley

New York May 25. 74

My Dear Sir,

I enclose the several letters, notes and accounts received from C. Nash. and have written to him that I had sent you a note for the balance due him. I presume $75.00 is the correct balance, still you might compare the account with the bill enclosed May 19. 73. I have written Fanny in pencil on his bill – I do not think it will be necessary for you to show this bill to him. You will see what he says in his last letter. Meantime the communication sent of Cleveland

send him a note - I am perfectly willing to do this, but cannot sign the note he sent me payable on day after date with interest at 1½% per month. I do not think such a note signed by me in New York would benefit him at all - I have sent him a note dated in New York payable in one year from May 25 1874 at his store in San Diego - drawing legal interest which is 7% per annum - but in case I get my money and am able to pay him sooner and the interest he demands I shall do so. He has waited a long while for his money for which I feel very sorry but it has not been in my power to pay anybody - I had hoped paid me what they owe me. I should not be in the embarrassed fix I am.

I also enclose a note for Rudolph Schiller I decline him as a memorandum merely of my indebtedness to him. The same as to Nash - and you can tell him that as soon as I get my money I will pay him the amount. I feel that people have been very kind to have extended us the credit they have and I do not wish that they should lose one cent for their kindness. I hope soon to be able to square up with everybody and have enough to prevent the necessity of incurring obligations with any one. I received your letter of the 9th a very creditable one both as regards penmanship and composition. He has evidently

made an effort at death, and will
hereafter be able to surmount
all difficulties. I hope, with very
little or no trouble, he will be
like him I am much pleased,
indeed delighted, and no longer
have any doubt if he will be
preserved, of becoming an elegant
writer. I will write to him
soon again in. I have nothing
additional of interest to
communicate. Tuesday my last
written on the morning day of
my leaving home. Yesterday
I had you on the telegraph.
am beginning to have much
more hope to my self. I will
be able. I hope to resume sight
thing of my sight again. Every
thing looks so beautiful from my
window as I look down upon the
Madison Square. With much
love and the entertaining

a Funny Bill
of Fare
See Anna's
Humor in answer
to Thos. W. Letter

Recd June 29/74

Bill of Fare at the
Whaly House
June 10th 1874.

Soups.

Empty dishes. 00

Fish.

Empty dishes. 00

Roasts.

Empty dishes. 00

Stews -

Liver Stew for six. 5 cts.

Vegetables -

Brown beans 10 cts.

Tea —

Puddings — 00 —

Pies — 00

Strawberries plenty in
market — six. 00 —

Cakes — six. 00

When you feel very hungry
for something good to eat
and Can't get it, why
just fall back upon our
Bill of Fare. It is a true
bill for that day.

W. E. B.

I enclose you the Bill of fare of the house on which by the receipt the day of the date of the ~~[illegible]~~ you put it ~~[illegible]~~ at Alvarado Cal.

Recd Decm 29/74

San Diego
June 16th 1874.

Dear Husband.

Am in receipt of two letters from you, One containing Salt Spoon and lace bill, and the other May 23rd containing gold Cross, this latter letter I did not recieve for several days after the one containing Salt Spoon, nevertheless I am obliged to you for them. The children also recieved your "en masse" to them and were pleased to hear from you. We are all pretty well.

I settled with Nash, as best I could, he would have nothing

to do with your note, and
said that you were defying
him and seemed very deter-
mined about a settlement, so
I changed the note to one day
after date instead of one year
after date, and he insisted
upon having his rightful in-
terest upon it, but he cuts it
down to one per cent per month,
instead of one and a half
per cent, so I arranged it
all satisfactorily, so as to
prevent others from suing too.
Mash told me he would leave
the note in the hands of his
agent and certainly would
not sue you, but leave it
for you to pay when you
can, He showed me quite

a number of notes, all one
day after date for collection,
he said it did not follow
because the note read one
day after date, that he would
sue, it was merely the way
his notes all read. I acted
as your agent in the matter,
and signed myself as such.
Rudolph Schultz also objects
to the "One year after date"
he says one day or two days
after date, would do as well,
as he would not think of
suing you, so I told him I
would change it to one or
two days after date, he said
if you got any money within
the one year, you need not
[illegible] him till the year was up

the way your notes read. So to keep them all quiet, I arranged things as best I could. I am afraid people are getting suspicious of your long stay, and torment me very much asking when you are coming home. I try to avoid people as much as I can on that account. You had better write to Manassa and Schilly yourself, I told them I thought you would. It will keep them quiet. I do not want them to shut down on us, for we would be poorly off indeed,

Hamilton & Marston say you need not trouble yourself about their account

as the 1/3 of cattle will pass-
them [illegible] sold from April
29 to June 30 they brought
$33.00 [illegible] I had [illegible]
I think by the [illegible] of this
month [illegible] will be
all paid up. I shall then
take the cash to buy Frank
and the children some clothes
for they are really almost
naked & so nothing of myself
When I get the Stevens note
paid I think I will take
up Nash's note if the
money I receive will pay so
as to stop all interest
on that note. I thought if
I was out of debt I could get
in a lot of [illegible] with
the firm Schultz & Bergen and
them but I would rather pay

and snubs his [illegible] getting [illegible] think that I ought not to correct him much. A letter from you will perhaps have some effect. Mama thinks as this is almost a young Lady, you should write her letters separately. No news of the trunks yet, I hope for the children's sake they will not miss [illegible]. Mr Jones the Agent here said that you ought to have insured this case "carefully" & having them marked "Care friends" which would only have cost two dollars more then they would have been shipped right along with the passengers at Panama as it is they may lay at Panama for months and perhaps not get there at all. It is a great loss to lose these things. As to the locket [illegible] I do not feel as if it ever belonged to [illegible] Grandma. Perhaps I do not appreciate it as a memento of hers, but as a present from Cousin, I wish you to thank her for me for it. Do not [illegible] which [illegible] about it to her however. I enclose the letter Mrs [illegible] and Letty from G'amma. The children send much love and kisses to you. and accept the same from Your Loving [illegible] Devoted

I suppose you will make every effort to go to France of course. I hope you may succeed to please you. I would like to go somewhere myself too. It is too dull here

[illegible]

New York, Paradise Ridge,
August 1st 1900

My dear Cousin Albert Smith
I was not expected to live,
he was paralyzed & confined to a
rocking chair for the remainder of his life.
As to his arrangements
for the future with my dear
cousin Corinne I think it
best under her own business,
I have nothing to do for
as aunt & I was glad
when it relieved the Poor
for Knew you would
be comfortable with them
but as to your having any claim
upon them I believe you
that Knew deserved to use
to settle as you may
you please again which is

New York. May 5th 1854.

To My Dear Wife & Loving Children —
— One and All —

It is a long time since I wrote to you. I hardly remember when, sometime about the 20th of last month I have been very busy indeed — I have been occupied almost constantly night and day in getting your Cousin Corinne and Children off to France. There was a great deal to do and it devolved almost entirely upon me. It would be impossible for me to tell you everything. They left the 29th May by Steamer "Catalonia" — Mr Young will remain here a month or two longer to attend to business, and may not go at all. He has a great deal to attend to and has engaged me as his Private Secretary and will probably find enough for me to

attend to the suit till such time as he is ready to leave for Miami or I am ready to go back to California. Corinne has arranged all this for me and says possibly it may result in something permanent and that I may find it to my advantage to wait for you all. Perhaps so. I am sorry to hear things are so extremely dull as San Diego. I shall not return until such time as I win my suit and even then to remain unless the Rail Road is certainly to be built. I have sunk enough in San Diego without risking more till upon any uncertainty. My only object in returning would be to settle my business there and to bring you on here. Do not however let this be known as some may think it is not my intention to pay what I owe. That will be my first desire when I get my money. Everything is being done as far as influence of friends is concerned to induce the Surrogate to take up the papers in my case. No less than five personal intimate acquaintances of his with whom I have been much acquainted through the Youngs and my cousin John E. Ryan have spoken to him. He invariably promises to attend to my matter but never does so. The Youngs, Corinne and her husband have been of the greatest service to me in this matter and feel much disappointed to think that nothing has yet been done. I do not however despair. If nothing is done this week stronger influence will be brought to bear such as he the Surrogate can hardly resist. I'm going with Judge Brady of the Supreme Court to-morrow

on Camphor from James P.
and ask him to see Hutchings
in my behalf — Personal
influence is the strongest means
I can use, and if they fail I
must await patiently the
action of the Sanitaire, be
it ever so long — There is no
other remedy unless I be mon-
ey in hand — One thousand
dollars would procure a de-
cision and that too in my
favor — As I have not the
I hope through personal in-
fluence of friends to effect
my object as the same, and
think I shall succeed — I
have been very patient &
worked hard in the matter.
I want to tell you how especia-
lly kind Commo Buchan
has been & have been to me
I have been stopping at Mrs

house since the 10th April — they have made me free at home and very comfortable in every respect — I have been very busy assisting them. Taken inventories of furniture of the house 14 W. 16th St which they rented furnished also of third house 4 E. 29th St which also they have rented furnishing I have either packed or attended to the packing of everything things sent from our houses to the store, things sent to Louis and to houses of friends for safe keeping and to public storage warehouse. I have also made inventories of their costly silver wear, jewelry, diamonds — Also packed all her trunks of clothing & taken with her, marking them and having them put on board the

Dearest. You may certainly be richer ladies in New York than she is but I don't think anyone who has more clothing and more expensive things than she has in the way of diamonds velvets furs laces I do not think that her wardrobe could have cost less than twenty thousand dollars. I believe myself some thing of a judge in these matters. Such piles of things, besides the amount of diamonds and jewelry is almost fabulous. She has many thousand dollars worth at least. Fifty thousand dollars worth. and some dresses that cost over a thousand dollars rich velvets trimmed with sables. Lucks over three thousand dollars worth of furs, five thousand dollars worth of lace and piles upon piles of handsome silks Sabrina velvet dresses made up besides 14 gentlemen not mine — I handled and packed all these things. Contained in eight of the largest travelling trunks I ever saw. She has been so kind to me and made me feel most happy by her extreme goodness to me. I saw much of her during the short time. I was with her from the 10th to the 20th. It is indeed the only good pleasant time I have had since I have been away from home. She has made me forget all my cares and troubles. She would hardly pleasantly do me — Sing for me — Put her arms around my neck — kiss me and tell me that she loves me

that she would be a sister to me
and that her husband should
be a brother to me — which
indeed they have been in the
fullest sense of the word.
They have given me a great deal of
many things for you and herself
things for myself — he has about
divided his wardrobe with me
I have more clothing and of better
quality than I ever had before
in my life. They blame me
for not having told them of my
situation and of yours before.
I love Connie — and have told her
that with you my dear little
wife at home whom I love beyond
conception I love her
and shall always continue
to do so as long as I live & I
shall also be ready to serve
her and Shorea and for-
tune overtake her or her

spiritually be my lot again
she may count upon me
as her friend ready to ren-
der all the assistance in
my power in my. She would
let me hug and kiss her &
she would hug and kiss
me most tenderly — She
said, over & over. I do
believe that you really love
me — I told her yes that
I did with fervent love and
sincerity — that she had been
most kind to me, that next
to my wife I should al-
ways love her — that you
and she were certainly the
only women I ever really loved
that there was so much in
that reminded me of you
that I could not help lov-
ing her — The interview
made me the proposition

that in the event of anything happening to her husband and to you that I should become her second husband. I accepted of this proposition upon the condition that in the event of anything happening to me and to me that Mr Young should have you for his wife. I told her that I did not think and hoped that there was no probability of such events taking place either by her death or mine or that of her husband and of course. But this shook her disposition and feeling towards me. She was very sorry at parting and cried upon my bosom. And though I may not have been affected to tears yet I felt probably as badly and kissed her very many times but after they were gone from the house and I was left alone I realized how solitary I would be and then the weary heart spoke and I cried for her like a child. I pronounced her to pray for her safety night and morning and I have done so ever since her departure. She promised to send me from Paris a picture of herself finished in the highest style of art and this I shall prize highly and keep in remembrance of her goodness and kindness to me. The morning she left I got up early and wrote her four pages of note paper offering her my congratulations and thanking her for her goodness. This I presented to her before she got up. She read it and when she said me again she said

"Whatever that is the nicest letter I ever received in my life & I shall always keep it — And when I get to Paris read it to our mutual friend a Roy old, I know he will be delighted with it — I read it to Mr Young he thought it most beautiful and it affected him so that he cried almost like a child" — After her I was glad that she was pleased with it but that I didn't think it worthy of the praise which she bestowed upon it — She kissed me and thanked me for the letter It was then she promised to send my her photograph from Paris. She said that she had arrangements so that when she was gone I should be with Mr Young — That she wished me to remain with him for company sake he would have a great deal of

me to do so keep me busy
till such time as he left for
France or I was ready to
turn to California — and that
perhaps it might result in my
becoming permanent in his
employ or have some interest
in his business — That after he
left Mr Young would go to a
Hotel and that I was to be
with him — And he came
at the Albemarle Hotel Corner
24th St and Broadway in
a fine large well furnished
room looking out upon Madi-
son Square All may be about
4 O'Clock — the day is
pleasant — hundreds of peo-
ple are promenading on
the Park — the flags of all
nations present a gay
sight over Barnums
Hippodrome. I am happy

perfectly. I feel that I have friends
who care for me and that I am
~~not~~ am with one who treats me
as a companion and brother.
I love such people and will do
all in my power to serve them
even without money or price.
I used to tell Comme when I was
with her – she would say – I don't
know Mr Mahaly what I should
have done without you. I never
should have got ready to go to
France – You will have a big bill
against me? Don't say so Comme
do you suppose that I would do for
you what I am doing for money
No my services could not be purchased
in that way – no it is my delight,
it is my pleasure to serve you
because you have been so kind to
me and made me feel so very
happy since I have been at your
house, the only pleasant hours
indeed that I have passed since leaving
home, I work for you because I like
you and find that it is not love
labor lost. Anything in the world
I can do for you for the promotion
of your happiness I shall be very
glad to perform. Oh dear she
if I only had such a brother, how
happy I should be – You does not
care for me and never did – How
is it possible that your sister
should have treated you in the
manner which she has. She never
could have known what a good
brother she had. I told her so,
certainly. my sister was as
much a stranger to me and
to her as though we had never
been born under the same roof –
that she was the coldest most
indifferent and heartless
man I ever met with. That
if she were different I would

have given me great pleasure to
have loved and served — but
thank God I have but the one
the others having died long be-
fore I knew them and that if
they had died too I should
have had no cause for grief.
Mr Young is very kind to me —
helps me in every allen tion —
consults with me in regard
to his business and leaves
the management of many things
to me. I shall do all in my
power to serve him and make
my self as useful to him as pos-
sible. I know that he likes
me very much from his man-
ner towards me — He has given
me many things. I am indeed
as well dressed as he is — We
all a great deal together — take
meals sometimes at Delmon-
icos sometimes at the Astor

when we are shopping
sometimes when we
happen to be around
convenient. Saturday evening
before Connie left Cincinnati
with them to the 5th as Mattie
to see Mordecai Alphonse. a
most beautiful play and the
finest acting by an Mal Dear
Lady. Since the folks left we
have been over in Connie's
beautiful horses carriage he was
sold to day. It cost over $600
sold for about one third — It
was indeed a fine turn out
but such property is always sold
at great sacrifice — I have
two very large trunks packed
to send you by the next steamer
one contains almost exclusively
toys of an infinite variety,
the poor children got nothing
in their last new years, they

will have enough now to last them
their lives — the other contains
very many useful things to wear
or that may be made up to wear
pieces of silks satins velvets lace
ie. you will know how to put them
all to the best of use. Some men
tion particularly. a red pineap-
ple dress, blue & white 20 yds for
you. I exchanged this for midwifery
I've a sample of which I sent you, be
cause I thought it would be more use-
ful besides there are 5 yds more so that
you will have enough for yourself and
one of the children. There are also
two pine apple dresses made up
nearly as good as new. one or two
grenadine dresses. several white
dresses. Stuff to make the children
light dresses. fine very handsome
silk dresses which have never
been worn. not beautiful things
they are perhaps too dress
for the children but you can use them
for overskirts. perhaps. Several hand
some silk bodices. black blue
& fancy. hardly worn. several
fancy bodices suitable for bath
dresses. pieces of silk to make
several children's dresses.
white lawn. muslin dress
that are very beautiful. magnifi
ribbons. beautiful bird feathers
a magnificent crimson long
hat feather, red with $10.
a very handsome ermine cape for
pretty red without spot or gem
ish the most magnificent thing
you ever saw for which she paid
$40. it belonged to her sister but
she said she could do without it.
there are very many other things
sacks for children and for
yourself. some unmade things
for you and the children.
a very handsome fancy

metropolitan dress-pants
cap shirt all very fine
which cost 8 60 —
I cannot begin to enumerate
to you all the many things
which she has given me to
send to you, besides the trunk
they are packed in and 8 60 —
in money which I shall
take to pay the freight on the
things. Say nothing about all
this to any one and when
you open them do not let
any one except our relos and
our dear children. Record what
you have got by them are some
things I fear are almost too
nice to wear as I told Commu
unless we were better off —
besides I have other things
for a nice astrachan
cloak, black which cost
8 60 in Paris — I require some

repairs and alteration therefore I have returned it. I shall probably expend $10 or $15 upon it when you will have a most magnificent affair - besides I retain all the furs will have some thing down to them. Two of the skins are most beautiful will have these made up into some thing for you and the children. I have also some considerable underclothing and quite a large quantity of pieces of ~~the~~ nice silks laces &c besides any quantity of black beads I cannot not possibly get more into the trunk than I have done and I hardly knew what to send and what to retain. I will keep these things to take with me or send when an opportunity offers — While I

think of it let me acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst enclosing one from Violet and Lilly. I am so glad to hear from you and that you are well. I am very busy indeed – have not time to write. Write because the hurry soon and therefore answer their dear letters as well as yours.

I have written you fully about Connie and my sentiments towards her – Can you blame me for loving her? She has been so very kind indeed made me so happy – She reminds me so much of your own dear self, that her presence was a continual reminder of you. You know that generally I am no lover of women very fond indeed however word the least particle of my regard or attention for me to treat them decently but when I come across one who so nearly resembles my own dear little wife who I have always loved so much and when that one has shown me the kindness and attention which your own dear cousin has, is it possible for me not loving her as a sister which she has been to me. We have her picture. The one in "gipsey costume" and I gaze upon it with delight both in returning and rising. But enough – I enclose you a nice little letter to you, she has been as good as her promise and written you some thing which I am sure will please you very

much I intend the go ear
cross for you also a sil-
ver teach spoon —
Be of good heart dear little
wife. I am sure that there
is happiness in store for us
both and that we shall soon
meet under the most agreeable
circumstances. I think kind
fortune will smile again upon
me and mine. Connie wants
you to go to Paris and has
made me promise on
my return or when I send
for you to come then to let you
go for a few months. She will
see — mum's the word. She
will pay our expenses. She says
she would so much like to have you
with her that you are the only being
on earth she cares for and to
please her I believe I would
do almost anything do you

you can count upon your going as almost sure as I am emphatically with her but do not think that I love you in the least on bit the less. You are the delight of my heart the source of my existence I shall only be most happy when I am restored to you again and you make me to feel that you really love me as. of dear without seeming indifference. There is no reason for loving me less because you have become dear to me true love never dies, but increases with every passing year and only ripens in death. Now then to me dear gentle Anna, my fond loving wife what you were I regard you by once you were never have

the least cause for repining, & once
our [illegible] lives [illegible] pass the
event [illegible] happier —
Kiss Nace [illegible] dear three
times for me — I have
also two photographs for
you which Cousin [illegible] had
taken expressly for you
of two different photographs
of her and [illegible] which I will
send to you — I know you
will prize them very highly.
Tell [illegible] Cousin — You do not
know how much seemingly she
loved you and her great desire to have
you with her — Send the letter
to me — I will have done opportunity
[illegible] of sending it — I will send
you some [illegible] the first I get.
Cousin told me that Mr Young would
give me a check, but he has given me
so much and been so kind that even
though he does [illegible] I shall not
demand it of him — I have every-

"The Albemarle Hotel is on the next block & is adjoining the Hoffman House when Carl stopped"

Albemarle Hotel
New York, May 29. '74

My dear Cousin Frank,

Received yours of the 5th May only a fortnight ago — I am exceedingly pleased with it and find it as you promised a tolerable well written both as regards penmanship and composition. It is indeed very creditable to you, but now that you are on the road of improvement I hope you will not stop until such time as you can write a more stately finished letter. I have no doubt with a continuance of effort on your part you may become a

very beautiful writer which you will find of great advantage to you in more ways than one for the promotion of your interest. Perhaps if you now to invest in a good good pen you might even now do a great deal better. I wish I could fundy to be able to make you a present of a nice one, but it cannot be done just now. I wrote you a long letter just previous to the receipt of your last and have since sent you a Detailed Containing an account of the marriage of Nellie Grant to her English friend. The Grand Steamer that took them to Europe conveying the two half-brothers of Nellie Grant who have gone there to spend a couple of months. Uncle by them the painted card you intended for your cousin Cor. to be delivered to her in Paris. The letter the day before yesterday from Mr Young. She was detained in Rochester in consequence of the accident which had befallen Mr Reynold, in breaking his leg, upon which Angelica for protection. The widow man then like Mr Young can persuade her to take her on to Paris and get her and her family comfortably fixed when it is their intention to live several years. Indeed Mr G's business present his going and to go in his place. He would send me expecting I should much prefer being

in Paris for two or three months
than to be compelled to suffer
here during the coming cum-
mer months. I expect to
be joining you some time yet
though it is quite impossible
to say. My lawyer gave me
some encouragement, the
first of the week thinking
that the case might be deci-
ded before the end. But then
it is Friday. Tomorrow will
tell whether there were any good
grounds for his hope. Mr
Young is very desirous to go
himself to attend to his family
and is making every effort in
his power to arrange his business
so that he may leave. I do not
think it there is much prospect of
my going in his stead. I
would very much like to go &

June

Recd June 5. 1874

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West Amesbury June 3d

Mr Whaley

Dear Sir.

I received your letter of May 26th yesterday (sent to me from Manchester) I returned here last Saturday. Mr. Morse sailed from San Diego at 5 o'clock P.M. on the 12th of May instead of the 11th there being some delay in getting off. He wrote me that as they stop at six posts on the Pacific and one on the Atlantic, the trip must necessarily be longer than usual. Perhaps 28 or 30 days. Consequently he will not probably reach N.Y. by the 5th, as you expected. I shall send a letter to the N.Y. post office for him in a few days, & after a few days more, a postal card. I hope you will be able to see him. Mr & Mrs

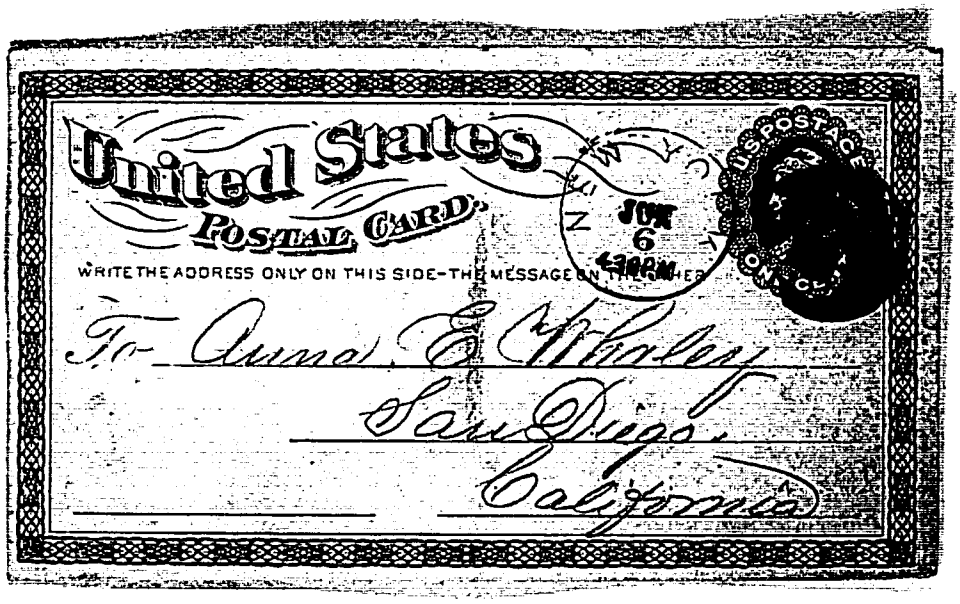
Howard are here, & sail for Europe from N.Y. on the 13th They intend to be there to see Mr Morse on his arrival. Their stopping place will be Greenpoint L.I. It seems a long time since Mr M. left - but - if he arrives safe & well I shall have no reason to complain. Please don't - keep him long in N.Y.

Excuse haste

Very truly Yours

Mary E. Morse

Mr Young left to
day by Steamer
Republic for Liver-
pool — I remained
to look out for his in-
terests till his return.
No decision in my
case yet. Your of 18
May — with enclosure
from Prof Little 2 May
inst — also your of 22d
May — received. Will
write soon — Love
to all —
Yours
[illegible]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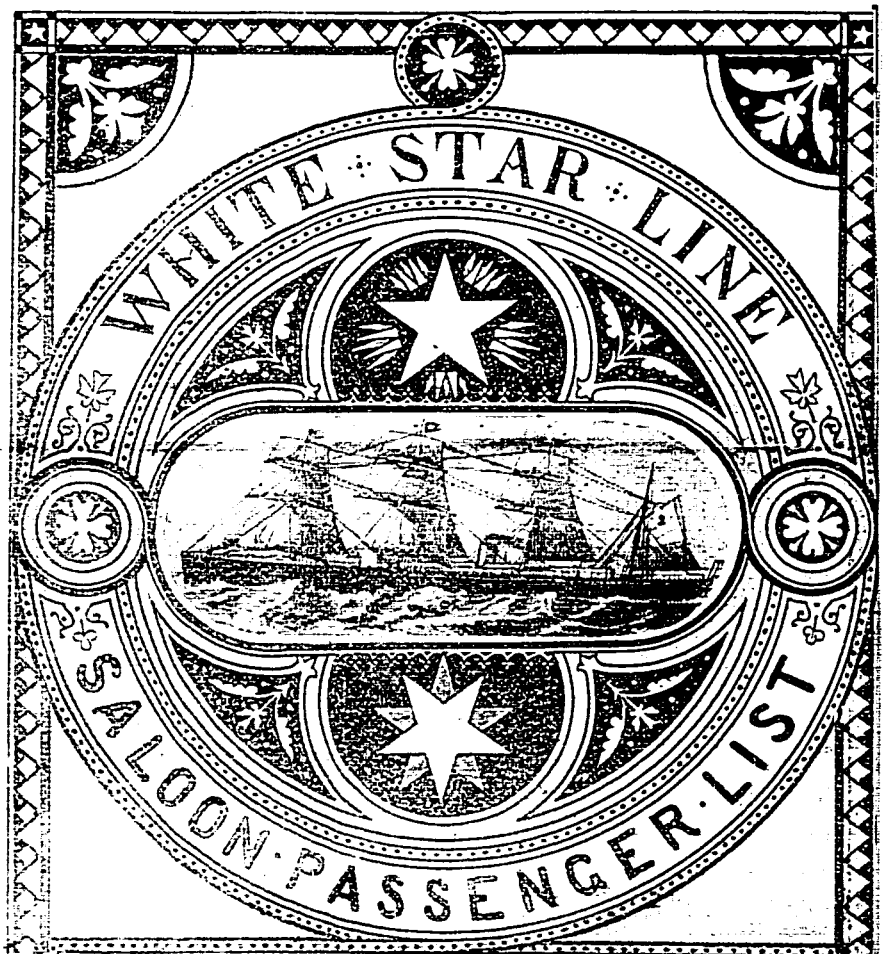
San Diego
California



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Two children,	"
Mr. James Kincade,	Chicago.
Mrs. Kincade,	"
Child,	"
Miss E. F. Sears,	New York.
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Infant and Nurse,	" "
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Mr. W. R. Peters,	"
Mr. F. Courage,	Christ Church, New Zealand
Mrs. Courage,	" "
Master Frank Courage,	" "
Miss Ada Courage,	" "
Miss Mabel Courage,	" "
Miss Millicent Courage	" "
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Mrs. Dole,	"
Mr. Wm. Menlove,	"
Mrs. Menlove,	"
Infant,	"
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Office of White & Bushe,
537 Broadway, N.Y.
June 27th 1876

Mamie Darling

I have not received a letter from you since the 4th of the month — then I got two dated the 18th and 21st of May — this is twenty three days ago, longer than I kept you waiting at one time when you complained so much. I feel no uneasiness concerning your having received your receipt for the eighteen letter of the 26th May containing the black spoon deal — perhaps however some one of the children may be sick or something may have happened that you do not wish to inform me of immediately — I would at all events rather you would write than keep me in suspense. Yours of the 18th acknowledges the receipt of mine of the 5th May enclosing Connie's letter to you, and that of the 21st the receipt of mine of the 8th 89 enclosing Bodie's key to trunk &c.

On the 14th I wrote enclosing two

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her from Liverpool to Paris — Kelly his last letter of the date that the children were recovering — out of danger. She had hired furnished apartments on Avenue des Champs Elysées No 123 — was very comfortably situated — getting rights house keeping — was hopeful of feeling better. I wrote her husband not to feel any uneasiness on her account and not to come till such time he had so arranged his business here in N.Y. as to remain permanently there. She must indeed have been surprised at his unexpected arrival there a few days afterwards. I have to day written a long letter to Mr Young as I do each Saturday giving him a full account of all business transacted for him — also a long letter to Corinne in answer to those sent her husband. There is only a line or two in one of the letters to Mr Young. The Days Give my love to the Malleys and tell him when I get

as I did of our parting with pain. All things I hope dear Mamie will be for the best — and when we are again restored to one another how soon will we forget that we were ever separated. I am glad you have learned to take things as they come, the same as I do, poverty and adversity teach us many hard lessons, which if we only profit by and not forget when prosperity comes will be worth more than all the deprivations which they may have cost. So live horse and you will get grass!

I think I have written to Corinne often enough and that I had better wait till I see if she will answer them — She is not a very good correspondent, though she can write well enough if she chooses to do so — I always have something to say about you in my letters to her — I am very much surprised that you have not written to her before this — You speak now about going to Paris! I should certainly have no objection provided we

I have not seen Harriet since I left the house. Amos I met once — spoke to him to take him the best of Mr Heiss's furniture at Ridgeway occasionally — but we never speak — I wrote Hattie a letter and gave her a deed to a lot when she got married — she never replied to it — though when I saw her afterwards she said the reason she did not do so was because I was at the house and she feared I would never have gotten it — Hattie was a little good to me, though not much. She is very selfish — loves her grandmother or rather pretends to Mr Bailey what she [illegible] — The Griffins are lovely wife and children — I have not seen Alden lately nor Lorne — Ben Lumpkin or indeed anybody much. I will go around amongst them soon again. I met Warner the other day — looks well. I don't think much of him now after understanding how he has acted towards this family — I asked him for money to pay him how badly off we were. Said he would go — but he did not have a cent —

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His business in my hands; the selling of his real estate, is progressing very slow. I have written to him to return as soon as he can conveniently to decide some more speedy means of sale than as private sale, as he must have funds shortly to meet liabilities maturing. I shall be very glad indeed when he returns, besides being lonesome, I wish to be relieved of the responsibility of his business. It is evening now, past 10 o'clock. I have just returned from Central Park listening to the grand musical discourse with thousands of others, which is given there every Saturday afternoon. Everything is lovely to charm the ear and the senses. The day was a most beautiful one, and after the heavy rain of yesterday looked so fresh and green. This is the fourth time this week I have been ~~at~~ Central Park. I think I do for myself going there more than

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time I only write to him. She is a dear good soul, and I love her almost as much as I do any body else in this world excepting you and that one my darling Nannie. I [illegible] flatter herself that the [illegible] who is [illegible] I would do any thing for your Cousin Connie. She has a good heart, has been very kind to me. I think I can hardly ever repay her. She has some commissions in her letter for me to attend to. Wishes her husband to have me get some things from the storehouse and send them to her as she requires them for her housekeeping but as he is not here to give the order, I have to be obliged to wait till I hear from her or him again. I think I wrote to you that I had sent your likeness by her husband. I would much like to have kept it, but as I knew it would give her pleasure to have it I was willing to forgo the gratification which it would have given me besides you intended it for her - only

Love is what you may call a lady killer - a dangerous fellow, indeed, and secluded from all direct society, leads the female portion of it as much as possible. And how is he? has he had a letter put through him a dozen times? [illegible] a wound? — I am glad that you are so delighted that I think and love your cousin so much, and not jealous of either of us. — You need have no fears of [illegible] in regard to her. I love her because she was kind to me. Indeed if I felt badly when she went away it was because I knew the good friend I was losing and how lonely I would feel without her. Don't you think I felt badly too when I left you in San Diego? It was one of the saddest moments I ever experienced in my life when I saw you and the children progressing slowly up that wharf. I watched you till lost to sight. I often revert to this parting of ours - but look forward also to our meeting again with as much pleas-

when she gave me the Cross she said - send this to Nannie and ~~mention to~~ [illegible] of my mother. I said I thought that was too [illegible]. She said no - that was her mother's - give it to Nannie as she may have [illegible] of her. She may have intended to have given you something else - but as she did not do so and told me particularly that the [illegible] was a memento of her mother - what [illegible] more I do [illegible] - she must think you be content to receive it as such, and look upon the thing sent - the Cross and [illegible] as her present. I hope you [illegible] receive Emily's pictures sent with those of Miller [illegible] daughter. I think the vignette style, though [illegible] in appearance a good likeness of her as seen being her as she appeared when you saw her last [illegible] more than the full length one - She was a good dear soul I always liked her - She was a gifted

to be so, if only a little. Nothing to him
able. you'll get the wherewithal to eat.
You shall all have plenty to wear and
eat as well as to eat, I hope, one of these days.
I thank Manasse & Schiller for their
kindness in allowing you to trade in pro-
visions. I esteem them as my friends, who
during the distress of my family have
been the only ones who have
come to my relief. I shall not forget
their goodness and hope soon to be able to
repay them and give them besides some
substantial proof of it as an opportunity
presents itself. You can tell this
& write to them thanking them
personally. I also think
that the gold cross is a present to
Corinne and always acceptable to me
as such. There was a mistake some-
where but how I can't explain. She
said she had a cross for another pres-
ent and besides would send you a
number to from her mother. But

of her husband - and to disembarrass you in case
of any [illegible] as it is right and prop-
er. I have but one heart and bosom
to love, and that is [illegible] with
the least possible [illegible] for Corinne - no more
than you are urging that I should before.
In all the rest of the [illegible]
besides you and Corinne I do not care
the snap of my fingers - But enough of
this - not so done with the San Diego
old town particularly. I can imagine to
have been a most miserable place. I
do not [illegible] wonder that you are sick &
tired of [illegible] would like to get out of
it. I may yet there be compelled
to do so. If I could have my way
about it I should prefer not doing so -
My intention, however, is to leave there as
soon as I possibly can and to take you
my darling Maurice and all our dear
children with me. So let the hope of
this cheer you up and [illegible]
despondency of feeling you may have.

and others feel able and more willing will be found to help complete it. Things, so far as mining, agriculture, stock raising &c are concerned, never looked so favorable for San Diego than at the present time. The year has been an unusually prosperous one for the miners, farmers, stock ranchers and the merchants of San Diego County – They will all do well this year – and if we could only have had with this unusual prosperity the rail-road progressing as it was promised to us, instead of every one of the floating population who have not engaged in trade, agriculture or mining – who have invested in real estate, basing its increase upon San Diego becoming suddenly the terminus

would you [illegible] or anything else I might ask of you – But I am sure you would not and I hope you never will. If you only knew how I always loved you what an idol you have been of my heart – I don't think you would ever have treated me so cruelly as you have – making me [illegible] you for hours at a time – and then because I got provoked said or did something which was no sooner said or done than I was sorry for, you then became uncontrollable [illegible] it is miserable – It was not my intention to revert to any thing past – let us look for all happiness in the future – and by the constant cultivation of our love towards the other as is our duty, trust we shall never have any cause of regret of any kind. Now my dear [illegible] kiss and good night!! wishing you the most pleasant dreams

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Sunday Morning June 25th 1874 – Having written my letter pages all over once, I propose to see if I can't get as much more on them by writing over them again. This is a most beautiful day but likely to be very warm indeed, for which I am very sorry, having to go out to Springhurst to day – I propose now, dear Mary, not having any letter from you, to take up yours of the 18th and 21st May, which I was intending to do as soon as I should hear from you again making a single job of it.

If reading my letters is the only amusement you have, you must have sorry times of it indeed as they contain so very little that is interesting, but as they seem to amuse you I propose to give you a benefit at this [illegible]. Besides being a pastime to me it affords me a real pleasure to write to you. Possibly you may think [illegible] old Joseph has more to write about than he would have to say were he with you – I am not much of a talker that is true, and I find it easier to express my ~~[illegible]~~ thoughts on paper than in words. but darling I hope you will

~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] said in her letter regarding [illegible] that is right and proper and as unlikely to encourage anything wrong. She has a good qualification for a husband who idolizes her as a is [illegible], the 'affinity' [illegible] others paint her – He loves her and is exceedingly jealous of her reputation and would not permit any one to say or do anything reflecting in the least upon her ~~[illegible]~~. She too thinks there is no one like her [illegible] is devoted. You have therefore no reason to be jealous of the love I have for Emma or that she has for me and the mere pleasantry of our agreeing to marry in case of anything happening to you and Harry Young ~~arises~~ (which, Heaven forbid the probability of ever occurring) arose only from our [illegible] for one another so much. – I think it necessary to make this explanation, least you should imagine that I think more of her than I do of you or that she thinks more of me than

of a great Continent, cut adrift, who have gone away, disheartened and heart sick, this would not be among few friends, surrounded with them friends and loved ones. San Diego would have become a large and populous growing place, and all classes, those around have as well as others would be benefitted. Let us hope that the time in the bright future of our hopes do not fail distant land that we may share with others the good fortune so long sought for. It is past 11 O'Clock - about thirty that you and I and all honest people been at rest in their beds. I shall close reading this letter instead, to be taken up again when I am in my mood to do so. That a glorious moon light night it is. I was going to say, Could see sparkling upon the bosom of the

broad and noble Hudson, but yesterday unfortunately for me, or rather for the public, I was not gifted with perceptible to me - but I can behold the effulgence of their light illuming and making everything almost as bright as day. Good night Dear Fan, my darling little wife - my thoughts are ever of thee and of home - I would give a great deal, to be with you or have you with me, but the fates are seemingly against us and will decree that we shall remain apart. I would like to see you so much - your pleasant smiling face - your sparkling bright eyes - both of which has been the objects of my constant admiration. Something indeed I have undertaken of teaching you - Do you remember some time ago asking you to smile and letting me see your beautiful eyes? You would

Astor House, N. Y.
June 10th 1874.

To My Dear Wife,

I wrote you last the 26th May, enclosing notes to Nash and Schell, also Silver Salt Spoon, veil & Silk Scarf, since which time I have written to Nash, May 29th, acknowledging his long and well written letter of the 9th May, enclosing an enamelled watch key a present to him from Mr Mr Young, and also to the children, May 31st, enclosing a piece of ribbon & in answer to their letters generously received. I have also received since last writing to you your letters of the 18th & 21st May, the former enclosing letters from the dear children Mamie, Voie & Lilie which are always welcome home. Pierce now answer yours, and their Pucks

dress at some future time. I wrote to Corinne the 22nd May enclosing a portion of yours of May 5th containing the locket for her and informing her that I would send it by Mr Young when he left. I have written to her twice since June 3rd on business and June 6th at the time her husband left. I always remember you to her. But as my letters to her with the exception of the last were sent to Paris, it will be some time before she receives them. I hope you have written to her; if not you should do so. You can send them to me and I will enclose them to her or you can write direct to the care of Messrs Drexel Harjes & Co 31 Boulevard Haussmann, Paris, France. Should you do so enquire at the Post Office the amount of postage necessary to prepay otherwise your letters will not go. I have a great deal to write about, but impossible for me to say all that I would wish as it is now past 12 pm. and if I do not write now I know not when I will be able to do so. I have forgotten whether I told you that Mr Reynolds, a friend of the Youngs, who went to Liverpool by the steamer previous to Corinne and who had to have looked after her upon his arrival, escorted her to Paris and established her there in housekeeping, was so unfortunate as to break his leg in going over on board the steamer having been thrown by a sudden lurch of the vessel out of his position so that he had to be carried on shore on a stretcher. When Corinne arrived at Liverpool she learned of this accident and in the goodness of her heart not wishing to forsake an old friend and continue alone she determined to remain there till the 15th of June when it was thought Mr R would be able to continue his journey

with her to Paris. When Mr Young learned this he determined if possible to arrange his business to go, or otherwise send me. He accordingly purchased his ticket for the steamer of the 6th but it was not till the evening of the 5th that he determined to go himself. When he telegraphed to his wife to await his coming. That day he arranged his business so as to be able to go. It was a very uncertain thing till then whether he or I would go, and as the trunks could not be packed, not knowing whether his or mine were to be, we were busy all night in getting things ready writing letters making arrangements &c. It was quite immaterial to me whether I went or not as I could not return to California to you. Perhaps I would have preferred having gone to Paris than remain here during the hot

Summer months though wishing to do either which ever he thought best for his interest. He affords an id a very unsettled state indeed, he has a great many interests for providence to look after, and I am of the opinion that perhaps it would have been better for him to have remained. He has left a power of attorney to ~~look~~ a Sign papers &c but I have to look after and manage everything for him to the best advantage just as though it was for myself. He would have left the power with me but for the uncertainty of the time of his absence and my returning to California. He thinks to return in about five weeks but does not expect him before Sept 1. I have promised to remain here two months at least as I did not leave before that time even if any case should be decided at once. I have been this looking after many

things for him, opening business letters
answering them &c, to attend to the
sale of his property at Springhurst.
He has an agent to sell within cer-
tain limits but no sale can be made
without my concurrence, and if un-
able to sell for at those limits I have
discretionary power to sell for a
less sum such as I may think to
best for his interest to his necessity
he so much needs to extricate
him from his difficulties — and when
any sale is completed I report to
Judge White his lawyer and attor-
ney who makes and executes the
papers necessary. I have to the
collection of all rents and inter-
est money and many other things
to attend to under the supervision
of Judge White the same as I
might do for him if he were here
for himself — The property is ad-
vertised in the name of McYoung
and I am his representative at
the office of White & Brooks 203 Broad-
way over the Broadway Bank
where I am to be found always
from 10 am to 3 pm — Should
applicants desire to go out to see
the property I have to accompany
them or give them a line to the agent
at Morsania — I have the manage-
ment of the advertising &c — He
reposes great confidence in me and
appreciates my ability — and for the
love of Corinne and the friendship
I bear him for all his goodness to
me I shall use my best endeavors
wholly for the promotion of his in-
terest — He has provided comfor-
tably for me according to the agree-
ment we had, to live at a first
class hotel Restaurant and circu-
lar cars in the event of making
sales allow me a liberal commis-
sion. He says that he is very con-
fident that he is situated

& at present not to allow me more
liberally, but that out of the
first money received he will give
me a check for $100 so that I
may send it to you. My pres-
ent allowance is $20 for 1 week
being at the rate of $80 per week and
I have a check for this amount in my
pocket besides $80 for advertising
but in case sales being made will be
more liberally provided. I have
determined to live economically
as possible and have thus far gone
back to my old quarters the Cod
House, having however a more comfor-
table room for which I pay $2.50 per
week, and live at a cheap but re-
spectable restaurant near the Hath-
ing Bow market, where I formerly
used to get my meals. This is
rather a come down indeed from
my elegant quarters at the Albe-
marle Hotel and Delmonico
Restaurant but happily I

can confine myself to circumstances as occasion or necessity requires. By this arrangement, I shall be able to send you at least on an average for the next four weeks at least five dollars and as soon as I can send you more depend upon my doing so. The little I send will be of some perhaps considerable help to you. Much it was in my power to do more. When I read of poor George going without shoes and stockings picking up old tin cans to melt the solder off it touched me more to the heart than anything you had written. Imaginary things were very bad indeed with you but I do not fully realize them till you wrote what you did concerning George and the Shute as well as yourself must be in nearly as bad a plight. It is indeed to bear – but what is to be done – what can I do under all the circumstances more than I have done. Let us hope that it need not be long before

a favorable decision is arrived at in my case and there is a certainty of my being able to send you within a few days enough to make you all in every way very comfortable — Do not despair my dear wife and little boy papa will do all that lies in his power for your future comfort and happiness — The decision will drag along — I saw Mr Ridgway yesterday — He is very hopeful indeed — believes, as he tells Mr Morse, who I took to see him that he might fully understand from him the position of my affairs, that I would not have to wait longer than ten days at most before the decision was rendered in my favor — He gives some intimations he has received, that it would be in my favor. Morse has the fullest confidence that I will win my case — He has been very kind to me — paid my taxes and taken up my note at the bank having made a compromise at 25 per mo. (simple interest) when they might have demanded 30 per mo in advance compounding monthly. I think him very much for doing this unsolicited. — He informed me that he had seen some bonds at 75 cents gold — I told him if he chose to consider those bonds as mine to make up the account between us take charging and allowing interest per that time and I believed that I would settle with him — He had promised to do so. I think this will be for the best as I do not think it possible to realize more than 75¢ for the bonds and it will at once stop the payment of interest to him of 2 per mo and in the long run I will probably be the gainer — besides then when I do get my money I will have the more for you and the children — Morse arrived here Sunday — I saw the arrival of the Steamer "Colon"

12 Monday morning and hunted him up found he had arrived at French's Hotel not in - left my card to call upon me - It was then on the stroke of 10 am. He had received my postal card informing him of my address. I was just going into my office when I met him coming out - So he returned and remained with me till 2, and then accompanied me to several places of business where I had to go, and then to my room at the Albemarle Hotel which I still retained till Monday afternoon - He helped me to pack up the last of my things - Showed him the more democratic quarters which I had taken at the End House and invited him to my Restaurant where we had a good Squaw meal together when I accompanied him to his hotel and passed the night with him in having a good long friendly talk - His intention

was to have remained here several days
Mr Howard and wife, who are at
Mrs Moses at West Amesbury,
not expecting Mr Morse to arrive
here before the 9th or 10th, having
written that they would probably be
here about the 11th their intention being
to take the Steamer of the 18th for
England, and wishing to see him be-
fore they left desired me to detain
Mr Morse here if possible till they
arrived. Mr Morse telegraphed
to Mr Howard his arrival here and
as he had not yet left Amesbury to
come on here wished him to join
the party there before he and his wife
left. So Morse left yesterday after-
noon (Tuesday the 9th) an hour sooner
than he or I expected and I shall
not see him again probably before he
is ready to return to California;
which will be in about two months
from now, when I shall be ready to accompany him. As please

to think that you and the children are so much delighted in anticipation of the receipt of the trunks of toys and cloth which by this time I hope have arrived and you have realized your fondest hopes. I wish I had the money and I would have the attachan dach arrangied over and the furs made up and send you with other things. I have and might purchase, enough at least to fill another trunk of the size of those sent. I will do this as soon as possibly can - under cloking is what you mostly all need. There is not so much of that amongst the things sent as of other kinds. Connie did not wish to send you any of her old things - and does not consider what she has sent as presents or as coming from her - the only things she really sent you as presents and which she gave as such are the ermine cape the pineapple cloth, & the red plume and to thank the Independent for humanity dress - the other things she said were only caps - but let anna wait she said he can a ber to buy an outfit in Paris & let her commence then and I will give her all the clothes I have. She said this in the goodness of her heart and without any consideration having no idea of the value of money or the cost of things. I will finish writing the same time to morrow and mail it to you - So good night pleasant dreams to you my dear wife and think of your dear good old poppet who loves you so much and would like to return to you now that he is convinced that you will always love him as you once did. I must stop they are putting out some of the lights and if they knew that I did not belong here, they would put me out too, I suppose -

June 11. 4 1/2 p.m. I have not had an opportunity to finish this to day and as I may not have for some days to come I have determined to let it go just as it is.

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Tell the children, I will write to them soon again — I enclose the decalcomania pictures I said last time. The large ones are very pretty. Let them practice on the smaller ones first by putting a little gum arabic on the gilt side, when this has adhered to the paper, let them wet the white side up — it becomes saturated in less than a minute wet with the last possible quantity of water from a small sponge. When wet the paper will slide off with a gentle pressure or it may be raised — peeling off as it will. I enclose a little picture for Mamma and of the money enclosed perhaps you can spare some so that they may have a little party or something on his birth day — I send a five, two and a one dollar bill in all — $8.00 — Both it was $8.00. I will write again soon will have more time — Be of good cheer dear wife. I am with yours heart and thoughts. Kiss the children for me and believe that I love only you — from your dear husband

Thoughtfully!

Correspondent Washington, D.C. June 15/74.

for N.Y. Daily Bulletin. June 16/74.

"The Texas & Pacific Railway Co. after consultation with those immediately interested, did not present their proposition asking the Government to guarantee the interest on their bonds for constructing the road from Fort Worth to San Diego. They thought there would be a better prospect for success next winter than during the present Session. It is said the road from Fort Worth will be completed during the coming fall."

San Diego. Jun. 14th. 1874.

Darling Papa.

We received a letter from you and we were very glad to hear from you. I hope you are in good health and enjoying yourself. We are all very well at home. We received the trunk containing the toys. A great many of them were broken. But when we got them in the play-room they looked very pretty. It amuses me very much to look at them. The doll and the trunk is very pretty. It would be so nice to have you home again. I send my love to Corey Jessie and the others and would like to see them very much. I hope they are having a good time in France. I send you my love. I will now close my letter as I cannot think of any thing more. from your loving child

Violet E. Whaley.

P. S. Dear Papa when your suit is
won please get me a doll as I send you
a picture of. It will be my best doll
and when you come home I will pay you
same ammoount as you payed for it there
I costs but very little indeed. only $2.50
you may read what it says there I will
it to you and in your next letter please
tell me what you think about it.

Y. E. Y.

Will send measures next letter.
Will all be delighted to get a good
lot of clothes. Pippet love me little
love me long. Now the good for nothing

Give my children
Dear Young Griffin
with Charles Roberts
respects from John
Thos. Whose

Office Whose & Burke,
237 Broadway, N.Y.
June 20th 1874.

To My Dear Wife & Children

I wrote you last the 11th inst enclosing $80.00 Gimmey. I was expecting before this to have written to you again in answer to yours and the children's of the 18th & 20th May, received the 4th, but I have been prevented from doing so — I have not the leisure to write much at the present time but hope soon to have. I am about going to see Mr Ridgway my lawyer in regard to getting out an injunction restraining Mr Thos Lee from running our money books & papers to suit his I said him might be forced

[redacted]

he informed me that she had taken all his business out of his hands and he had promised to account to her for funds in his hands about Flint and turn over all books & papers — He said these letters would be of great service to me in the accounting and commend my getting out an injunction — He said that he was in possession of facts that would disperse her of the administration of the estate — that she had done many things wrong — that he had told her so at the time but she in agent he could convince than demonstrate — besides he said in the event of the case being decided in my favor should she appeal he could furnish me with such proofs as would prevent her from appealing Ridgway told me yesterday that the Surrogates Clerk was

Give details. Give a list of facts. Be can find it — as does his Examination in Chief

at work upon the papers in the case and that the decision would be rendered in a few days & from what he had understood there was no doubt but that it would be in my favor —

I think things are all working right and that in the end we shall have no cause of regret for our long separation —

I have sent Mrs D day more now — I will write again soon. Are not these beautiful lines and applicable to us?

"I have another life, I long to meet,
Without which life my life is incomplete.
Oh, Sweeter self! Like me art thou astray?
Trying with all thy heart to find the way
To mine? Praying like mine to find the heart
On which alone can weary heart find rest."

Your devoted husband, Thos Ridgway

(1) June 23. 1874. Mama, I receive $5.00 in money
I always in time take a portion of it for the children's
shoes — sometimes pay $0.28 — sometimes more or less
My July expenditure, I spend the whole of it for any
other purpose you deem best. I have only about $30
remaining which must serve me till the 15th July, and
I do not know in this use to open the coming
month's expenses in the interest the offering given
longer should I not receive any more from you during
by that time. I have done little due and receipts
Perhaps $10 or $15 which I get there send you
[illegible] — I think more that I have sent
(4) Mama is the occasion — the cause of not being able

(3.)

I thought of having those furs and things made. I intended when we took stock in January to make some dry goods dresses, clothing and so forth, which together with the things I have for you, Elsie, and some of your mother's dresses, I think I can make a fair showing. I hope I get it. I should be very much pleased if I could have a few weeks longer to work in. I am very anxious to make up some things for you, Elsie, and I know you would like to have your clothes made up. I have bought a few things for you, Elsie, such as night gowns, corsets, stockings, drawers, waists, and some dress goods, such as muslin, lawns, etc. I will a trunk for you. It is so long since the last one was here, I know you need everything. Children, measures even taken is very be-
cause you know it takes time. I am now overhaul-
ing your wardrobe and shall be necessary to take them over again, otherwise the
things will not fit. Well, Elsie, I will close the
hour running late. Remember me to all. Lots of love to you all, my dear. It will at least be a manner

Please Read

Received June 25/94

West Amesbury Mass. June 23/94

Friend Whaley

Thought I would drop you a line just for old acquaintance sake. I served Howard here but he left the next day for N.Y. Did you see him? I suppose he got off all right. I send you the daily World of June 4th in which see an article on Insurance — I think perhaps the new California law will force the Company to issue you a paid up policy for some amount without further payments on your part — look into it.

They expected to ship ten thousand tons of wheat from San Diego this season.

Why cant you look into the Honey business in New York City? At what price could you contract it by the ton, in the comb, in twelve tins, or in the original boxes in which it is made (of 12 lbs). They make so much honey out of poor sugar and drugs that strained honey would not sell for much I suppose in N.Y. Strained honey in low

Diego is now selling at 50c and in the comb at 16c. I would like to have you look into the matter and perhaps we can get up a nice little business, who knows? Especially if you stop long in N.Y. I could buy in the San Diego market and you could sell in the East. Steiner & Klauber sent some in two lb tins to the Chicago Market last year (in the comb) which retailed in that market at $1.00 a can currency. I think there must be a large profit in it even at 40c per lb or less. I dont suppose it could be shipped via the Isthmus on account of the heat, but the Railroad freights are low now and if we could hire a half car it would not be 1/3 the ordinary rate. The honey is nicer in flavor and in looks than anything the New yorkers ever saw. Look into this, Wholly and whether you stop in N.Y. long or not it might be a good business to go into either as buyers or sellers. Some of our San Diego sober people estimate the yeild within 5 years at one million dollars for San Diego County alone. You can get all the data in N.Y. sufficient

to make a correct estimate. Received June 25/94

The business would not require a large capital for, if need be, we could hire money in San Diego to make our first purchases from the farmers or the merchants (and many of the latter would prefer to sell to us for cash, rather than ship and wait for returns) and the very day we made our shipment, we could forward our bill of lading and policy of insurance and draw against it paying our indebtedness to the bank by the draft long before we make a sale even.

A Col. Hite of Louisville Ky. a large stock-holder in the Texas & Pacific R.R. has been in San Diego. He told them that no bill would be presented to Congress this session, but next Dec. he thought they would have a better show. Meanwhile the Company will go on with its work as fast as the resources at its command will permit. "The road he says will be built, and San Diego will be its Pacific Terminus as surely as it is built" "Every promise made concerning this matter will be fulfilled" Capt Hite says the resolutions of the Boards of trade & Chambers of Commerce of the South & Southwest have already had a powerful effect, but it is

believed better to wait for the next Congress, but whether aided by Congress or not sooner or later the road will be built, sooner if relief is granted and the Gov't. will thus effect a great saving in military and mail transportation."

The Company of course is after the subsidy (which would amount to several millions) and as long as they think there is a chance to get it they will wait.

Col Hite goes to Los Angeles and then over the country to San Francisco. The Los Angeles papers think "to take a look at the Southern Pacific that negotiations are pending for the purchase of this road by Scott" that some important developements in the S.P. line may be looked for at an early day." The demand for the completion of the T. & P. is increasing daily and if the present managers of that road do not push it through it must be done by other hands, Scott is aware of this, which is perhaps the cause of Col Hites visit at this time."

Steiner & Klauber have rented Higgins new brick building on 5th st and will move there soon. Delevals' brick building on cor 5th & Ft st is going up.

The City has negotiated all the bonds they desire at eighty cents (80c) good — in San Francisco

How does your cane get on?

Let us hear from you about the honey

Yours truly

E. W. Moore

Chase writes me awful dull, no transfers of real estate

and will answer your letter whenever I have the cash to do so — I
hope to hear from you soon — to receive a nice well written letter from
you — I think you must be very good and like
you do anything I ought to do for you dear — Do you know
George has left, the place in Lumbard, & whom you
call the Company, is the Captain, Walcott — I think
George you have something of the luxury of travel of the
California mail and if you have advantages offered
to you probably you might become nearly equal
you are not to dear with me to come — but I will
require a great deal of Dear Ma you must teach
your heart to become
accustomed a little at the gain in the
Now write soon & better & tell
Master Surgeon & Steward
Your Dear Son
California.

Sheley

and say - "what a remarkably fine head this child has! With proper training and culture he will become a very talented man." These were the words of your worthy namesake, and he was certainly a highly educated and well informed man, and I have great faith in what he said. You certainly do not remember his prediction concerning you, but I do, and, probably so does your mother. I hope therefore that his prediction may be fulfilled - you are, Study hard, learn all you can at school as well as at home. You are naturally smart, possess many valuable qualities and ought with very little study to be at the head of all your classes - but you must study sufficiently to do this, go to school regularly, and never think of missing any of your lessons. I should be very sorry indeed to think that this was otherwise than the case, or that you ever played truant, were off anywhere when you ought to be at school. As regards this going away without the permission of mama it would be very wrong and I should regret to hear of it. I hope to hear that you are a very good, that you mind your dear mother in everything she tells you to do. Recollect, my Son, that your dear mama is necessarily alone a great deal, that Frank is away from home, and that it is for you to remain at home to protect her and your dear sisters, and to serve her and them all you can. You are getting to be a big boy and can do this. Good boys always have great respect for their mothers are always ready to serve them - and if I thought you were not one of this kind I should regret it very much - I hope my dear Son to hear a good report of you. Very soon to return home with an abundance of manners and my intention is to give you every advantage

Shows you were a good boy at school - great - mamma as you must have been at fault - and I hope it was an error in time.

of education, I hope then, my dear boy, that you will strive to learn all you can and be most obedient to mamma, and that she may never have occasion to correct you, or even to reprimand you. For any misdeed it would indeed be a great sin and a shame for a big boy like you to do anything that should cause her the least suffering or sorrow on your part — and you would certainly incur my great displeasure. From all I can understand, from enquiries made, I hear that Frank is very good, attentive and obedient to his mamma — and it will be a lasting credit to him, something he can revert to in after years with pleasurable satisfaction. He is a young man — or nearly so — and, I think, what is right and proper. I hope then, for that you will be guided by his example and listen to his teachings. He will soon, I am quite certain, com

anything wrong — Our
other thing, George, my dear boy, and
that Papa will be strong, and
that I shall be always kind to you
and do all I can, and not to allow any
one to do that thing — They are mere
little girls, Violet and Sellie Amman.
You must look out particularly for
them while I should be there to do
for you, but I look to you for his dear sake Mamma
You will find no better friends in the
world than your sisters will be to you,
but to deserve their love you must show
to your affection to them now, when you
are with them, in the same roof, that
you can trust of it, and they will be so
to you now —

I have my dear boy that you
will read attentively all that I have
here written for you in this instruction and
that you will at a that I may never
have occasion to speak to you again
upon the subject of obedience and

attention to your studies. All for your own good, my dear Son, that I have written to you, and I hope, if God grants me the means, to be able to afford you such advantages in the way of education to see the fruition of my worthy friend, whose memory I cherish in my heart, in regard to you, fulfilled — be a good boy, mind your my Son — that is the main thing — and all shall write for lord certain! I intend to bring you the violin — you may think it a long time coming, but you will certainly get it, and many other things to on my return — By this time you have received the Jumbo and found many things in them to amuse and instruct you — Tell me my dear Son what they is particularly. I packed them in so hurridly that I hardly knew my self. Nothing you to give my love to mamal and kisses to the children I am my dear Son, your affectionate father,

W. O. Bailey.

July
1874

A.E. & A.

S. W. CRAIGUE,
Proprietor.

HORTON HOUSE,

J. A. GORDON,
Manager.

Recd Aug 13

Daly 2

San Diego, Cal. 1874.

near that Lone is behaving so badly he is losing his hold daily. I suppose Perdable will make a good man in Alexandria. We are both pleased to your return with a great deal of pleasure but as no time is yet set, we cannot make our calculations as yet. I hope you will be able to return when Mr Day must do. I hope by this time your Lady has been decided it is a long time to wait for a decision, I know it is true you patience very much, but what would you do here, there is nothing going on as yet and I think you had better stay in city as long as there is a shadow

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Dear Pat Tom is behaving so badly he is losing his wild ways I suppose Perhaps will make a good man after awhile We are look forward to your return with a great deal of pleasure but as no time is yet set, we cannot make our calculations as yet. I hope you will be able to return when Mrs Mosse does. I hope by that time your duty has been decided as it is a long time to wait for a decision, I know it is true you patience very much, but what would you do here, there is nothing going on as yet and I think you had better stick it out as long as there is a shadow

of a chance of your winning or
getting a decision one way or
the other. You speak of making
presents — why, only give Mrs
Libby and Daughty a present
if it was a day or so, and the
other day can go without, and it
will be time enough for you to
not do more. You might buy
a little work box apiece for the
poor little girls. Do not S
ever if you make any other
presents, to Patrick or any
belonging to her, it would be
decidedly out of place in you
to do so after the treatment
you received at their hands,
and she does not expect it
either, this is good advice
Poppie and I hope you will
follow it. My love to all friends.
I cannot write much this time.
as my head aches a little.
we all long for your return
and look forward to a great
deal of happiness inasmuch as
you say you will not scold
or complain any more. I am
delighted to think you have
had such a good time with
the Young's. I think this influ-
ence upon you must have
had a good effect upon
you. Do not take much
of the blame of past differ-
ences between us, all to my
self, you were simply the
blame as you were continually
doing or wanting me to do
things that I thought were
not right, but we will see
when you come home, I will
do my share in keeping peace
and then all will go well
I hope. Mr Rose is still as
sanguine as ever about the
Rail Road, thinks he will
go to the Pacific. Mr Bush

and family moved away from here two or three days ago. The people on the Plain freed off the Quinnies as good riddance to them. I do not hear of anyone else going away from here at present. Mat is in New Town for me to move down there while you are away. I am glad to hear where you left me. We have had a hard time getting along and were obliged to make a question of myself to take care of. There are plenty who would willingly meet me alone if I were single but I am like a comet with a long tail attached to me to look after. The children all send love and kisses to Papa. All friends send remembrances. My love to all friends. I must now close, giving you every assurance of my love. Now from your Loving wife

Anna E. Wheeler

Mrs. Wm. Wheeler

Received Aug 6
Answered Aug 6/74

West Amesbury Mass July 2/74

Friend Whaley

Hartman has moved his case vs the S. P. & G. S. P. & A. R. R. Co. Los Angeles Co. They have sent a commission to a J. P. here to take my testimony — some twenty questions, and I wish you were here to refresh my memory in regard to some of them, for of course if I had somebody to talk it over with I would think of many things that would otherwise escape me. How would you answer such a question as this.

Were you during the year 1872 [redacted] other times acquainted with the fact that proceedings had been instituted in the name of defendant to condemn certain lands in the City of San Diego and its vicinity for the purpose of devoting the same to use as a depot grounds? If so state all that you may know relative to the institution of such proceedings

State particularly for whose real benefit such condemnation was sought, why the name of defendant was used in the petition and proceedings; by whom the same instituted and under whose direction they were conducted, and who were the attorneys engaged to conduct them.

State particularly what connection A. E. Horton had with the institution and prosecution of such proceedings

7 State whether the city of San Diego had any interest in procuring the condemnation of Depot and other [redacted] road building ground and what was the origin nature and character of such interest?
State particularly whether the city had not undertaken to procure the condemnation referred to, and state further the means which it resorted to, to give effect to its undertaking. State particularly all the facts within your knowledge in connection with this matter. (this is a chosen)

another question is this.

State whether you ever conversed with Isaac Hartman relative to such proceedings and particularly did he (Hartman) ever tell you upon whose account and at whose expense the same were instituted? If yes! then state all your conversation with him.

(I never had any conversation with Hartman on the subject that I remember)

10— State, particularly what occurred between you and Isaac Hartman in consequence of such notice. (meaning my notice to him to dismiss the suit) (I dont know what they mean by this question for nothing occurred between us that I know of.

12. If you know of any fact or thing which may be or conduce to the benefit of the defendant and which is not embraced in your answers to the foregoing questions, then state the

same as fully and particularly as if you had been especially interrogated in reference thereto.

If you have leisure from Wholy will you scribble off on receipt of this some ideas of yours regarding these questions – it will help me very much. I can not delay long forward to return my deposition.

Yours in haste

E.W. Morse

Received July 19. '74
Ans'd July 30

San Diego July 5th 1874.

Dear Father.

Your letter dated the 22nd of June arrived here on the Fourth. You don't know Dear Father how much pleasure it gave me to receive such dear long, and interesting letter from you. I read it twice. For my Birth-day Mama was not able to spare enough for a party but instead of a party Mama gave me a nice large cake and a nice sash. Frank gave me a pretty set visiting cards. I must tell you Papa what kind of celebration I had on my Birth-day. I went to the funeral Agnes Johnson was not that a nice celebration? One of the trunk arrived here on the Fourth and you don't know how disappointed Mama and myself were when we found it was the trunk containing the toys. The children were much pleased indeed with the toys some of them were pretty well smashed. We expect the

other trunk on the nexty Steamer. I hope you had a nice time on the Fourth. I was a very quiet day in Old Town they did not ever fire the cannon. In the evening we had a nice dance there were not many at the dance there were ever thirty invited but they did not all come there were not a Spanish girl they could not come because the Old women and their young-er sisters were not invited. It was not a party for children it was for young girls and young men. There were a great many from New Town. We danced till one O'clock and then Frank showed the magic Lantern wich was very pretty. Please tell us how you spent the Fourth in New York. I suppose you had a grand time. I like the idea of going to Boa-rding School very much and I hope it will be soon I wish they would hurry and decide your case I know Papa you miss us all and I can sympathize with you We all miss you very much at home and will bless the day when you can return. The stage has stoped running between Old and New Town. Please remember me to Uncle John and his family and the rest of your friends. I like the name Anna much better than Nannie. The children are all well and send you their and many kisses. They are all busy with their toys. Remember me please to Mrs Young please when you write. Dear Father as there is nothing more to write about I guess I will stop. I send my love to you and many kisses. Good-bye Dear Father. Please write soon.

From your loving daughter
Anna A. Wheeley.

Received July 19. 74
Answered July

Chicago July 6. 1874

Darling Papa

It is long since I have written to you that I will write a few lines today. Fourth of July passed off pleasantly with us. We received the trunk containing the toys on that day. The trunk containing the clothing has not yet come. The toys I think were very pretty. A good many of them were broken. The larger toys were very pretty. George fixed up the Polichinelle. Frank got the Magic lantern and after we had got through dancing at the Party he showed it to us. We all send our love to you and hope you are in good health. I am very well at present. We play with the games of checkers every night now. We had the party in the court room. I cannot think of any thing more to write as it is a very poor hand

I remain your loving child
Allie Sheely

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Proprietor.

HORTON HOUSE,

J. A. GORDON,
Manager.

The letters mentioned in this note is not paid, and will be. J. S. G.

San Diego, Cal. July 6th 1874.

The Dresses you sent are very pretty, and applicable, I suppose the fashions from Europe. X

My dear Husband.

We received your of the 22nd June, containing five X dollars, and your previous one containing Ten dollars, for all of which I am very thankful, as it helped us so much. Instead of giving the children some of the money, I bought them some shoes and myself some, as we were really without them, and then I contributed a little towards the fourth of July pretty, which the boys of Old Town, (Frank at their head of course) wished to have

in our little brush building, it was not exactly a success as Frank issued invitations only to certain ones, boys and girls of his and Mammie's ages which made considerable feelin in town, so that the party was quite slim. Some came from New Town without being invited which made the Old Town folks quite mad, so that our folks waited till the New town crowd left, and then they all here pitched in and had a good time till 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. I made two large plain cakes, Mrs Lady sent the small one, and some cookies, the boys collected $4.50 towards it for candies, nuts, raisins, music, lemonade, 'nanas, &c

a few days, we trimmed the rooms with pepper greens, mixed in with flowers from Dr Burd's, and Mrs Lady's gardens. Jack Stuart lent us the big flags, if Frank had invited, or made a general thing of it, there would have been a large crowd, but Lady invitation, to one member of a Spanish family, made considerable feeling, but take it all in all those who were present (after the invited crowd left) enjoyed themselves very much. I had all the bother of it which has made me feel very bad and weak since, to-day I am trying to rest, but I ache all over and feeling like anything but writing, but it is sometime since I wrote you, and I thought it would

not to be put off any longer. The children are all well at present. Frank has been coming home now two weeks, Mr Manasses lends him a horse for the keeping. Lulu keeps the horse in his stable for $2.00 a week. which is cheaper than we could, Frank does not work hard at all now, he averages about $10.00 a week, working from 8 o'clock in the morning till 4½ o'clock in the afternoon he says he does not feel like working any longer, so I say nothing. He pays Lulu $2.00, washing $2.50, Mrs Flenck 1.00, he bought a saddle and bridle for Ten dollars and pays a couple of dollars a week till paid, and I get what is left of his wages, so that's that, the money you send us helps a great deal. I am sorry, on your account

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HORTON HOUSE,

J. A. GORDON, Manager.

San Diego, Cal. 1874.

that you did not go to France, as I have no doubt you longed to see your "Betrothed" again, it was too sad, but as you tele me things are favorable for your suit, perhaps it is all for the best that you did not go, and we poor devils may reap some benefit from your disappointment. Mr Young may have smell in good sized nuccetor. But I suppose it is all right, I must learn to bear and forbear, for it seems to be my portion in life; I will not write Corinne that I approve of what you both agreed upon, suffice it if you

and she are satisfied about,
a third party might upset
arrangements, let it rest, I
shall not die any sooner
to please you, I cannot die
till my time comes, so much
for being rich, pretty, and
talented in music, and dia-
monds, velvet, satin, silks,
bewilder one sometimes, and
make one forget, that far
away in a lonely place there
may be good true hearts under
old clothes and rags. I am
thinking of making my arrange-
ments for the future, I have not
chosen any one yet, but even
with all my rags and ragged
children, I think there are
several here who would not
object to being "betrothed" to
me. I will not be as hasty
as others about, but think
about it for some little time.

I am glad Corinne thinks so
much of you, and that you,
reciprocate it, made time
pass pleasantly, and gives you
something to look forward to.
You keep all this to yourself.
I do not wish to trouble Corinne
with no idea of things, as she
is too good for that, so entre, nous
this is private, and all's well
that ends well. I hope you will
come out all right in your suit,
and then perhaps you could take
a run over to France on your
own hook. Mr. Gouin is very
kind to you indeed and I
thank him and Cor, as I
know it is all done for my
sake. Not much news here
very dull indeed, people moving
away, the Wallaces have gone
home and all to New York,
the Galewoods have left too,
to-day the men are taking

down the house, it will seem very lonely to look out, and be that favorite lot again. Hamilton & Marston wrote you to the effect, that you need not trouble yourself about paying their bill, as the dealer would pay them this summer. I have a strong notion that they will be paid before the summer is out. I wrote you too that I had to scratch your note to Nash, to keep him quiet, he has promised not to sue you, as trouble you, till you can pay him. The interest is 1 per cent per month, instead of 1½. I suppose the arrangements you made with Morse concerning your bonds is right, but should they be worth more he will be the lucky one. Every one seems anxious to have you return. Commodore leaves for New York the 8th & intends to go to Europe. I have hired Geo. Francis to sleep in Dew's office, he is the Porter every night, it is quite small, but still it is a change for us. We received one of the trunks, containing the tea.

S. W. CRAIGUE, Proprietor.

HORTON HOUSE,

J. A. GORDON, Manager.

San Diego, Cal.

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highly, I think as you do about the "Sombre one", the best likeness, she must have changed very much, to return the the full length one. Am sorry Tom is behaving as he does, he will lose more than he will gain by it, his little girl is very pretty indeed I suppose he loves her very much, he ought to. Am also glad Mr Young arrived safely and hope he found his family all well. For bad Corinne should have had sickness upon her arrival in Port, but it falls to the lot of us all through life, rich or poor, You know about a year ago how I had to battle with sickness and still do I have to fight the same fight with myself for sometimes, I do not feel well, and drag along not able to do much, I think as you do about this climate highly, I think it may do for invalids, but it makes sick people sick, I cannot work as I used to do, I get tired very quickly and have to rest often! The children help me very much although they complain about it some, the do not like it much, I cook, make bread, sweep the big sweeps, but I am thankful I am able to do as much as I do, it makes time pass and even a day seems to draw your nearer to me, you complain of not receiving a letter from me for odes twenty-days, I certainly have written regularly to you, you have them all by this time, If some little time passed without hearing from me it was because I was not feeling very well, but am better now. The weather is very warm indeed, and takes all my strength

from me almost, would it
not be strange Poppets if
after all you should realize
your fond hope of remarrying
it might be so, who knows,
stranger things than that have
happened, but I will not an-
ticipate anything so serious.
I will try to live so as to see
you once more at least.
I did not infer that there
was anything very wrong betw-
een you and my dear Cousin
Corinne, but I would not
have made any such arran-
gements as a Betrothal so
long as my husband or
wife was alive, I shall
feel all the time as if both
parties wished the other party
were dead that is all more
of this to Corinne Rest it
all to yourself, only give her
my love and tell her I hope
to see her some day, and
hope she is well settled
and happy. My regards to
Mr Young too, he is a dear

good man and I think
them both for their kindness
to you. as I know it is all
done for my sake, you have
certainly fallen into good
hands, and I am thankful
to think that it all comes
from my kin, their kind
ness will make up for all
you have suffered previous
to seeing them. How that
suit drags it — very lengthy
Colon. I thought Jas J. Brady
brother was going to intercede
for you. I would not give
it up as you have gone
so far, I think it would
be folly now, to leave to
come home as much as
you and I wish to see
one another stick to it
yet, you may get your
decision when you least
expect it, you can do
nothing here, everything
very flat and gone
in for the presidents, as long
as you can manage to
live in New York why stick
to it but to the bitter end. it is

a long time that has no
turn, I do not wonder at
your feeling like returning
home your visit has been anything
but a pleasant sojourn or
visit till Calely, but what
you have gone through Calely
makes up for all troubles
of any kind you may have
past through at home
or abroad. Strange that
through all my married
life some woman must
be brought in to upset all
my plans for happiness for the
future just as I feel all my
great love returning to make
me feel like myself again
down comes a bomb shell
and upsets my good resolu
tions for awhile. I will learn
does poppet to take that
as it comes too, as I have
all other things. Corinne is
fully deserving of all friend
ship from you, and friend
to love, but the "Bethel"
was I think looking forward
a little too far. But enough
of that, its interests you but
but not me particularly.
Bushyhead and one or two
others have volunteered to get
me a house in New Dorion,
so that I shall not be so
lonesome and lead such a
good forsaken life as I do
but I refused, saying that
where you left me you
shall find me, Hamilton
& Marston are all paid
up with the exception of
$20.00 I got this assy, I
thought the way the hay
was coming in they would
be paid ere this but its
seemy not I suppose its is
all right, though people
seem to think Hamilton
no better than Nash he
certainly has gotten into
Nashi' ways of dealing
with people. We received
on the 4" of July one of the
trunks, the boys the other
one I suppose is mislaid
and we may never get it
as such things happen often

on the Isthmus, if it was in San Francisco we would get it, but the delay is on the Isthmus, and the chances are we may lose the most valuable trunk to us, as it may contain some clothing we could make use of till such time as you could get us better. The children are delighted with their toys at first they did not think them very fine as so many were broken, but since setting them up and fixing them up they are enraptured with them and take lots of comfort playing with them. Some things are very nice indeed and other are not of much use. I hope we will get the other trunk too I know that something may be turned to good account. The Mohongo will come in to-day and then we will see if the Orizaba is two or three days more, and if we

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San Diego July 14th 1874

Darling Papa

I've received a letter from you a few days ago. It gave us all great pleasure to hear from you. Fourth of July passed off pleasantly. We received the trunk containing the toys on that day. A great many of them were broken. But when we got them all fixed in our playroom they looked very pretty. It amuses me a great deal to look at them. I hope you are well and enjoying yourself in New York. We all are in very good health at home. I think the school will commence very soon. I wish you would win your suit so that you could come home. Give my love to all my cousins. We all send our love

From your loving child
Corinne

New York. July 17th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

Your last dated June 16th enclosing life policy came to hand the 29th June - and sent the following day a long letter, which I had written previous to the receipt of yours, enclosing one to George and one to Naumann & Schiller, also the measures of the children due to be taken. - I promised to write again soon in answer to yours of the 16th, but the fact of the matter is I have not felt like doing so, and but for the suspense which any further delay might occasion you I should not do so even at the present time, not being much in the humor I have been well considering the heat, but had the blues terribly. Your last letter was anything but cheering to me I assure you. I had been waiting a long time for it and when it came, the reading

may make away with the property already in her hands - He says, suppose she should do so, what could you do with her, She is under bonds, you might imprison her, but you would not wish to do that, because she is your mother, therefore we must go slow at present - but as soon as the decision is rendered we will ask for her removal, the appointment of an administrator - and then she will have to turn over every thing and the accounting will go on and she cannot get a penny without our knowing it and that it is necessary for her support - These matters stand for the present - We only lack the decision to be able to go ahead - the papers have been made out months ago to serve immediately. I am having a great deal of trouble, but hoping get to go along, I have

this Spring of consequence from my father's grave at "Green wood" Cemetery there is fifteen years ago

of it was anything but a pleasure to me, whereas had it contained a single word of comfort I might have felt very differently. I have felt terrible bad ever since. I feel homeless and friendless. This I can endure, but to know that those I love so much — my wife and children are so destitute of the necessaries of life without clothes and almost without food is heartrending. I have done all I could to hurry up the decision in my suit but my efforts are unavailing it seems as though the case never will be decided. A decision was promised by the 1st July and now promised before the 1st August, but they have lied so often to me I place no reliance in what they say — and I have as little hope in the thing being decided Aug 1st as I had when it was promised to me before the holidays — and should I not get it, I expect to be obliged to wait till after the 1st of October, and may perhaps get it down time next winter — it is impossible to say there. But you need not say anything about this to anyone — We will get along the best we can and trust in God for aide. Last night I served an order on Mr Harsell, agent, restraining him from turning over any books papers accounts &c to my mother who desires to have them possession — I ask that they may be placed in the hands of the Court or the Auditor having the accounting of the estate — the question will come up for argument about the 28th of this month and the decided whether the order shall be granted or not — I wished also to get out injunction restraining Hersell from paying over the money in his hands, but my lawyer is opposed he says I pulling the strings too tight. He advises get the decision for fear my mother

shipped and both have nailed around them when the top comes down on to the body, covering the crack, a piece of canvas four or five inches wide so as to keep them secure in case of the removal of the ropes. They are both marked at each end "My Ind Whaley, San Diego, Calif" on cards tacked on. I give no particulars concerning their safety and doubt not they will arrive safely. Hang on to your bill till you get the trunks as the Company is responsible for them and will have to pay in case of loss or having agree to deliver the trunks in good order day to you in San Diego. I send the freight to Thursday. They contain many things useful to you and I hope you have them.

not give up till I see the matter to the end. It may take a long time, but no matter, the stake being played for is a large one and will make us all comfortable, then, may be of good cheer. I only wish that I was in a position to make some thing so that I might send you enough money to make you even tolerable comfortable. But I am not and even now owing to the prolonged absence of Mr Young I am almost without a dollar - enough to keep me perhaps two or three days longer. But I must to luck. He expected before this to have sold some of his property - but none has been sold. I got a letter from him yesterday - he says he will return in 2 or 3 weeks in case of no property being sold by Aug. he will sell his place at auction on September, he must do so to meet his pressing liabilities. He

is living rather expensively in Paris — family expenses $400 per month. He sent them there to economize for a while till such time as he got his affairs straightened out — but it is hard for Corinne to economize she has so long been used to having all she wants but she will have to learn the lesson — He writes for me to send him some money — but I shall not be able to send him more than half or a third of the amount he wishes which will last till his arrival here and then he can make arrangements to put him off — the children have all had the whooping cough — have recovered from it and now Nellie is having her turn — Corinne is still sick but improving fast. You see other people who are better off have their troubles as well as ourselves — I hope George is a good boy now — do let him be good we have trouble enough without having them increased by the actions of our children — I hope that letter to Mr S was satisfactory to them. I hope also the letter containing the photographs of your cousin Emily came safely to hand & that the trunks have arrived safely. I enquired at the office here. They told them that up to June 16th they had not been heard of — they said that that was hardly time for them — to be under no apprehension that they must be there long before this, but in case they have not arrived at Mr Dozier to institute enquiries at Panama & San Francisco — to have them forwarded — They are two black trunks, iron bound — one or both having wooden slats on the top going from one end to the other — one or both have two locks on — they are both firmly tied with heavy rope or cord, or at least were when

Nash as you term him — If he
were as good as some people
we know he might be proud
I think he is one of the meanest
little men I ever saw — You
need not trouble yourself about
paying him in case you get money
from Storrs. Keep it all —
buy goods — do what you
like with it — pay anybody in
my name to him — I will pay
him when convenient for me to
do so and not one cent more
than is due — no interest up to
time note was given — you did
not say anything about note — It had
something over $12.00 int chgd in
a/c — Pay little Schiller in preference
to Nash — he wants his money
more deserving of it — I regret keeping
him waiting will pay him and all
others as soon as I possibly can —
Glad to hear that Hay Scales are paying

I received the Bill of Fare at the
"Whalley House" June 10th 74 the
day you got mine of the
"Albemarle House" — A very
considerable deal of difference.
I am glad to see you take
things so good humouredly, or
that you can turn so serious
a matter into a joke — I was
glad to think that I had been able
to send you some little money which
would begin to wash you shortly after
you last wrote the 16th June
which would enable you for a time
at least to live a little more abun-
dantly. I am sorry not to have been
able to send any more since but
will as soon as I can possibly —
have lived very economically in or-
der to send you what I did — $4.00
per week pays my room and board
& washing. I have besides some thing
of your's — postage stamps, car-

fare — besides I had to pay for
Shoes $4.00 and other incidentals
cutting hair &c — besides I returned
John $100 of money he loaned me —
and all this. I have done out of
the $15. Mr Young gave me when
he went away Aug 6 — tomorrow
is two weeks ago — So that now I
am nearly out of funds — only
$1.00 cash, my washing to pay
for next week and room rent
Sunday $2.00 — Ridgway owes
me $13.00 (which if he had paid
me soon I was intending to send you —
He's rather poor pay — I much as think I'm
it — I may be able to get some from
Judge White Mr Young's attorney, but he
has advanced so much thus he may
not be willing to give money on his account
He calculated $15. for 3 weeks. So
that by rights tomorrow I should receive
for 2 weeks expenses $30 — besides
I may get a check from my
who still has some little money
in the bank and may think
of me — at any rate he will
be here in 2 or 3 weeks and
I must manage the best I can
depend however upon my send-
ing you something if I get more
than to cover my immediate
expenses — If I get very
hard up I can borrow from Mr
Puffer, he told me not to hesi-
tate to do so at any time —
I am surprised that the Chi-
dren have not written to me in
answer to my long letters to them.
If they knew how lonely I feel and
what a source of consolation their
letters are to me I am sure they
would write oftener. I am
glad to hear that you all keep
well, that is a good thing —
I am glad you came to
some settlement with that Dew

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nearly two years — even in
bringing them their daily bread
25 cents at at time — they
were in want. I assisted
them — what has he done
for mine or would he do if
in his power — But no matter
— the day of reckoning
is not far off — See Hall
we can tell him not to let
the case be thrown out of
the jurisdiction of the Court
in case a motion should be
made to that effect — that if
he can do any thing to effect
such a settlement according
to terms understood Both
he would do so — that is my
intention on my return when
in funds to prosecute Both
warts unless he furnishes
me a receipt duly to the
lawyer &c as understood.

ing something and that Hamilton
& Marston are in a fair way
of getting their money soon —
Those hay dealers are a peeping in-
stitution. I always said that
they were the best investment I
have made for many years past
and if my other investments had
been equal to them I should have
no cause to complain — May
be they will buy them for $300
Noah was to have paid $330 for
them — I did offer them over for
$250 but that was when they were
not paying any thing — but now
that they do and are likely to
I think they are worth all I ask —
I dont suppose however that
they will buy them — so get
what you can out of them in
the way of receipts — Any
note given payable on demand
or one day after date may be

sued upon after demand has been made or after one day and Nash's object in getting his notes in this way is always to be in a position to sue at any time and as they are payable in gold coin the payment would be in that — whereas if you have an open store of such as his was, he must prove it and the judgment would be for green backs — I did not object to giving a note payable in gold coin but wished to set my own time of payment particularly with a man so inveterate as Nash sometimes is — He has refused my note upon my terms — taking yours which is not binding upon me unless I chose to pay it — However you have done what you thought was for the best and Nash will get his money as soon as I can pay him —

People must be in no uneasiness on my account — I shall return to San Diego, but do not wish to do so before I get the money I expect to receive so as to be able to pay them. which I hope will not be long — I have not kept any of them waiting as long as many have obliged me to wait when I was in business — My intention is to pay everybody — I am sorry to keep them waiting so long — but it will be all right and I wish them to have patience — You can tell them that I have been surrounded by Contractors — that he is the cause of all my trouble and the present destitution of my family I support his family for

Astor House N.Y.
July 14th 1874

Dear Mifa

The previous portion of this was written at my room early in the evening — I sat at my window writing till I could scarcely see but having had a cup of tea and a cool breeze coming — hoping to finish before the lights are put out — I have just finished a long letter to Mr Young to mail in the morning giving him an account of my doings for the past week — Will I resume to you — Do not be bothered by any one pestering you about the payment of bills — Take things easily — indifferently — the same as do those who owe us — Go out as often as you please — hold your head high — and let no one body discuss you — just let

would be the case — to make a certainty for an uncertainty — By retaining her in that I shall certainly get some thing to return without mainly what could I hope to do? I should be bothered to death by everybody to whom we are owing a cent they would certainly all expect me to pay at once and take action against me — Retaining her I escape that much at least — I am not bothered by any one here — I am thus just almost like returning, leaving everything but then how foolish this would be — you love is a great deal to me — I have that I think and I am satisfied — I would like to have your company — to be with you or have you with me — but this is impossible under present ex-

them, that that's all right — your husband will be home soon with the money to pay them — that you wish all that is owing to him was half as sure — I am surprised at Dr Stockton & Dr Hogue becoming uneasy for the amount due them — Let them prof to wait awhile longer — that they will not have to wait as long as they have waited for the R.R.R. that the chances are they get their money sooner than the cars running neither of which events I hope will not be long in transpiring —

It was very kind indeed of Mr Mannass to lend Frank a horse to ride and if he should keep him till Christmas given him our it will be a long time, I think, before he returns it — I hope Frank will derive great benefit from the exercise of riding his pony besides the advantage of having his money for the horse and the company he will be to you at night — You will not feel it so lonesome — I can imagine how dull old Town must be and your anxiety to get out of it — A prisoner, you say you are, and do not know that you have done anything deserving of it — Am I not an exile and what have I done deserving of it — Admit — Now we equally share a hard fate — you confined there and I retained here — Our loss are hard — Still we must bear them for a while longer all will be right — sooner or later — Let us hope for the best — put our trust in God — all will be right in the end — I might go to you but what

matter and instead of letting make it

[illegible]

I hope she is a good girl seeking to learn all she can – and this to make her self useful to you as she can – and not stuck-up – proud – dissatisfied with every thing – and jealous because other girls have finer things than she has – Tell her to be a good girl papa loves her very much and will see, if ever he gets any thing that she has all advantages of learning and properly provided with every thing. I hope all my children are good – George Orval and Lillie – I wish to see them all, but as I cannot they must write to me often – need not require that I should answer every time – It will improve them to do so – Tell Frank to write when he can find time to do so – I must now my dear wife and children, be good boys – my love and many kisses to all of you –

From your affectionate husband, and your ever dear friend & pupil. W. R. Whaley

Saturday morning July 18th/64

I spent the 3d 4th & 5th at Johns – was there to witness the extraordinary hail storm you may have seen account of in the papers – The hail was very large as big around as oranges and some of them larger than any fist weighing from ½ pound to a pound and some jagged in shape like ice-picks from three to six inches long – It did an immense deal of damage to property, breaking window glass – blinds – sashes – going through roofs of houses & side boarding the slate roofs of depots and houses were riddled completely – besides much damage was done to all standing crops. The hail storm lasted half an hour – Even next morning in some places the hail stones might have been gathered up by the bushels – It took place about 5 or 6 pm. The folks are all well – Lina and her husband were there – Mary Keith has a boy baby making with the girl two children

Elizabeth complains of the hard times — does not like the country much yet — never visits the city because she has nothing decent to wear — She works hard and so does John — They lead any thing but a comfortable life — They are nearly as bad off as ourselves — and John is more anxious to get his share of the estate as I am — He says until the decision is rendered, no matter which way and then he will see what can be done — He is opposed to mother appealing — He thinks as Harriet has $6000 we should each receive at least that much, and advocates the income from her after being invested for our benefit over and above what mother does and actually requires for her support. I still have an injunction on $16,000 in the Trust Co drawing only 3% per annum int —

I am sorry to hear that your mother, Amelia are so poorly off — but I am not so situated to do anything for them. I wish that I was for your sake and I would most willingly — though for what I have done for them heretofore I get no thanks for — You can do as you like about having them with you while I am away — though I hardly believe that they will come — I believe they are better off where they are and their chances of making something are better. What could they do in San Diego? You are miserable enough as you are without having them with you to add to it. But do as you please — Misery always loves company.

I suppose Nannie thinks herself almost a young lady — she is about old enough, but has a great many things, dear child, to learn before she is fully entitled to being considered one — I have not time to write separately to her always. She must not complain — You might some times with the same propriety complain when I address my letters to you and the children

[illegible]

[illegible] Friday, July 21st 1864.

Dear Mrs. Allen,

[illegible] you long time. The
[illegible] day, I received your
[illegible] letter, enclosing one from
daughter Emma. I was very glad to
hear that you were all pretty well. Thankful
had received one of the twenty dollars, but
it was the one containing two the last dollar
I sent, and that you all had a very hard
[illegible] you. The 4th of July, notwithstanding
the immense quantity of the disagree-
able of the people upon hearing
[illegible] a general [illegible] Mr. Mitchell, that
[illegible] somebody seem to be disappointed
[illegible] time, the best wishes again [illegible]
[illegible] come [illegible]
[illegible] give up the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] received the [illegible]

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with them. I should not have thought any more of you for it. I have spent my sixty minutes
[illegible] to quote things which I think ought to be coming.
There were indeed beautiful lines I read to you
[illegible] Dr. Holmes's poem. [illegible] I
[illegible] but they should come from Chauncey
Chauncey Depew at the Union Square Theatre. I have received
[illegible] letter yesterday. I have
you [illegible] I have received a little
[illegible] I have no doubt that it will be
[illegible] by the superior
[illegible] of the [illegible] already [illegible]
dear Mau Sunday. H. I [illegible] room for all

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[illegible] I have [illegible] the superior [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] tell you how long [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] dear [illegible] good [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] place of [illegible]
[illegible] and you [illegible] more [illegible]
[illegible] Chauncey [illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]

27 I wish you dear Mary, time for to write me such letters. I will not require long ones - use your own pleasure about that - but do not say a single thing that will produce the least unpleasantness - I think a great deal of you, love you very much - and would rather be with you than any one else - I feel very unhappy without you and long for the time to come when we shall be restored to each other - I don't think because I have spoken so highly of your cousin and told you that I love her, that I do not appreciate you a great deal more and that the love I have for
28 her ~~begins to~~ can be ~~comparable~~ compared to that I have for you - Your cousin was here to [illegible] one [illegible] Therefore I think so much of her [illegible] she completes [illegible] our being [illegible] that amount to nothing [illegible] she [illegible] to do [illegible] before me [illegible] that my [illegible] are very [illegible] the [illegible] of the matter is your cousin is very amiable every body loves her - the same as I believe every body loves you [illegible] whom you have [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ think of the [illegible] more [illegible] [illegible] you have [illegible] I [illegible] and [illegible] I [illegible] be-

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bestow your affections and [illegible] you might willingly become [illegible]; for I know you have some sentiments, which, though latent for so many years, may be aroused, and if I succeed in arousing them for [illegible] I shall be satisfied. [illegible] you and then bestow upon me what you are thinking about to bestow upon "several" others? Am I not worthy to have [illegible] by a lifelong devotion to you entitled to it? You have for many years past, by your conduct towards me, made me most miserable. I do not always wish to live in this way – and if it is your intention to treat me with the coldness and indifference which you have shown me [illegible]. On the other hand you can love and respect me and are willing to [illegible] the fullest confidence I wish you to say so and make me feel that you are indeed in earnest by your every thought word and action, and I will forgive you all the misery you

[illegible] the [illegible] worry me [illegible] I would not begrudge you anything reasonable [illegible] you get the letter containing the receipt for the [illegible] that you have had, I need [illegible] I would recommend another [illegible] which you will [illegible] to wet a towel in a basin of water and wash.

[illegible]

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[illegible] but [illegible]
terrible— I love you dear, I
have confidence in you and know
very well that you would not do
anything wrong and the same
love and confidence [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] I [illegible] in the [illegible]
[illegible] the love worthy of [illegible]
never having done anything
[illegible] forget it [illegible]
[illegible]
however in your [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible]
[illegible] the
[illegible]
both! [illegible] very [illegible] you
a [illegible] and I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

[illegible]

New York July 25/84
Saturday

Dear Mama

I sent you a long letter the 23d also one the 19th instt. I promised to send you some lace and how it is — You may not think it of much account — but I thought I would send it for you to do with what you think best. The black lace I sent in my last letter. I treated myself by going to Barnum's Hippodrome night before last. I can hardly spare the time for the purpose but as it is advertised to go to Boston soon I thought I would not lose the opportunity of seeing it — The building is grand — seeing it set up particularly, but beyond the congress of natures the performance does not amount to much — so much racing about it. I have nothing in addition to communicate beyond what I have recently written

[illegible] — Everything very quiet indeed — [illegible] the status quo — waiting patiently for something to turn up — I think you will say a certain date requires before the 18th of August so on Monday I shall commence going daily to the Surrogates office with Mr Ridgway to enquire about the matter if anything should have been received. I have not received any money from Mr [illegible] yet — but expect to soon — as soon as I send you all I can spare shall have — [illegible] Mr Young will return. Poor — I think he shall have to get a little more from Oda White he was so much amused. Oh how very cheap I find everything — I am wearing [illegible] life I am leading and [illegible] change I have go to Central Park this afternoon to hear the music — it will at least be passing thought I find and

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San Diego, Cal., June 25th 1874

Dear Father:-

It is a long while since I have written a line to you, but to-day being home and having an opportunity to write, I do so in a few brief words.

I was taken sick last evening with an attack of "cholera morbus" and having not recovered from the effects, I was obliged to stay home and away from work to-day.

Printing is going pretty hard with me at present, nothing but work with me all the time, hardly finding time for recreation at all except in the evening and then after working all day do not feel in the best of humor for fun. Thus it goes from morning until night.

The trunks have at last come to hand and in them many useful and valuable things were found.

Times here are very dull, in spite of

the good prospects for crops this year, which are large and good. Real estate is at a standstill, and building there is none at all. Railroad affairs in a good condition but very slow in going to work. Climate and harbor good and still here, with the exception that we failed to get the appropriation for turning the river, and it has damaged the harbor a little.

We had quite an excitement here over the recent Custom House Robbery. Mr. Cornwick was arrested and examined before United States Commissioner T. B. Hoffman, and was discharged. It is thought Mr. Cornwick will lose his position. Mr. Cornwick says that he was bound and gagged by three men, robbed of what he had, and the men took the keys and robbed the Custom House. One man was arrested before Mr. Cornwick and discharged.

My love to you and all the folks. Hope you are well. Lillie and I are on the sick list. rest all pretty well. excuse writing as I do not feel well. all send love and many kisses and wish you a speedy return home. Your affectionate Son,

Francis M. Healy.

New York, July 30th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

I have but recently written to you — the 23d a long letter and the 26th a short one enclosing a note which I had just received from you of the 14th inst. enclosing one from Violet & Willie, the day before yesterday which gave me infinite deal of pleasure to learn containing as it does some signs more of love and consolation than any received from you for some time previous thereto, I am induced to write to you some perhaps than I should otherwise do — besides I have nothing in particular to occupy my mind, and I wish to while away the time to prevent thinking the news to which for some time past I have been subject to. I have little or nothing

to do at the office when I am every day from 10 to 2 to attend to any business or enquiries concerning Mr Young — which is very trifling indeed. I read all the papers — long account of the Beecher & Tilton affair etc. I am disgusted therein & by & for and hate to get hold of that — and for finding anything better to do — I am writing to you I say better because really I have nothing to write about — having written to you so much lately: I am afraid you will become dissatisfied with my writing so much of no importance whatever — I may perhaps think of something to write about something that will interest you before I get through.

Our reason for my leaving so soon is because I am so short of funds in consequence of the protracted delay of Mr Young — We left with me sufficient for my support for good weather expecting to return at the end of that time — We are now nearly eight weeks — I have with economy made the money he left last January the whole of this time, though I sent you some and paid some to Oshun, having borrow of from Judge White only ten dollars on Mr Yoe's Yesterday I had but 30 cents of this left & I was hesitating to borrow any more from him, saw Mr Ridgeway, no chance to get any from that quarter, so I was compelled to ask the Judge for $5.00 and he is to let me have more in a day or two — I sat in the office till 3½ before I could make up my mind to ask him for any more — I then went down to Ridgeway's office 565 Broadway — said the 7th Mr Crack regiment of New York pass by on their way to the Battery to receive the 5th Maryland Regiment on their return. The Regiment halted in front of the office — the 7th passed by, then the 5th proceeded from to Tweed Hall — They were all splendidly dressed — and marched

were through the rain and the
slush of the streets — These are
the black regiments of the
two states New York & Maryland
and as they are the first Southern regiments
that have visited New York since the war
there was an unusual expression of
welcome greeting by the thousands of
people throughout the line of march
notwithstanding the rain — Towards
the event of the City Hall Park —
bought an evening paper and sat there
reading and smoking his mean 1/2 —
Felt very tired, knew no reason
to go — thought first of returning to
my dismal quarters at the Eureka House
but after refreshing myself with a glass
of cotton at the fountain — and the
weather presenting the appearance of
clearing up — I considered that, that
would be the worst thing for me to do,
so I decided to take a walk up
to Mr — By the time I got up to —

the Metropolitan Theatre, attracted by the show bills. I invested 35¢ in a gallery ticket, and passed in with the unwashed crowd to laugh at the ludicrousness of the scenes presented, amongst which, as a conclusion, was the favorite can-can dance in which the ladies raised their dresses a little higher than prescribed by common decency but it made the boys laugh and I enjoyed it as much as any of them. It had the effect of relieving my mind of the blues, at least for the time being and I am writing on the bills first today. I much dislike going home when to see something even though I may have to go without a meal occasionally to be able to afford to do so. Evidently such breakfast disagreed with me this morning. I met Alden yesterday on the road to Ridgeway it has been some time since I saw him

perhaps nearly two months. He is looking very well — cultivates his beard with his usual elegance — but nothing seems to prevent his becoming bald when he was in his childhood and youth. I presented him your regards & he wished me to return your his — he says that he has your picture & mine with the frames packed to the inside of his clock door. I asked him if by mean his water clock door he said no not exactly, but in his wardrobe closet when he goes frequently and can always see them. Capt Simpson is now actg Commissary General with the rank of full Colonel — Gene Eaton is retired and Shields now Com Gene. which makes the vacancy for Simpson — I intend to go up to Head quarters soon — have been intending to do so, but as I have no business there and there is no possible chance for me I have delayed going —

I wish however to see Maj Brown P.M. he gave me a map of San Diego & promised a hint and much advice for my return. I go frequently to Cerro Alto — it is my favorite haunt — I go there every Saturday and sometimes during the week, but as it is so far according the expense of riding at least one way I sometimes content myself with going to the Battery where it is always cool — It is pleasant to be there to see the sound boats going out of an afternoon and watch the constant movement of the shipping — Sometimes I go to Washington Parade Ground — it is not the easy little place we knew it to be — I like to go there however — it calls many pleasant recollections to the past — Sometimes I go to Union Square — but these have all become very common place

the resort of the poorer classes – but the roughest of the "public parks" is Tompkins Square – I was there once to hear the Central Park band play – and never took to go again – You see there none but the working classes – women bareheaded – children without shoes & stockings and men in their shirt sleeves lounging and pipes – all seemingly disposing themselves in their easy sort of way – the great laughing which once there had been cut down and the square turned into a parade ground – there have been planks running a week around the fountain but as they are still very young they afford no protection from the heat of the sun – and the poor people who go there Wednesday to listen to the

could play have anything but a comfortable time of it - sitting standing or walking - the afternoon I was there was very warm indeed and I remained there only long enough to glance over an evening paper and indulge in a pipe or two of tobacco. Sometimes I go up more frequently to Madison Square - that being a pleasant and long enough walk of an evening there and back - besides as it is in the vicinity of the "5th Avenue" "Albemarle" Hoffman House we often I like to stroll and read the papers - occasionally too, meeting some body that I am acquainted with - You see some interesting people here but the majority are mere girls in the day time attending to little children and in the evening working girls come to have a lark with their fellows - but those

who remain after hour - seemingly the longer they remain the nearer they get - and the more affectionate they become towards one another - occasionally I surprise some of them with their arms around their necks and seem to as I pursue my walk along the winding ways and come rather suddenly upon them. Such Central Park is the place for the courting of the young folks. especially of a moonlight night they enjoy themselves so much in going out on the lake in boats for there is little of what is heard as the hours, which unintermitted they can employ have all the bliss they desire. There is more love making going on this place anywhere else and I think that it must have been designed especially for it by the Park Commissioners. Well why shouldn't the young folks have themselves of it and have a good time for as long as they

the "End About?" I think, by his intends giving me some position in his office, from what he inferred yesterday while sitting at the desk of one of his clerks whose place I had taken during his absence. Seeing me this, he said, I intend to give you the charge of this office next week — and this conversation with what he told me to day, that he would leave for the Country this week wished me to take charge of his house confirms me in thinking that I could wish it may be the case though I do not suppose it will be anything very lucrative.

John came home this morning and will remain over night with me. He hopes all well. He came by the way of Palmyra. Mary and the baby are doing finely. He is now over to see mother and I may hear something from her when I see him this evening. I gave John your

Love — He is always glad to hear from you — He is grieving the fact he has to work hard — he has his mother complain to of the want of money. He will doubtless be as glad to receive his portion of the estate as I need be.

The order I had issued by the Surrogate to show cause if any why the papers in Mr Daniels hands should not be handed to the court or turned over to the auditor was returnable Tuesday the 28th. But as neither lawyer was present, my lawyer made the request that the order be continued to Thursday Sept. which will be in time for the accounting even though a decision should be reached.

I have written a letter to the Surrogate which I enclose in this — I write now, before closing, refer to some of the most important points alluded to in your letter. As I before said, I was very much pleased with Edwin

do so patriotically.

Aug 31st 1874 — I wrote the foregoing yesterday but as we did not know what the day would produce I saw the Surrogate a few days ago introduced myself to him as he left the bench and was proceeding to his private office. I asked him if I could not have a decision in my case soon — he inquired the title of it and summoned one of his clerks to hunt it up — which he did — he then sent for his chief clerk with whom he had a conference — then the clerk came to me and said the chief clerk wished to see me — I went — He told me that I might depend upon having a decision before the 1st of the month — Mr Ridgway and I have just returned from seeing the chief clerk — no decision yet — he leaves town for Europe tomorrow but promised Mr R that he would leave a memorandum for him in expecting my case.

As the thing goes – delayed from time to time. I hardly expect to get off – I do I shall be very much disappointed, but the probability is that I shall have to wait till after the vacation sets in. It is a long time you say, that has no time – the one I am pursuing seems interminable – I was however satisfied out to the letter and to long as I can possibly remain here – I had rather to expect Mr Young here before now, or at least that he might be on his way. Yesterday Judge White got a telegram from him dated the 29th – He was still at Paris – I expect him hereafter in the course of a few days – and then I think that things will be pleasanter for me – Judge White will leave for the country the 5th having a month's vacation and he desires me to take charge of his residence during his absence which will be pleasanter than my present quarters at

for his final decision — which will be quite probable, from the report made to him by his Chief Clerk, Vanderhardy will be in my favor — Therefore in the memorandum coming from him he make the Surrogate appear to say that his present impressions are favorable to the Mr Ridgway's client — The Surrogate is no lawyer — he refuses to Cases to Move who are — and he generally may say always decides according to their opinion of a case after examination and according to their recommendation — There is nothing to compel him to do so — he had thought to decide differently — Supposed he should do so in my case — and I should go to him and say now do this? I expected a decision in my favor, and you have given it against me? He would say telling that memorandum was written — you were given only what were my impressions at the time present time upon examination into the case

since further I have cause for changing them. These memorandums are very non commital — I think, however in my case we can depend upon the decision to be given in conformity with the memorandum — Mr Ridgeway feels very much elated indeed, and though we have not yet got the decision a very important step has been taken towards it and in all human certainty it will be rendered in our favor. I too feel elated — more than that perfectly delighted — and am willing now to wait quietly and patiently the two weeks and as much longer feeling certain that I shall ultimately win my suit and that I have not wasted my time in having come on here and remained so long — to be reproved my dear wife and my dear children at the need which I am enabled to send you in this letter which you will receive probably

before your remarks, but more particularly with the guinea bank of your letter — and I have perhaps done more to dispirit the Lens than anything else was. I am really feeling better than I was, and attribute it to your letter. It cannot rather be a friendly letter from you then than those Guineas to come you have kindly forwarded.

Sunday August 2nd 1874. I was interrupted from writing and therefore did not finish my letter. I was about to refer to some of the most important things contained in mind, but no matter about them just now — I wish to tell you of something else perhaps of more importance — My lawyer and I had been promised the decision before the 1st of August and on the 31st of July as I have before stated we went to the Surrogate's office and saw Mr. Van Schaick who promised to have a memorandum for Mr Ridgeway

Vanschaick left for Europe yesterday morning — On the afternoon we went again at the Surrogate's office, and found to our surprise that the memorandum had been left. It was written by Vanschaick, ~~[illegible]~~ to one of the clerks, though purporting to come from the Surrogate. It was to the effect that all papers referring to the case were in his hands and would receive his attention soon — that the decision might be expected in about two weeks, perhaps sooner — but to tell Mr Ridgway, that at the present time his impressions of the case are favorable to his client.

This shows Vanschaick's impressions after carefully examining the papers referred to him by the Surrogate — he arrived at the conclusion that a decision should be given in my favor — he does not say so however he merely gives his impressions & comes not from him but from the Surrogate to whom he returns the papers

would certainly get it whenever when I commenced it was uncertain — they are all likely therefore for this reason to be come parties to the suit and have the decree entered in their name as well as mine — which would leave the cost of mining in the event of peace coming in to be one half —

I am to pay 5/10 on and any than
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If two " " " 3/10 " " " "
If three " " " 2/10 " " " "

or something in about this proportion, no definite arrangement have yet been made. Soon as the decision is given — favorable as I anticipate — an administrator will be appointed to take charge of property and make the division — and, as there is something to be made out of this, and I have been at great expense trouble, losing money and through my in this immediately that the decision is made. I consider that I am entitled to this position in proper

former to a stranger — John says that he would consent and I suppose would Henry — the question is would Harriet — I suppose not — it is impossible for me to say whether her consent would be necessary if two were willing but we will not discuss this question now — the estate would have to be sold and a distribution made except that mother would be entitled to receive which would be put at interest — the accounting will proceed immediately after the decision then comes the rub of war — mother will have to return to the estate all she has concealed — and I have fully demonstrated to John that she must and ought to have besides the Brooklyn L.R. — from $25.000 to $30.000 — but what is it that is the question — John doubt believe she has got it — but that she has given it away and if so she must tell to whom, and if they are worth the money they must be found — the auditing of accounts

on the 21st anniversary of our marriage the 14th day of August next, it will be a fitting thing to commemorate the event and of more consequence than my arrival then, at that time without a decision in my favor — let us now hope that this will be an end soon to our present troubles and to manage and conduct our affairs in future that we shall have no more cause except those which are inseparable for human of might to prevent. We not however get too holy about getting a decision to our thing, but getting the money to another — we do not know the length of time and trouble it will take to arrive at this — depending entirely upon the opposition made on the part of my mother who they say is be very obstinate indeed — the decision however is the main thing let us wait and see if we get that before saying any thing about it to any one.

Otha spent last night with me, too — but returned home early this morning. I have not told him all that I have written to you — merely that the decision was delayed that there was a probability of getting it some time this month — that I was almost certain to have it — I then expressed my confidence that it would be in my favor as I have frequently argued before that it would be — He hopes that it will be — wants money as much as I do — urges his influence and does all he can to procure her by every argument in his power and he is willing to become a party to my suit at the proper time — and have the decree entered in his favor as well as mine — and I have no doubt but that Henry and Harriet will too — otherwise John and I will get more money and they, Henry & Harriet, would have to institute proceedings for the recovery of theirs, and might be as long about it as I have been — only difference they

wards her children and Lord little legacy she is entitled to — I did this provided she refunded to the estate the money she has defrauded it of every dollar of it possible for her to restore, in her hands or the hands of parties who can be made to restore it — I would be willing to invest a sum at interest that would produce $200 per annum for her support — but I did not believe in allowing her any considerable sum for this and permit her to retain the many thousands of dollars which she has invested in some way — or given to unknown parties — but that without accounting to the estate for it. Time begins to indicate that things fully and I think will in time be quite as satisfactory in having things done justly as I am — There is no reason that Hattie should be the favorite grandchild or rather that she should receive from mother her ill gotten gains from

the state belonging to her children which perhaps amount to at the present time more than the sum total any one of the legal heirs will receive — Brother has not a dollar of his own to give to Hattie or indeed to any one — and I am determined that the accounting shall go on — Mother thinks the whole income is hers to do with as she pleases — She has since I saw her bought for Hattie a piano and many other things, besides amounting to several hundred dollars — as she is a grandchild and entitled to receive in having claim to a dollar of the estate — while her children are in want and even suffering for money which justly belongs to them. Here is the consistency of an old woman grown childish deluded by the deception of a grandchild who cares for her so long only that she can get anything from her

I expect will be a lengthy affair but it will in no way interfere with the division of the property in money on hand — John Rea on yesterday, that in a conversation with Mr Rice (mother's lawyer) he told him that he expected the decision would be against her and that both boys would be for her to make some compromise with me — the decision was given against mother and she hoped he felt about it. John said he spoke to mother and she said rather than do anything she would abide the chance of a decision and take her thirds first — Incidentally Mr Rice spoke to me about the sum he asked money Owen would withdraw proceedings if mother consented to relinquish him $5.00 — Told him had the demand when I first came on here or even prior in the way of obtaining that amount for which Owen was willing to pay interest I never should have commenced pro-

ceedings, but having been forced to do so my determination was to get out of the estate every dollar coming from and I believed that I could succeed that the payment of $5,000 to me would be no increment — By taking her "thirds" in the court of the Surr going against her mother, means her right of dower which would be 1/3 of the proceeds of the ~~real estate only~~ — in the property of the estate. She may think she will get 1/3 of the proceeds of all the estate sold — but probably it would be only 1/3 of the North Street house — Some $6,000 or $7,000 at interest for her as long as she lives — Now I say I must not be quite so hard on her do that — I tell him I would wish to see how much loyalty she is entitled to, that she will give me only what I can get in this way — and why should I do any better by her than she is willing to do by me — I want her to see how wrongfully she has acted to —

a description of the missing trunk which he said he would forward to Aspinwall by steamer leaving the 21st of this month. He did wish to do even this much. Said it should be attended to from the other end. I gave you a description of the trunks you can give it to Mr Dozier to send to San Francisco and Panama if necessary to assist in recovering it and ask him how long we must wait to get the trunk or be paid for the contents. The full value has to be paid this being shipped as freight so that I shall have to write to Mr Young about the value of some of the things. I wish to know about this as soon as possible. It is now nearly 3 months how much longer must we wait to get the trunk or money. Say nothing about the contents & value to Mr Dozier as you know nothing concerning their

valu – you might say in a general way I contained some very good but mostly nice clothing – that you did not know the value – but must certainly be considerable several hundred dollars worth being mostly fine and silk dresses – in accordance to the letters I wrote at the time – I wish you – for you to send me a copy of all I wrote as to the contents of the trunks to assist me in remembering what was in the missing one & in giving you the most valuable of the things –

I must now come to an end – it is growing dark – I have written this today in my room – I see more rebels on the Balcony of Lincoln – I give up this room Tuesday – Good Judge Mine – once more adieu – a tender quantity with love – dear Nan – pray for your poor poppet who loves only you – Nellie Lincoln

I must now bring this to a close so as to make it morrow – I have written to Mr particularly to you either – I do so some other time probably in the course of a few days – I prefer you to remain in the house I think you are not thinking of making any change till my return – You know now that your rent is always paid – how you stand – and can calculate exactly your expenses – I think as going to New York taking boarders you must work yourself to death – make nothing more than a living – and in case of losing boarders or any changes come or have the rent to pay and wish you back in New York – better to remain where you are – do as you please and know exactly what to depend upon – things can be no worse for you than they are and having stood it so long you will probably be able to stand it just as well another longer – I need

not be long before I am able to send you some money and I shall send it by telegraph the very first day I get it or am able to raise a little upon what is coming home, so be of good heart dear Mam and have no dread of any thing not even of "bomb shells" Encourage your good resolution and strengthen your love and confidence in me and all will be right — only let me be made to believe and to feel that you love me by your actions towards me and all will be right —

About the missing trunk — I went to see the agent then — he says it is for the agent there at that end of the line, Mr Lozier, to attend to getting it and in case it cannot be found, to pay for it — So if lost let him know that I may value at least the articles that I remember were in the trunk — I gave him

New York. July 30th 1874.

To Papa's Dear Children,
Anna, Violet & Lillie.

I received Anna's & Violet's of the 5th, on the 19th, and Violet's and Lillie's of the 14th, on the 28th of this month. For all of which favors, my dear children, I thank you very much, as it gives me great pleasure to hear from pleasing my mind as it does, for the time being at least, from the many cares that oppress it. I am glad, my dear Lillie, to hear that you are, notwithstanding the present destitution in which you are placed, enjoying excellent health and hope that this great blessing may be your lot during life. It pleases me that you have received the trunk containing the toys and that you find so much amusement with them now that you have them arranged in your play-room. I regret that the other trunk containing so many nice things in the way of clothing &c

is delayed. I hardly think that it is lost, but should such be the case the company will have to pay the full value of it. I have no doubt that you will be on very much, and I trust soon to be able to return to gratify you. No doubt I shall find that you have grown a great deal and just happy not be able to recognize you or realize for some time that you are my dear little girls. I hope to find you improved in mind and to hear from mama that you have been good children. I am glad to hear that there is a prospect of having school again once more. I wrote Miss Young yesterday informed her how pleased you were with the toys, thanking Cora & Jessie for them, and sending them your love all you dissembled. I wonder that Violet and Lillie did not write to them, delivering their message in this way and would recommend them to do so. I hope they will write

please Cora & Jessie to hear from them and that they would appreciate them for it. Violet may depend upon my buying the pretty doll with the dress patterns, in the event of my gaining my suit and being able to do so. But she must not think that I would require her to refund me the money. I am willing at all times to do what I can for my children to promote their welfare & happiness without the expectation of anything more than their grateful conduct which I trust they will shew at all times without the anticipation of any reward. Should I be able to get the doll for Violet, Jeannie and Lillie, may certainly expect something too. I shall not forget to provide for you all, including Frank and George. We to the same as an shew kind what I much desire to your improvement & what you to become and remain good children. I could not the Hippodrome the other evening. How lively

that Mama and all of you had been with me and then I might have enjoyed what I saw much a great deal more. I enclose the programme which I forgot to do in mentioning it to Mamma in my last letter. I go to a great many places — see a great deal but have no particular pleasure because I am so worried about you all — my mind is very uneasy which awaking a headache in my head. I wish for my own dear children that the weather was favorably settled since that I might render your condition more comfortable when it is. I have great hopes, however, that it soon will be, and I wish that you be good to Mama, assist her all you can so as to lighten her load and lessen her cares. Papa hopes to return soon and find happiness in being with his family. With many kisses and much love — from your dear father,

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Aug.
1874

Office White & Bush
237 Broadway N.Y.
August 5th 1874.

My Dear Sir,

I have been reading your last letter, July 14th, over, but cannot see that there is anything in particular requiring an answer besides what I answered in my last letter to you the day before yesterday. I promised to write to you again soon however, and to send you some money in case I got what I was expecting from Mr Ridgway. I have not succeeded in getting anything in that quarter, but have from another. Judge White leaves for the country to day, and during his absence I am to take charge of his house No 32 W 35th St. near 5th Av. I moved my things there yesterday and slept there last night. So that for some time I can have comfortable lodgings at least. Judge has given me some more

ey on Mr. Young's account, and as he will probably be here Saturday or Sunday, and still owes me a balance I think I can send you a portion of what I have received, which I know will be of great use to you. I send enclosed Ten Dollars, Cunningham and if ever I get the money from Ridgway I will send you that too. Money with I was able to send you a great deal more but will do so soon as I am able. Mark you in my last that Vandenhark had made up the frauds in my case and returned them to the Curragoe to decide upon. That the probability is that the decision will be in my favor and promised a decision the 15th of this month. I hope to indeed even then they have run a suffering which we can have gone through will soon be forgotten. I expect to be heartily busy when Mr. Young returns as he will be preparing to dispose of his Springhill property. Commend me affectionately to

you and as I expect to be detained here till then, the chances are that I shall be pretty busy. I only wish I was making something of an object that I might send you more than I do. But have patience, I feel quite certain that the time is not far distant when I shall be able to send you all the money required. So take good care of yourself dear Nancy regain your strength. You do me great injustice to say in speaking of the event of your death I might marry my fourth wife. I have no such design and it is quite doubtful if ever I should in case of the opportunity offering that you allude to. I am no particular lover of women. I think in a general way unless a man get the woman just suited to his mind he might better remain single. There are very very few women indeed I would consent to marry. You are one of them. I man

rice you because I liked you - and if you were the same person as you were formerly - I should have no cause of regret - I have never thought anything but loved you and my great aim for years back has been to win you back to me. In which I succeed I should be most happy - did I not love you as much as I do I never would have taken the trouble which I have to do this. You say you are pulling an oar towards me and I hope that it will do so well continue, notwithstanding the bad shells you speak of or any thing else coming in the way.

I am sorry to hear of the robbery of the Custom House, but can hardly believe that McCormick was implicated in it. From the shallowness of his mind not much more than his salary for a single year.

I wonder that Pan for the sake of old acquaintance, does not come

to see you Dominick instead
of dobbin quite so much the
way he did during our lady on Thursday
the occasion in which proper Kalkoolah
him in his attentions to my Patrick
during the absence of his husband, you
can form some idea of how you must
have been talked about in times past when
you received so much and such kind
attentions from different gentlemen. Proper
will talk and it can't be helped —
As regard to calling Lillie
by her first name Corinna or
Corinna, I much say I would
please me as I think it comes
you — The name Lillie does very
well while she is a little girl
but when she grows to be a big girl
or becomes a young lady the little
prefix being addressed as Corinna,
besides it is her first name —
I admit that calling her Corinna
will bring back many pleasant

recollections to me and such remembrances of you dear cousins as you yourself were be pleased to record to if you are of the mind to send Lillie, from the mis friends, Corinne I have read about Georgeanna even — I hope that George has profited by the letter written to him it was wholly for his good — and though he may have thought it was a little too much advice I hope I shan never have occasion to write an other letter of the same kind to him. I wish him to become a great man but no man is great who is not good — Such good has been about advantages in my power but his greatness and goodness lies mostly within himself for if he is not so naturally he can not hope to become so by training. Tell Maunie she has a great many things to learn and that she will find out how little she knows if she is in my power to place her at some nice school giving good of her own age — I do not blame her for thinking that there are but a few who are fit associates for her in San Diego — I am of the same way of thinking too, but it will not do by any marked inattention to those her dangerous for those who are her associates the way to be correct to everybody rich or poor, high or low —

I am glad to hear you speak so highly of Frank's conduct towards you, that he appreciates you so highly, but I do not understand what you mean when you say he appreciates you if no one else of the family does — I hope all the children appreciate you as highly as Frank does — entering into those feelings and if they do not they should be required to do so — I hardly think you alude to me, and yet

the remark may be entirely unintentionally for me — and if so you do me very great injustice — for I feel a man thought anything of his wife, has felt proud of her capabilities, I believe I have done — but without confidence in me to believe what I say or do in the interest of your interest and happiness, I cannot expect you to believe anything. I hope to hear from you again soon — and I trust have occasion to write to you again soon to enclose you some more money or give you some more interesting news. To dear Nan, my darling little wife, who I appreciate so highly continue to love me, give me your fullest confidence in all things. Remember me to friends, Dr. Whitney desired to have been with him. Kiss the children — from your ever faithful husband

H. H. Kelley

San Diego August 6th 1874

My Dear Papa

Mama received two long letters from you yesterday. We were all very glad to hear from you. The School has begun again. Mr Carroll is the Teacher. I have not been feeling very well. My head troubles me. Mama and the other children are feeling pretty well at present. I hope you will win your suit, so that you can come home. It will be so nice to have you here. The Camp stool is pretty and cunning. Mama has put a new piece of carpet on it. But it is to small for Violet or me. But we are going to keep it in the parlor, it looks so cunning. Mary Smith gave us a small basket of fresh figs. They were very nice. We got the lace and also

the sprig of evergreen from your Fathers grave. It is very pretty, and Mama will take good care of it. The Coast Steamers only come in once a week now. Mama sends her love to you and says she will write to you tomorrow. We are delighted with our boys and take a great deal of comfort with them. The other trunk came to hand all right. and Mama was much pleased with some of the things. Take it all together we have had a good time with both of the trunks. Frank is thinking about winding you another picture of the house, which is better than the one he sent you. I think the other will write today or tomorrow. We all send our love to you, and hope you will return home in good health. We like our checker-boards very much and we play checkers every evening. Mama has just taken up her tobacco box and is going to take a smoke. I must close my letter for fear of a head-ache. So Good bye.

From your loving child

Corinna L. Whaley

San Diego Aug 18th 1874

Dear Father

Mama received the letter containing the laces a few day ago we were very glad to hear from you. We are all well at home and hope dear Father you are the same. Lillie was not well a few day ago but now she is better. School has commenced again we have a very nice teacher her name is Miss Carroll. San Diego is as dull as ever. The truk containing the clothing arrived safely there were some very nice things in it. Remember me to Mrs Young when you write to her. I would like instead of a blue-plaid and red sash a pinke, blue, and red plaid sashes. I would like to write you a nice long letter but there is nothing to write about. Tell cousin Mary that I congraulate he up having a little son. Remember me to Uncle John and his family. We all want to see

you very much. The children all send their love and many kisses to you and Mrs Puffer's little girls and they promise to write soon I have just got done studying my lesson for to-morrow I study them every evening. This is a very shot letter dear Father and I hope you will excuse it. My love to you and many kiss

From your affectionate
Daughter
Anna A. Whaley.

(Good-bye Dear Father
Write soon.)

FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL,

(Darling, Griswold & Co.)

New York, August 14th 187

My Darling Wife,

This is the 21st anniversary of our marriage. You have doubtless recalled it to your mind and thought of me as you did so perhaps to far away from home. I have thought of you all day long wished that I was with you and our dear children. But this cannot be so let us hope that the myth and the succeeding anniversaries we may pass together in happiness. I received a letter from Thomas & Chillis which is perfectly satisfactory. They inform me that a dividend of $2.00 per share has been declared upon the 28 shares of stock in my name and suggest that I send them an order to draw it, which I am perfectly willing to do and will do if I can conveniently do so. I stand pledged to the Bank for the payment of my note for $275. But as Morris paid the Bank, he may think he should

Morris paid the Bank $275 I am pleased to receive this information. I am so glad we are fortunate.

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have the benefit of the security. I have
written to him and if I can will send
J. S. M. to the order to draw it. You
need not inform them of anything
write as I intend writing myself to do
as I hear from Morse. Boston Nov 28
Shares. Morse has spoken in his order mentioned
100 shares of stock. but say nothing about
this to anybody. I have written to Morse
questioning him to draw the dividend and to
good you the full benefit of the dividend on
the 100 shares. $200. This may be in money
or in City Bonds. If in money there will
be no trouble. If in Bonds I request you
to have paid by you by his agent. Thus the equi-
valent in money. The bonds are worth from
75 to 80 @ I suppose. When I hear from
Morse I will write further concerning the matter.
Received last night news of the 27th July con-
taining our John Traut and the greater
part of the children. Gang back to their old
ways. I think clothing has arrived as you will
find many things with them. Mr Young
got back the 17th. Has gone to Salt Lake
to the Judge White. will return under cover
his family are all well. he wishes to get back
home as soon as he can. he will be at the
Deputy at Springville for the month. He can
get pay his debts and have enough to live
comfortably. Cannot have yet been able to get
relief. Poor Mrs is suffering greatly. he
wishes to come home. I think the

9 [illegible] [illegible] for you
and the children and love you very much
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] who do not [illegible]
[illegible] she is all right. [illegible]

San Diego, Cal August 8th 1872

My dear Husband.

I am in receipt of two letters from you 23rd & 25th July received both on the same day for which I thank you. You are always very good to receive letters from you as it affords me a great deal of satisfaction and amusement. I am glad to hear of your good health but [illegible] you should have the "blues" so [illegible] when you going to go back you will get all over that. He is indeed a good friend and I do not wonder you think so much of him. The [illegible] pineapple were very nice and I appreciate it very much with the love you send [illegible] Love her my love and remember me to [illegible]. Tell her that I will write to her soon and you thank her for me for the Pineapples [illegible] they are very pretty [illegible]

Coming 2 [illegible] here. The two trunks have been of course a great pleasure to us and very many things are very useful and I can turn many things to good account. The children are delighted with their toys and every day think more of them. There were so many broken when we opened the trunks that was the reason they were not so highly delighted at first, but now you could not get them to part with them for anything. [illegible] sent me word yesterday that when you [illegible] or receipts, either he or Cain would hand me $50 a dividend on some stock in the R. Road. I do not know if you wish me to keep the dividends as you have asked for statements. [illegible] says he had written to you concerning it. The closing notes not yet, said the closing had not come in from the country yet. [illegible] has not been able to collect any notes or bills yet. No money and what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] says Patchell has no money and [illegible]

RG

Aug 23 1874

My dear Anna

I hope that you will excuse me for not answering your very kind letter before this but I have been so sad and heart-sick that I hardly felt much like writing since poor mother died I wish that I could see you our dear self and have a long talk with you I am sure that it would do me good I console myself by talking to brother Robert your dear good husband I only wish he was my brother you dont know how he speaks of you all it does

me good to hear him
he does love you all so
much a more homesick
man you never saw
The children
are all well and so is
my new little baby I intend
leaving for Europe Wednesday
Aug 4th and hope some day
Dear Anna to see you in
Paris you must keep up
a good heart every thing I
am sure will turn out all
right. You know God is
good.

I hope that you
will write me when I am
in Paris and be sure that
I will answer all of your
dear letters as I shall have
time to do so and it will
do me so much good to
hear from my friends
when I am far from home
Kiss all the children
for me and excuse hasty
writing as every minute is
gold to me now and
believe me to be your dear
friend
Lennie Young

[redacted]

New York, August 25th, 1874.

My Dear Wife,

Yours of the 8th inst, postmarked the 12th, enclosing letters from Anna and Corinna, was received the 23d inst. I am very glad to hear that you are all well and enjoying yourselves as much as circumstances will permit. Your letter gave me quite pleasure to read more than any I have yet received from you since I left home, and I trust you will continue to write in the same strain always, and then I shall believe that you are indeed feeling all right towards me.

When I last wrote, the 14th, I informed you that I had been promised a decision in my case the 25th but as that was Saturday I did not expect it, if it came at all before Tuesday the 18th when I knew the Chancellor would be in town.

On that day Mr Ridgway called upon the Surrogate - who informed him that of the divorce cases he had determined to decide upon during his vacation that of mine was the only one remaining undecided - that the consideration of it had given him considerable trouble - that it was one of the most difficult and perplexing cases he had had for some time - Mr R replied that may be but in the end you can certainly arrive at both our opinions in regard to favorable to my client - He said he supposed so - that by giving his decision at the present time nothing would be gained as Mr Carderhaich was not then to enter the decree - that he might expect the decision about the 1st of September - to the time to again go to France - I can only say, however, that I am disappointed in not getting the decision, and, if it depends upon Mr Carderhaich being here to enter the decree, I do not look for it before the 25th or 30th of September - he

now in Europe and not expected home until before the 15th Sept. I cannot see however, why I should await the return of Carderhaich for a decision. A few evenings ago Mr Young and I called upon Mr Le Blanc, a tenant of his on 29th St who is a cousin of the Surrogate - he has interested himself by having written to the Surrogate, and our object in calling was to solicit him to do so again - which he promised to do, upon stating to him my position and the urgent necessity to my family of obtaining a speedy decision. You no doubt think I have had a great deal of trouble, well, so I have. My patience has been severely tried sometimes I feel very willing, indeed, like doing something desperate - but I am warned that it would injure only in injuring to myself and my case - I can but await patiently, abiding the time for the decision, which cannot be much longer delayed - and if I get home

any time before the end of the year I think myself very fortunate indeed but do not tell this to any one. I think the influence I have brought to bear upon my case has done some good. I feel almost confident that the decision will be in my favor, therefore I am working more patiently than ever.

On the 5th of the month I sent you a registered letter enclosing $10.00. I expected to have sent you some more, but I have not been able to collect from Mr R the $18.50 which he owes me, though I have asked him for it several times, and I have not been able to get from Mr Spring more than enough to pay for mere necessary meals, fifty cents per day — not but that he would give me more, but really he has not got it — having himself to live very economically (for him) he sends him as he can realize something from sales of his property. I am still in charge of George Whitt's horse 32.30 SR. He may stay a day, and then be he this 14th

of the month, when I expect to room with Mr Young — I also have charge of the office of the Attorney for the collection of arrears of personal taxes — besides attending to business for Mr Young — I cannot say that I have much to do however and am but poorly paid for it. Still it gives me some occupation & relieves me from getting the blues.

Judge White discharged the housemaning clerks he had the first of the month, and said that during his absence I might sit in the office when I might attend to Mr Youngs business as well — that that would not probably be much to do — but he never said a word about paying me anything and whether it is intention to do so it is impossible for me to say — What money he gave me before going away was on acc of Mr Young — perhaps he will make it all right on his return.

shall make a claim upon him for something. It is not to be expected that I did nothing after from 10 to 4 for nothing. I have been really busy for Mr Young since his return preparing lists of his property, that he may immediately know how many cos he has to dispose of. He is endeavoring to sell at private sale, but should he not succeed will be compelled to sell at auction as he must have a certain amount of money to defray losses in business & put him once more equal with the world. Fifty or Seventy thousand dollars will be necessary to do this. But will require a great sacrifice of property at the present depressed state of affairs. He will still have enough left in the way of R & M and enough of 29th St to live very comfortably. Besides some portion of his Springhurst estate to dispose of when times get better. At present time he is as hard up for a dollar as I am myself and loaths to borrow any thing. Cash proves known his condition, unless it be for his family who are living quite expensively. He has paid down his returning expenses from day to day. I have not asked him for anything, knowing that he has not got it to give me. He lives very economically and shall continue to do his. Some of your property am made when I think he will furnish me with some funds which I will remit to you. Other things will be more profitable for him soon when probably they will be for me too.

Mrs Young has not written to me. Such word that in consequence of sickness and trouble I must expect her but that she would do so. She is at best rather a poor correspondent. But as Mr Young always

invariably reads or gives his wife letters to me to read. I get all the news concerning his family. The children have a bad recovery from sickness and Cory, (little Cory I mean) is being experimented upon for her lameness and the probability is, Mrs Y. writes, that she will never require to use crutches again and it is hoped that her limb will increase somewhat in length though she will always probably, show that she is crippled. She has a governess to teach her children, and she is busying herself in vocal and instrumental music. I hope you will write her a nice friendly letter thanking her for the things as I shall not write to her any more till such time as she writes to me relative to business. and the message which you sent

for me to deliver to her would not be safe at least for the present. She was very good to me so long as I could be of any service to her in "Out of Sight out of mind" I think after all I write stick to you Mary – there is little reliance to be placed on woman – even the best of them selfishness is their governing nature. I have always thought more of you than of any other of your sex I have found you reliable in more ways than one – I complain only of your conclusion in indifference towards me during the past few years since I have not been able to give you as much as formerly – (my temper may have changed in consequence of my losses and I may have preached economy because there was a necessity for it – I had

now run through everything. I have learned to take things just as they come and the preaching of second any is superfluous. You see me that you love me and have confidence in me which is enough to satisfy me more than riches and should you continue thus I shall be perfectly happy, with or without a fortune even though I should never see you again, and die happy. We will however look forward to brighter prospects, and the enjoyment of life together. Let us hope that the suit now pending may be favorably decided and before many months more, I shall be restored to you and our children once again to be separated under such unpleasant circumstances as the present surrounding us. We indeed have had very hard and trying times and the lessons of experience, bought at so dear a rate, ought certainly to be sufficiently impressed upon us for our lasting good. I am sorry to hear of Sillie's have being so easily effected, being caused no doubt from the lengthened of brain. We have always apprehended trouble for her in this respect since she was a very young child, and perhaps it would be as well to retain her from school for several months, and, when under your own eye, as she would then be at the time to caution her against studying or occupying her thoughts too attentively upon any subject, which would give her body time to grow corresponding to her brain, which, during the time from being closed, will have an opportunity to recuperate. She must however during this time have exercise and amusement in

reason. — She is indeed for her age rather precocious and the letters she writes are more credible to her than are those to Mamma. I do not say this, however, disparagingly to Mamma, considering her limited advantages. I hope the time may soon come when I may do the fullest justice to all our children — There a letter from Frank unanswered, also from Lillie and Anna. Some day I will answer these either en masse or separately. You will give my love to them, also to George and Lucy. I desire to see them all certainly as much as they do me, and hope that none of them will allow me to outgrow their remembrance as I fear they may in case I remain much longer away from home — They must write

to me more frequently than they do — I desire that they should do so, even though I may not answer them quite so promptly as they desire, or letter for letter. It will be of no disadvantage to them, but be a source of improvement & I hope of pleasure, enabling them better to continue me in their hearts. I love all my children the same, one as much as another and wish them to so conduct themselves that I may never have any occasion to make any difference. Their welfare and good being is my happiness and the source from which I expect to derive much future pleasure — I hope that they are all dutiful and truthful, conducting themselves with propriety upon all occasions. It would pain me indeed to

hear other than good report concerning them. They ought to love you very much, knowing the many troubles you have and be ready to lighten your cares by their most assiduous attentions towards you. Philip George is a good boy and goes to school regularly, taking delight in his studies, improving his present advantages, learning all he can as he may never have any better. The same wishes equally apply to the other children.

I have hopes of George becoming a great and good man. And if my circumstances will permit of it I intend that he shall receive superior advantages not but what I would have done as much for Frank, but for the time has passed by and if he ever acquires any very great knowledge it will be because he desires it and by his individual efforts. I shall have to make up to him in other ways, the advantages which I have failed to give him in education. He may perhaps be able to do something for Anna provided she does not set herself up for a young lady before her time — but as for George, Frank and Lucy it may be in our power to do something for in the way of education, as I hope we can be in our power.

I have been expecting to hear from Mr Moore, having written to him the 14th inst, that I might write to you something concerning the dividend due upon the 100 shares standing in his name belonging to him — but I

presume he is off somewhere
away from home. I wrote
again a day or two ago &
must I have been from home
soon as it would give me plea-
sure to have you get this money
if he is willing as doubtless
he will be — In regard to the
dividend on the 28 shares
I suppose I must let that
go to A. L. McRae, they having
about asked me for it — I shall
be contented to do so, provided
I make the arrangement I expect
with Morse — I am waiting
hereon to hear from him, before
sending the order to you or them
Say nothing however about the div-
idend on the 100 shares. as I
wish you to have the pleasure
of it to pay such bills and to
get such things as you might
desire — I hope to be able to

send you some money soon as I certainly would afford me great pleasure to do so. I am glad you and the children find so much amusement with the toys and that I have so many things in the bundle clothing that you can put to use. The three Swaco Silk dresses which are the same as new, perhaps you may sell or put in some store for sale - in case you can not use them to advantage. They certainly are very stylish and beautiful. and I believe were never worn having been ordered about the time of Mis appointed death. They looked as though they were worth from $20 to $25 each - but perhaps you could sell them or have them set a big Pelerine lined for $15. or even $12 - either of which prices would be

extremely low for them, would not be better to do so than to wear them? You were however the judge of the disposition to be made of them. Might you not convert some of those handsome pieces of silk, having a sample to go by which you might borrow from Brown's into bird and neck ties, which if artistically made up would sell, the bows for 50 to 75 cents and the scarfs for $1.50 to $2.00 according to quality and style and do so take the value in goods from Lowenstein or with whom you made the arrangement? There would be nothing mean about this. I make the suggestion to you to act upon or not as you may think proper. Tell me can not some of the black silk waists or bodices very nice and are they not good enough to wear with some silk skirts, black or colored that I might buy for you. I thought there were some very nice black bows to wear on belts or the things no doubt were very much missed in having remained so long family packing but when you come to view all those pinafores, gurnsey and muslin dresses you will find that you have quite an assortment worthy of your attention. The pieces of handsome carpets will make nice door rugs, but I despair from what Ellen writes about the cunning carpet hole in the parlor, you must have worn one of the pieces for covering it. The piece of Cincinnati rugs were

answer to cover a chair or convert into a handsome cushion or pillow for a lounge. I remember that was considerable blue flannel from which Cousin used to make suits for her children - trimmed with white braid - the bugle beads &c she used for various purposes - in trimming and adorning things - She had an old Cashmere silk shawl of her mothers dyed, cut into a sack or cloak and worked it all over with beads - trimmed it with bear fringe which she made - It looked very beautiful indeed. You will no doubt find great pleasure in ransacking Mrs Thing Convenient, the rags even - with the addition of other things into many useful articles both for yourself and the children - This will amuse you and then she can afford to pay.

Thursday August 29th 1895 – Wrote second pages of this letter last evening at the 5th Avenue Hotel – I will now continue it and bring it to an end, while I am sitting in the office having nothing in particular to do to prevent me from doing so – Find enclosed programme of music at Central Park which I heard Saturday the 15th and the programme of Booth's Theatre where I was in the evening of the same day – Thursday Mr Young and I went at Thomas's in 5th Ave near 59th St – a grand concert hall – large orchestra and fine music that you would appreciate very much – I go around, as all I can to relieve me from the gloom which threatens I would fall – Then I find it hard to kill time and pass it pleasantly – Last Tuesday we visited the and P.M. Shannon City of Peking in more other vessel – but could not get on board as preparations were

being made for his trip. She will return Friday and he spends for inspection and if I have the time will go to see him. The weather has been quite cold for several days past and as I got cold sitting in the Parks in the evening resulting in a severe toothache from which I am at present suffering, I have to forego the pleasure of smoking my pipe in the open air evenings and confine myself to strolling around amongst the hotels reading the newspapers till such time as the weather moderates or I recover from my present indisposition.

My general health continues very good and I am thankful for being so fortunate in this regard. I often think how miserable I should be were I to be taken seriously ill and what might be my fate for the want of kindness and attention, which, if I were so situated at home you would admit to me in your gentle way — "Home, home sweet home there's no place like home" — I think I could relish one of your meals, be it ever so humble, than the most sumptuous repast of the best hotel in New York, which I sometimes partake. More frequently now a days I frequent the restaurants where I can get a reasonable good meal, breakfast or dinner from 25 to 40 cents, but not to be relished the same as at home in your young and I sympathize with one another and console ourselves that probably it will not be long before we are again at the head of our respective tables, dispensing the viands of not purchased by our wives, at least grown up under their supervision.

I never was much of a bon vivant but I like to have, the victuals well to prepare nicely arranged, and nowhere can this be done equal to that at home. I am glad to hear that your general health is so good and hope that you will recover both strength of mind and body and that I shall find you greatly improved on my return. Take good care of yourself dear Mary and let nothing worry you to excite your nervous temperament. Neither you nor I, am to old yet but that there may be many years of happiness in store for us. You are forty and I am fifty - both of us in the prime of life, and with proper care and regard we may hope to live many years longer. I am writing, I hardly know what, anything

that happens to come into my head to while away the time & I hope to give you some pleasure in reading, at least while you are so engaged — Last Sunday I spent a portion of the day in visiting my friend George D. Ruffin and wife — took dinner with them — I am fond of their dinners, they always have something good to eat and I avail myself of getting a square home meal — they have been passing several weeks during the heated term in the country — I had not seen them for some time — they were all well — children included — the evening I spent at the Gitts' where I partook of a comfortable tea in home style and as it was then I got your letter I could not deliver the message sent by Lillie to Mr Ruffin little girls are Minnie, Nellie —

est reminds me always so much of Lillie, both in looks and many of her ways — Mr. Gibbs an uncle — Mamie had returned from the country, and Mary was to go monday returning home with Amelia next Saturday. Mr Gibbs is at Allison N.Y. where he is engaged in perfecting his steam plow, which will produce a revolution in Western farming on an extensive scale — It is something which has engaged him for several years and the probability is now that he has brought it to perfection, having recently made a successful experimental trial — and it is to be hoped that he will reap the rich reward which his perseverance deserves — Gibbs is not only an inventive genius, but a great philosopher in his way of thinking — and when he was home during a portion of last October he and I used to delight in having long talks together. I hope to have the pleasure of seeing him soon again as he is expected shortly to return home — I have not seen Harriet since I left her house and shall I never see her again I shall have no cause to regret it — Some times I meet Heise at Ridgway but we never speak — I have not seen my mother to speak to her since she left Harriet's the 8th of last September when I then was passing the house (25 years ago) I saw the old lady sitting at the window of rocking herself in a chair — I then says the enquiries concerning me, but for fear of letting her know how intimate we are, I suppose, he answers her only in a general way — She is not disposed to do anything in regard to the prodigal, though he has urged her, inasmuch as Harriet has proved, to let him have

the same amount. She regrets even having given us anything and says Sooner there consent to give us any more of her own accord, she just tells things. Take therefore comfort even though ~~she~~ should be decided that she shall get only her share. She has the fullest confidence that the suit will be decided in her favor and should it not be as it quite likely - the blow will be a severe one to her. She has never yet expressed any doubt to Severine, and I do believe that it would give her more pleasure to know that I was not doing well than to know that I was. She seems to think that no one has a right to be friends with and thinking that I have done so far beyond what he has really blamed him for it. He seems to judge her how I get along, and I think says the com-

dus. how I am able to live in N.Y
and remain away so long from
my family. It would no
doubt please her to hear of my
having left for California disgust-
ed with the further prosecution of
that suit. But I am not going to
do this for her gratification. I be-
lieve that I have a perfectly sun
thing of it. dependent however upon
the pleasure of the Surrogate. I think
that in a conversation with
mothers lawyer that he had no hope
of a favorable decision for her — and this
I think is his conviction or he would
not have asked and at one time if
I would consent to withdraw the pro-
ceedings provided she let me have $5,000.
I replied that, if when I first arrived
she had furnished me with the amount
I should never have commenced suit
but having commenced it and been
obliged to remain away from my fam

ity to long and feeling a certainty of getting in the end all that I asked I should not think of accepting of $500 even though it were made me — and that I was willing to abide the legal issue and should have had it as well —

Friday August 28th 1874. I did not quite make a finish of my letter yesterday — say all I had to say. This morning I received a postscript from Mr Moore — He had just returned from Manchester which accounts for his not having answered my letter. He says: "I'll send the order to Chase to day (the 27th) I'll write you fully in a few days. The dividend is in cash. The Bonds on hand were sold for 80 cents. Understand." — Thus you will perceive Mr Moore consents to my proposal. He will send an order to Mr Chase who will pay you, as I have requested Mr Moore to instruct him to do the dividend on 100 shares, being $200 in gold coin — which doubtless you will shortly receive. You can do with the money as you wish so long as it is expended for the use of yourself and children. I would propose one thing however — to pay (out of the $60 I borrowed from him) to send to San Francisco to enable you to return to San Diego. Two years ago, it may be three years ago had I only at 2½ per month included the interest for 2 yrs & 2 months (allowing that you pay him in Sept.) will amount to $31.20 — making $91.20 — and for 3 yrs & 2 mos the interest will be $45. to making $105.60 — By so informing him that the money was for your (which I told him at the time) and telling him that you have some little money and would like to pay him, about the amount borrowed, he may not charge

you any interest or be willing to let you have the note by paying the principal and part of the interest. He is not a hard man to deal with by any means and when a lady is concerned he is inclined to be generous. You might send him a letter requesting him to call to see you at the house on some particular and private business and then you can explain to him fully your circumstances, your necessity for money, & but having received some money from a friend you were enabled to pay him as the money was borrowed for you and has been owing him so long that it would not be possible for you to pay the amount without fear, but that you would like to pay him the $50 and get the note. Should he not be willing, which is quite unlikely, you might arrange to pay some

of the interest if not now, at some future time and you could then pay the $50 ~~[illegible]~~ which have indorsed upon the note, or perhaps he would give up the note and tell you how much of the interest you would be indebted to him — You will I think find the Judge very easy and I believe that he will gladly discount the note without charging any interest as it has been standing a long time — I know I should if any who owing me on notes were to make me the offer. You need not tell him about the interest that you have made the calculation or know how much it is — I will leave you to manage the Judge in your own way and I doubt not you will be able to sell the note without the payment of interest — I would like to pay Mr McCoy too — but that is impossible at present — You might

mention to the Judge that you had borrowed $100 from him which you would also like to pay but impossible to do so now. You might mention to him how much we are in debt the hard times we have had all in consequence of the breakup of Crothwaite & Co. That I am in W.Y. having had to go and that it will take some time before I can arrange matters and return home. Let him understand that this money is from a friend (which really it is for I more had not been writing I could not have compelled him to give me this) and you are making the arrangement because the money was borrowed for you and you claim that it should be returned. Allowing that you pay the Judge $100 you will have $50 in your left to pay some of the most pressing bills. The Insurance one particularly. But under no consideration do not think of paying Nash. Come arrange with him on my return. Neither do I wish you to expend all of the money or any great portion of it in the payment of bills under no pretext any except the most urgent. Both you and the children I have the benefit of the greater portion of this money as I regard you in great need of many things and I would recommend you to keep some of it on hand, making it last as long as possible, which will be of great help to you from month to month as emergencies arise forcibly. I was about to suggest that if you were to send me a draft for a portion of it which you could purchase from the Bank I might invest it in muslins, calico,

underclothing &c, such things as you might mention and send them packed in a trunk to you. You could in this way get a great deal more for your money though you would have to wait some time for the things to reach you. You must be the judge of this. I leave the disposition of the $20 entirely to you — to pay it whole or in part as you may think proper without any restrictions whatever — the money is yours to dispose of as you think best for your use & a child. When I hear from Moss which will be in the course of a few days, I will determine about the dividend due on the 28th Nov. I will send the order to you to draw the money to pay U.S. M. Co on a/c — Bidwell Cow has always promised to his own accord to pay our $50 — for some work done for him as Secretary which he received

pay for – he said he thought that
was either to at least $50 – and
if the Company didn't allow him that
amount he would pay him out of
his salary – I may as well get the
and let it also go on after D. S. Smith
but say nothing about it to Lewis
and instruct your –
Now to make a conclusion – Let the
Children take care of the boys – I did not
think they were so much broken in packing
them – Some of course were – I hope you
will get the amount of the Thomas note.
Mitchell is a bad egg. I fear – but time
has yet to run and before that time he
may be able to pay – I am anxious in-
deed about my settlement with Cash-
wait – the mortgage which Mott holds
against Lewis and me by assignment
from Wilcox was given by Hetrick & Lunk-
hard with Potter and before that time
a foreclosure suit will have to be commenced
to secure Mott and to enable me to

recover the book of land given by Roth-
waite as security in the mortgage
to us this was cash money — but it
must be done otherwise the land will
revert to Rothwaite which I do
not wish — I want Morse to foreclose
and have judgment against
him — which must necessarily be a-
gainst myself too — this however is
a feature about it I do not like —
What an immense amount of trouble
and loss this unprincipled man has
occasioned us — I would like to
get a copy of the Insurance act passed
by the last legislature — it does not seem to be
had here — not yet received by the
Law Library — the ladies must have
it however in San Diego — I cannot
afford to buy the book which would
probably cost $9 or $10 — I wish
therefore that Frank would make a
copy of the act or law and send it
to me — I refer to the act in
reference to Foreign Insurance Com-
panies in California — requiring them
on surrender of Policy — to pay the
holder thereof in cash 75% of
the cash value of the policy at the
time of the surrender — I wish Frank
to attend to this without delay — to make
a copy of the act — that I may show
it to the Bridgeways — he thinks from
what I showed him printed in a S.D.
paper some time ago — that if the act is as
there stated, there may be a chance for
me to recover something from the Guar-
dian Mutual Life Ins Co — which under
the law is a foreign Co in California —
I wish to show him a copy of the act to
enable him to form a correct opinion of the
case as to the advisability of commencing
suit against the Company — I am
glad Frank is doing better and that
he enjoys horse back riding so much
I hope he got the gold watch key
sent him by Mr Young — You were

right in taking the cloth to make him pants and vest and any of the other things you can use to advantage you are at liberty to take — better use them than have them eaten up by moths — thus by the expenditure of a little camphor the destruction might have been prevented. Camphor here costs at retail only forty cents per pound. I am glad to hear you get vegetables so cheaply give the children all they require at those prices. Might you not sell the new Cafe to some one — Abbie was anxious to buy it at one time for $50 and may be he would do so now — Mr Ridgway has just called to deliver me a letter which is from Bryant Horace dated Liverpool August 17th which is established in business as Commission & forwarding agent at 24 Old Castle Buildings — He wishes to me for information concerning friends in — Not to occasion to give Mr R a gentle reminder for more

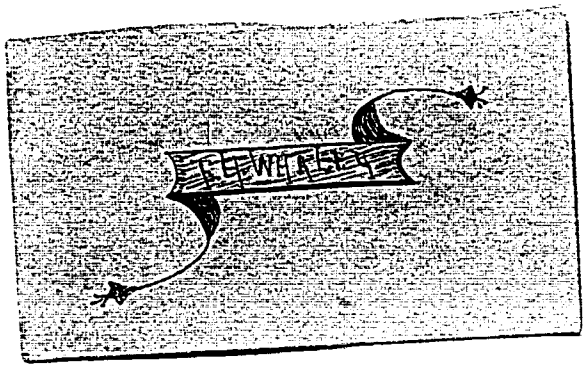
have any cause to complain. Now my dear wife with much love and many kisses to you and our dear children I remain

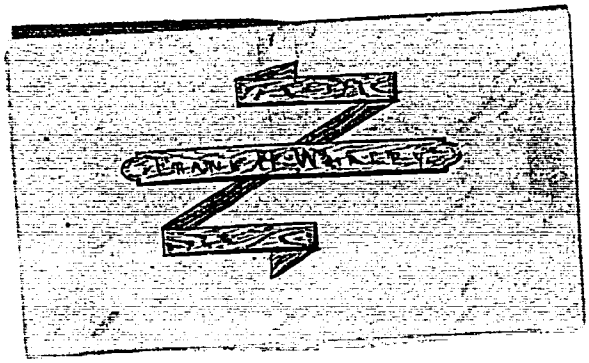
Your devoted husband
Thos McKaeg

P. S. Last evening went to see Lena Moses, she & her husband had just returned from Ohio. The folks in the country are all well. Cousin Polly came down and about 250 of the Jersey folks who had a grand picnic at Central Park and returned again in the afternoon. Lena & her husband are living at 31 East 24th st now. And it will be more convenient for you to see her there.

What does Mamma mean by saying that instead of blue plaid and red sash she would like a pink, blue, and red plaid sash. Does she mean a pink sash, a blue sash and a red plaid sash or a plaid sash with pink, blue and red. Let her explain if she may get something different than what she

ey bite nip - nothing from that
quarter - but were
The concluding words of your
letter are very consolatory indeed
to me - I am glad to hear that you
love me and long for the time to see
me again - That is the chief
to write in and hope you will
continue in the same vein and
then I shall require no other guardian
angel and will look upon you
as my guiding star to hope
and happiness - I believe that
you will be all right towards me
again the same as you were of
old - certainly I have been long
enough away from home for you
to learn to appreciate me if ever
you possessed and still retained
least regard or affection for
me - I think it will be all
right between us hereafter and
that neither of us will have





CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

San Diego, Cal. August 26 1874.

Dear Father:-

Having not written to you for a very long time, I now take this opportunity to do so. As nothing of any consequence has been stirring here, I will not waste time in writing on that subject.

Before I go any further I want to ask your opinion of the above head, "Chamber of Commerce." The design is Mr. Plaisted's, and the "presswork" mine. It was run through the press three times, each color separately. First the gold, then the red, and last of all the black, observe how carefully it had to be done, that is to make the two different rules fit so snug to one another. I think it is about as good as can be done in any "Eastern Office." Show it to Mr Young. I am still hobbying along at this "dull and get nothing business. But

what is the use of complaining. I will work all I can until you come home and then I shall ask for a nice long rest. But the pay I get for the amount and kind of work I do, does not pay hardly for the trouble. But it cannot be helped.

You say in your last letter of a few lines to us that I have not acknowledged the receipt of the pretty watch key sent me by Mr. Young, which I thought I had done, I will do so now. Ask Mr. Young to excuse me for my neglect, and say that I thank him very much for it, and through it I shall always remember him. I wear it occasionally, as it fits the watch that you gave me, which is at present at a stand still. Remember me to Corrinno and Mrs. Young, hope they are well.

Mamma has been sick in bed for at least three days, the particulars of which I think she has written you. George needs a slight touching up. Hope you are well, and the "decision" will be in your favor. All others are well. As I have nothing now at present to write,

I remain your affectionate Son,

Francis M. Whaley.

To — Father "1874."

San Diego Aug 26th 1874

My Dear Father

As I did not write last time I thought I would write this time. Mama has been quite sick for ten days and I have been taking care of her. She is feeling better tonight. The rest of the family are all well and I sincerely hope you are the same. We received a letter from you to day. I wish they would hurry and decide your case and you come

-ld come home you have been away a long time and we all miss you very much. I have not been to school this week on account of Mama being so sick I will go to morrow if she is better. The children are all going to write to you soon. They send their love to you and so many kisses. San Diego is getting so dull there is nothing going on. I do wish we lived in a better place. Remember me to your kind friends please. I hope you will excuse such a short letter dear Father the next time I will try and write a longer one. As I can find nothing more to write about I will close my letter by sending you my love and many kisses from your loving daughter

(Good-bye dear Father
please write soon)

Anna A. Whaley.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

see fit to come for two days, they
being sent for then he examined
me and said I had congestion
of the womb, and if he had
been at home he would have
applied leeches. He sent me
a little medicine and I did
not let him again, this I sent
home for him. He came yesterday
as usual says it is the change
of life with me. I have been
flowing very freely, bathed with
all kinds of washes and pains
in breast and bowels all
the time and my eyes
have become so affected that I could
scarcely see. Pains all over my body
darting pains at times
before my eyes and
terrible noises in my head
which the Dr says is
a sign of the change taking
place. And he says I will
be so affected for some time
to come and if I get over
it I will enjoy better
health than I have, but he
also says I need good nursing
and good care taken of me
Bannie will do the best
she can I know, when I get
over this spell of sickness, he
says I may go quietly along
for awhile when another
attack will seize, flooding
and all the accompanying
symptoms come in rather
at critical time, and if he
does not want to see me
through, I shall have to
get another Dr. Dr Stockton
says, this life is in the family
very long and very tenacious
about attending this female.
It is easy practice and has
very little to do, now is it
better for me to continue with
him or get some one else, and
who? for I must have care or
I may die, he says I must
have care, but he seems so
frightened when he comes he
does not give me time to say
much I cannot say I feel
as if I could call upon him
when I really need him.
I think I can go along safely

[illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible] feel [illegible]
[illegible] your [illegible] here [illegible]
that [illegible] was [illegible]
[illegible] Care [illegible] but it will not [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] troubles, and I [illegible]
to see [illegible] soon I shall be [illegible] glad.
[illegible] you [illegible] again [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the children [illegible]
sometimes [illegible] what is the
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] make [illegible]
for that [illegible] but you [illegible] when
[illegible]

[illegible] Time hangs so heavily,
and drags its weary length along so
slowly. But as you say "there is a good
time coming" [illegible] cannot certain-
ly [illegible] watch and
[illegible] to meet again soon. All I want
now is to get well again so that I
may have strength to work. Everything
[illegible] the worse. My friend.
[illegible] will [illegible] most close and
[illegible]. So good by my dear
Poppie and [illegible] all Come Soon
your [illegible] E. [illegible]
Children send love and [illegible]
[illegible] to you. [illegible] is so dull here now.

1874

who came three days afte-
sent for, he says after exam-
ination, that I have congestion
and inflammation of the
womb, he touched it with
caustic, and gave me a
little medicine to take
eight days ago, since
which time I have been
laid up in bed with
all kinds of pains and bad
feelings about me, I have
send twice since for him
but he has not come since
He told me his first visit
that his wife objected his
visiting any woman who he
had to examine ~~the~~ is
in the family way herself
and he signed that as an
excuse for her. I do not
know if it is that, or because
there is "no money here" as
I have often heard him remark
about other people, so that
he has only come once in
eight days, as he has undes-
taken to cure me, I shall
see that he attends to me
pill or cure. I send again
to-day for him, and will
expect him to see me through.
He thought at first it was
the turn of life with me,
but now thinks it may not
be, and says it is congestion
and inflamation, if that
is the case I need some
care taken of me, and shall
see that he finishes what
he has commenced. You
need not say or write any-
thing to him. I will let you
know soon again how I am.
Nannie stays home from
school to nurse me, but
as soon as I can use my
feet she shall go back to
school, no matter if I am
left all alone. The school
teacher being to be well liked
I am glad to hear you have
such comfortable quarters
for awhile, I suppose Mr.
Young when he returns will
put up in the same quarters

New York, August 29 1874.

My Dear Sir,

I dispatched a long letter to you only yesterday. I have been considering the probability of the office of the Collector of Customs at San Diego becoming vacant by the removal or resignation of McCormick, and in that event the possibility of my obtaining the appointment.

I have no particular information respecting the robbery of the Custom House at San Diego. I hear that McC was supposed to have been implicated in the matter, — that an investigation was made before a U.S. Commissioner, and that he had been honorably acquitted from complicity.

You write that "he is clear on circumstantial evidence, but a great many think that he is the man" — and from another source I learn that others are looking for the place expecting a removal even now.

I mentioned these surmises to a friend, who he advised me, under the circumstances, to try to get the appointment. He wished to introduce me to parties who are intimate with the President, through whose influence I might possibly get it. Such appointments generally are made by the President upon the recommendation of the State Senators or representatives, to obtain which requires great political influence. Nothing, however, prevents the President from making such appointments as he sometimes does upon the recommendation and to please some particular or personal friend. I judge to solicit the appointment, in case of a vacancy, upon the petition of some of the most prominent men in San Diego, who know me and can recommend me for the position. I have thought of drawing up a petition which please find enclosed. I wish you to send it to Mr Carr, and ask him in case he thinks it advisable either from the actual or expected resignation or removal to the parties or from any other reason he might name some one to whom to submit the petition or perhaps you were know of some one to whom to give it.

New York Sept. 7. 1874. The foregoing was written some days ago as you will perceive from the date in I have been waiting to hear from Mr Morse. I have his most earnest wishes and all that he can honorably do to assist me, he will. but he stands committed to Hitchcock which he did upon hearing the news that McCormick had been annoted — He thinks there is no harm in trying, but fears that my chances are not first rate, as there are so many politicians opposed to me — I am not discouraged at all, and provided I have a respectable array of names of some of the most influential citizens to my petition — though there must be many such be very great, I

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through Mr Morse, to whom I have written, I expect the support of the Bank of San Diego, and I have no doubt that through Captain Kelsey, to obtain the aid of the Commercial Bank. You can no doubt bring this about, and can work for me in this influential quarter to great advantage. My object is to get to the petition as many names as possible but chiefly of those of the most influential citizens.

I have found two who were present the petition to the President, or obtain for me an interview with him. Possibly I may succeed. But in the event of failure no great harm will be done. I recommend a private conference with Mr Carr. If he thinks the time a proper one, deliver to him the petition. Should he think otherwise he will of course suppress the nature of the interview. Should Mr Carr decline to act from being judge

effect to accomplish more than through personal friends of the President, whose influence perhaps may be even greater than the combined political influence of the County of San Diego. I am determined to try and expect you to aid me all you can in obtaining the aid of Mr Carr or some one else. I make this particularly a business letter but will enclose an other. Believe me

Your affectionate husband,

Thos Whaley

to the parties or from any other source. he might name some one to whom to entrust the publication or perhaps you will know of some one to whom to give it.

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[illegible] Dear Papa [illegible]
[illegible] Dear Mama I have
[illegible] San Diego Aug 31 1874
[illegible] for several nights before — this morning I got up rather cross [illegible]
[illegible] Dear Papa ally do of a Sunday morning — [illegible] It is so long since I have
which is more elaborate [illegible] day
written to you, that I will write you
[illegible] weeks [illegible]
a few lines today. Mama has been
breakfast [illegible] was at [illegible]
very sick but she is feeling a little
[illegible] Oscar R.
better now. All we children are
well. We [illegible] a good many little
children with that [illegible] face. We
enjoy our toys very much. Please
ally [illegible] I am [illegible]
get me a largest [illegible] I hope
[illegible] will be decided soon so
that you can come home. I would
be splended to have you home once
more. Mama and the children
send their love to you and please
accept the same [illegible]
[illegible] your Daughter
Ada [illegible] Corinna G. Mary
[illegible]

I was thinking of
[illegible] to
send him to Maine — but you
~~[illegible]~~ gotta [illegible] and see
you can't allow ~~him~~ learning
that you necessarily better, is
not fitting and I don't think
~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ to
do so — I told Mary how much
better you were. She shaved with
me my joy and said she hoped
you would get well. And they
had the funeral over & they
shd come off — and though it was
very appropriate & nice and so
beautiful that it has ~~[illegible]~~
made her a deep effort to
attain — Many people have
been very kind to me indeed —
they always welcome me and
make me comfortable
[illegible] for
letters I take for [illegible]
[illegible] with them —
was [illegible] the Home
[illegible] so much better
[illegible]

Old Town
San Diego
Aug 31st 1874

My dear Husband

I wrote you five or six days ago, how sick I had been and was still I wrote that letter in bed, to-day I am all alone but up, and have been up two days, I feel better in strength, but it seems a hard matter to get my head right since that rush of blood to the head, I can get along in the morning, but towards three or four o'clock the pain in my head is very bad. I have not been able to see my little Sale. Dr Stockton came to see me again, and says he is trying to see me through, and says if I get over this spell all right I will feel very well for a

ce, he [illegible]
my head would [illegible] and [illegible]
I started flow[illegible] but it has
ty, and he say he will watch
e. He says it is the Turn of
fe, and that it is sometimes
ree or four years coming and
ing, I thought it would save
from having an more children
ty it is seemy as long as the tree
in blossom it will bear fruit
t I do not think that that
ill happen to us now at our
ne of life. I want to feel
ll. That is all I ask. I have
ad considerable company
alling to see me, the Dr says
must not have any or anything
of order me as make me
ore nervous than I now am
Mr Stockton will go home by
[illegible] but I think he does not
now how to account for that
pain in my head he may have
stars me flowing again to take
away but I should think
ch nature would let it take
its own course, I think it is
the medicine he gave me to
start me flowing, and not
having flowed enough the blood
is still in my head, we will
see, I hope to come out all
rights soon, but it is very
dreary for me, I cannot work
as few as read for my head
and he makes me lie down
all the time any keep quiet.
I write you this as I think
you ought to know how I am
getting along, it is now time
week since I was taken, I am
up it is true, but do not
feel well yet! I feel all rights
towards Dr Stockton now as
he says it was only a [illegible]
of his life, he told me in
confidence do do not let him
know I told you anything and
do not write him anything
about us or me, as he is
willing to see me through, I
do not think he need to come
often, as he has only been three

[illegible] and I [illegible] at the cottage
Mamie slept some at night
and wanted to go to
school this week. Lillie made
them hurry this afternoon with
me. I cannot bear to be alone
I have taken another short cut
and will write a little more.
George is up. Splendidly on the
harmonic corn and thanks our
to Bangs, and people are
now offering them money to play
for dances but I do not want
them to as I would rather see
not fight and them to look
to greater life and commission.
George is determined to build
more some how to get an
harmonicon as I have one.
He told some battle and got
sight cents and unlocked his
same to buy. He said he looked
as one and I looked to people
and then they me made up
his mind to buy me some
chocolate. He had some pies
as the barber goods to me but
times are tose [illegible] but wishes
me to let him know when I
can fully sadly I told the
Dr about you paying him [illegible]
you could he said that was
all right. To-day is very clear
and balmy looks like rain, and
has been three times for several
days. You must tell Connie the
I will write when you begin to
more clear I can scribble to
you but not to his Grave
Rev and all of these in
love. The chilbrens dolls the
toys and all other things we
bought I forgot from Little
Some Mrs Ha and I came
and town Celebration to make
us a few under clothing and
two or three dresses for the
children. George got his pants
measured only of a fashion of your
his tailor only charged him
7½ cts for making them as
he said the cloth was so
very good but he carries
them some time. Tell pa
and not made out of cows tail

so pretty too, for ~~good~~ Christmas.
Frank has your cloak all lining
mending in the seam and it looks
quite worn and shabby. Now
he wants me to ask you if he
can have that nice one coat
of your better velvet collar to
get a cloak made for him.
It looks shabby too, as it has
also been in use the velvet
of the collar is all worn and
I do not think it could be
made to look nice now. They
tailors charge very cheap for Frank
and he wants to get all he
can made while he is here.
Frank needs clothing very much.
My back is very weak still,
but I am sitting on the sofa
writing with my back against
the side of the sofa. I hope
my next letter will inform
you of my entire recovery. "Queen
Babe" I am breaking out now
in one of those profuse cold
perspirations and must quit
writing for awhile. Oh, I feel

Sept.

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San Francisco Sept. 1st 1874.

Dear Anna,

Having been very sick with the Rheumatism I was unable to write. Your kind letters were received, but the envelope torn & the picture of your house was lost. I think the envelope was too small for all it contained.
Why have you not written since? We are so anxious to hear from you all dear Anna.
I hope Whaley is back & that all is right & that you are all in good health.
We are not getting along at all. Your proposition is very kind but you know the obstacle. We are always

hope to see you & Frank
& then, we will decide what
to do with the old Grandmère.
Amelia is not very well &
very anxious about having almost nothing to do.
Give our love to the children
tell them I think them for
their kind intercourse & hope
we shall all meet one day to
part no more.
I can't write. Much love
from your Mother

E. V. Lannay.

101. Prospect Place.
Corner Sacramento.

Your letter of the 31st August received Saturday evening has been a great relief to my mind relieving me from the painful suspense which has oppressed me for several days past. Since I heard of your illness — day and night I have had your image before me, and I feel so much improved in health as to be able to be up and around — and venture out only a little daily at least for the present — I have suffered a great deal in consequence of the uncertainty of your sickness, knowing that you must labor under inconveniences for want of many necessary comforts. Dear Mrs. Perkins, I wish dear Mrs. Perkins at this time and I think I do, I have power to convey to you the fervency of my presence, my earnest wishes and most fervent prayers were for your restoration, and my spirit in its nocturnal wanderings to the Sleigh seemed to have taken flight, was here in my spirit in its wanderings nocturnal wanderings would wend its way to your bedside, to watch over you, to administer some cordial to the body. I was fearful most mornings because we heard no more of your accident. Dear dear Mrs. P. I do so wish I was with you. Dear Mrs. Perkins, I have our heads most near and dear. Never till now have I been made to realize the dreariness of our separation by the time and distance which separations involve in case of sickness or distress from administering to and alleviating one another in case of sickness and alleviating by our consolation its attendant ills. I have been under no apprehension concerning your but without a recovery since I saw you. I have felt very anxious knowing that you would soon be inquiring to procure all the comforts you may desire. I could not help feeling anxious about you and a great desire to hear from you again. Dear Mrs. P. you have progressed so rapidly in your letter — I thought it would be giving me a great deal more of something in my hands for some time ahead to open, but

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Received Sept 7 '94

Answered Sept 8th '94

West Amesbury Sept 5th

Friend Whaley

Yours of Sept 3d is at hand. On the same day that I sent you the N/C I wrote to A.J. Chase to pay into Mrs Whaley's own hand $100 immediately and to pay to her another hundred at such time as she should request him so to do.

I am very busy just now getting a sawmill into our woodland — Mrs M. wishes to leave here about the first of October but I do not expect we shall be able to get off till the last — wish you could go with us, it would

be so much pleasanter — do try to arrange it somehow so that you can —.

About the Collectorship I do think Mr Cornish will have to vacate, but dont know. I do very ardently desire that you may obtain the position and there is nothing that I can honorably do to assist you, that I will not do, but you will remember the fight between Mr Cornish & Hitchcock in which I favored the latter. I wrote to Senator A.C. Sargent and others with whom I thought I might have any influence in his favor. Hitchcock is still a Candidate and I recommitted myself

with favor upon the news
Received here that Mr Comins
~~has~~ had been arrested.
Hitchcock has the influence of
Senator Boutwell, Judge
Richardson, B. F. Butler and
some others, unknown to me.
Of course I would rather
ten times over see you
there than Hitchcock
and if I could see
Senator Sargent I could
speak to him in your
favor without compromising
H. However these
Senators are such politicians
that I fear no one except
a partizan can get such
an appointment. It appears
that no appointments are
now made of any one unless
he is a strong partizan or
can wield a strong partizan
influence. I believe

Senator Conkerly resigned his position as U.S. Senator last year.

There is no harm in trying but from what little I have seen of political appointments I fear your chances are not first rate. There will be too many politicians offered to you. Geo. Stone & C.P. Taggart himself, Wm Asher the present Deputy S.W. Craigue & others are after it. Choate & Arnold (one or both) are after it also.

I do sincerely wish you could get it nothing would please me more.

I have two letters from Howard unanswered - haven't had time -.

Do you get San Diego papers?

J.J. Higgins wants to get a Texas Pacific map can you get one for him.

Yours in haste

Moore

Sept 7 1874

To his Excellency,
U. S. Grant,
President of the United States.
Washington,
D. C.

The undersigned citizens of the City of San Diego, State of California, urgently recommend to your favorable consideration, for the position of Collector of Customs at this Port, Mr Thomas Whaley, an old Pioneer of this State, residing for many years with his family at this place, where he owns large interests.

Mr Whaley is a gentleman of the strictest integrity, and has, heretofore, faithfully discharged various offices of trust as employee of the Government of the United States. His general business knowledge, and, experience as a merchant eminently qualify him to discharge the duties of the office of

Collector of Customs. We trust
that he may receive the appointment which we solicit for him.
We subscribe ourselves,
Yours Very Respectfully,

San Diego, Cal.
September 20th 1874.

This of course will want to be copied on suitable paper — legal cap — which you or Frank can do.

New York, Sept 7th 1874.

My Dear Wife.

I send enclosed the draft of a Petition to the President for the Collectorship of San Diego - also my letter of instructions concerning the same - You will I know do all you can for me, but I need not urge on you the importance of anything -

I received a letter from my Mother today - She writes - "On the same day I sent you the P.C." (about 26th or 27th August.) "I wrote to A. J. Chase to pay into Mrs Thacher's own hands $100 - immediately, and to pay to her another hundred at such time as she should request him to do." —

This entirely is different and to the point I think

there will be no doubt about your getting this money — which you so much need promptly and the children — as I wrote previously it is for you and them to do with as you think proper — only if you can make the arrangement I spoke about with Judge Whipple I should like you to do so. I enclose him with an order on the Secretary of the R.R. Company which you will get and pay over to Messrs A. S. Mannasse & Co. on account of what we owe them, they having as good as asked me to do so — though I would much prefer having paid it to little Schilling — You might suggest to them that you would like to do so — though the W had written to pay it over to them. You need not let them Pen or any body else know that I have any interest in the lot shares in Monroe hands or say that you have received or about to receive any money. There is nothing else in regard to my outlaw and I cannot say that I look for anything important before the 15th of the month when Van Schaick is expected to return, and perhaps not before the 1st of October when the Courts will again open —

Judge White's family returned the 4th inst and I am staying at a hotel for a few days till such time as I can find suitable rooms where my young and I will be together again.

I got the receipt signed by Frank of the right and letter containing $10.00. I have been expecting your answer in regard to it, which when I receive I will write a longer and more decisive letter.

Your loving
Dear old Pappoto.

F. H. McKelvey

Morse writes that his wife is anxious to leave about the first of Oct but he does not expect to get off till the last of Oct. He hopes that I will be able to go with him. There is no probability of my being able to do so even though he should remain till the end of Oct — I shall be content to get home anytime before the end of the year —

New York. September 8th 1874

J. S. Mannasse Esq
San Diego, Cal.
Dear Friend—

Yours of the 18th August was received the 11th— I have delayed answering in consequence of having written to Mr Morse to ascertain if I could appropriate the dividend in the manner you intimate. 24 of the 38 shares were pledged to the Bank of San Diego as collateral for the payment of a note due them, which as Morse kindly paid for me before leaving San Diego—would of course belong to him— I wrote him fully wishing to pay this amount to you as you had suggested my doing so— Morse was away from home at the time I wrote and not till I had written twice to him did I get any reply to my letters. Yesterday I heard from him for

a few of the most respectable and influential men of San Diego, as a basis to work upon— I have written to R. E. Doyle to obtain for me the recommendation of Eugene Casserly and I hope also to obtain that of Senator Sargent. If you can do anything to procure for me letters of recommendation of influential men or promote my interest in any way in aiding Mr Cox in circulating the petition, I beg you would do so and I shall esteem it as a favor.

Regarding my suit, a slight move was made the first of August but it was a favorable one— and though the decision is still delayed, I have almost positive assurance that it will be in my favor— and that it will be rendered about the 15th October— Mr Cox will please consider a portion of this as written to himself. With regards, I am truly

[illegible]

says nothing about the matter of the dividend of $50. So I take it for granted he has no objection to my paying it to you. I have therefore sent an order to my wife to draw the money and to pay it over to you. It is a very small amount. I regret I cannot pay you more — as you have been so kind to provide for my family during my long absence. Mr Carr always promised to pay me fifty dollars out of his salary from the R. R. Company for work which he considered done for him, in case the Company allowed me only $50 upon one of my bills — but in case the Company allowed me $100 then he was not to pay me anything. You write that you think nothing can be done with my claim against the Co. he I return — I was about therefore to propose that in case Mr Carr paid you fifty dollars on any account now, making in all $100. that in the event of the Company allowing my bill for $100, I would refund to him the $50. Of course this arrangement is an private between Carr and ourselves.

I enclose to Mr Wheaton yesterday a petition to the President recommending me for appointment as Collector of Customs of S.D. with the request to hand the same to Mr Carr and to ask him to circulate the same for signatures. I think my chances for the position in case of vacancy, as good as those who will be apt to apply for it founded entirely upon political influence. I have friends here to whom I spoke about it who think they might get the appointment for me by requesting it as a personal favor of the President and had I been writing would have done so — but I prefer rather to have a petition signed by all that

New York, September 9th 1874

My Dear Wife,—

—Darling Mannie—

Your heart rending letter, giving a detailed account of your present suffering was received last evening. I cannot express to you in words the sorrow I feel for you. You know my heart towards you, and if in my power, I would now be on my way home to afford you, by my earliest presence, such consolation and care as in my power I might be able to administer to you. It occasionally seem as though the fates were against us, and that all circumstances combine to make us more and more miserable. This cursed suit, prosecuted to obtain what is legally mine, which if decided would gives us that which would not only place us beyond want but make us in every respect comfortable, is being protracted far beyond any possible time I had

any conception of it at its commencement, and could I have known beforehand, I certainly would never have undertaken it. Seemingly I must sacrifice everything to it - not only my own comfort and happiness - but also that of all those I hold most dear, wife and children - I have sometimes thought I would renounce the whole proceeding. For what is the acquisition of a few dollars compared to the sacrifice of our lives deprived as we have been so long of each other's society and consolation amidst so much suffering and distress which has attended us and our family of little ones! Better would it have been for me to have remained in San Diego, or returned there after a short sojourn here, a thousand times than to have experienced what we all have been compelled to do in prosecuting so hopelessly, at least to the prudent mind, my case. It was however commenced for the best, as the readiest way of retrieving our fortune. We could not foresee that it would require so long a time to accomplish it. But having waited so long, it would be folly indeed to give it up now, when the probability is that it will be shortly decided and that too in my favor - I think somewhere between the 15th of this month and the 1st of next we may reasonably hope for a decision, and you may be assured that as soon as I can get a portion of the money coming to me I shall return home to you my darling to give you all the comfort and consolation, which at the present time, you stand so much in need of. I can - I feel terribly depressed at your situation, and nothing in the world prevents my going to you at once, but lack of means to do so. On the day that I might be with you, remain till you were better, or out of danger and then return

again to attend to my duty. I know full well you would like to have me with you and that you would feel better and probably recover sooner—

Your present condition is something you have been expecting might take place soon. I was in hopes, however that it might be deferred till my return home and we were in more comfortable circumstances. but as it has made its appearance sooner than was expected we must make the best of it and do all we can to make your condition as comfortable as possible. You need have no fear or foreboding of ill. It is an ordeal through which all women of such a mature old age must pass. Something which your mother and mother and thousands of women have passed through. You have shown yourself in times past possessed of a strong healthy constitution and have gone through considerable — and I have no doubt but that you will show yourself —

to be as much of a woman as ever. The main thing is for you to keep your mind and body perfectly quiet — not to allow yourself to become excited in any way and to abstain entirely from any and all kind of work. To do nothing but what is most agreeable and pleasant to you. To abstain from certain kinds of food and to have an abundance of such other kinds as the Doctor shall prescribe. And if you live strictly in accordance with all this I hardly believe that you will require the attention of a doctor. It will not be long before you are able to get around again once more feeling better and looking better than ever. It is a perfectly natural transition you are passing through and the less you have to do with doctors and medicines the better it will be for you. and the Good

you will be around on your pins once more. What you must want is care and attention. Some one with you all the time to wait upon you, and not to allow you to exert yourself in the least. It will not do for you to be left entirely alone — and if you cannot get some one who will stay with you, you must keep Maurice home from School. I wish I was at home. I would take good care of you as I have done before — but seemingly this is not to be. I felt very bad last night, as I sat in my room smoking the cigarettes which you made and enclosed to me, thinking over matters, and even when I commenced this letter this morning; but I have been reflecting over the matter further and find much relief in my mind. It is the knowledge that you will have ample money to make yourself comfortable. The $200 dividend from Mose at this time coming as it does, is a complete God send to us. It will enable you to procure doctors, medicines, nurses, whatever you want to eat, delicacies, in fine every thing you require for your comfort and happiness. I shall rejoice that you will not be in want of a single thing that money will procure.

I wrote you the 7th instant informing you that about the 27th August Mr Mose with his cousin A. J. Chase "to pay into Mrs Whaley's own hands $100 immediately and to pay the remaining hundred at such time as the ladies request him so to do." Doubtless by this time you have received a portion of this money. I also on the 7th inst sent you an order to draw from the Gila Company the dividend due on 28 Shares of Stock. I told you that you might do with the $200 what you

thought best, so long as you and the children got the benefit of it — ~~they~~ but I suggested that in case you were so disposed and could make any favorable arrangement with Witherby to take up the note I owe him for $60 — the $50 I owed to be paid to A. S. Mannasseh or to little Schiller provided A. S. M. Co. consented —

Now in consequence of your illness, which may be protracted for an indefinite time, inscribed for us to say how long — and death you should be in want of any comfort —

I desire that you retain the whole of the $200 for your own particular use. do not think of paying Witherby one cent at death nor for the present — and in case you have told him from intention, tell him now on account of your sickness you were and be able to do so — Some few things you may be compelled to buy for yourself and the

clothing, in the way of clothing a man, but until you are perfectly restored to health, be very careful of your money, husbanding it carefully and economically for yourself for your recovery and as long as it lasts do not deny yourself the cash comfort that will in any way conduce to your happiness in any respect — and in case of your having to expend it all in this way, and you are still ill requiring more I do not — I shall in some way be able to provide you with more — But I hope you will not remain ill so long but recover to have the good of some of the money when you are well.

Now in regard to the $50. which I have instructed you to pay Co. on the Unduth Engine shanty I would rather not pay this to them. Fortunately I have not written to them that I would pay it — They expect me to do so — and therefore I wrote in my letter of the

7th for you to draw the money and pay it to them. And I had written to send them yesterday a letter apprizing them of it, but it so happened I was not able to send it. This letter dated the 8th sept. and enclosed. You must not use it now I think. I have written another to day dated the 9th, which if you wish to retain the money, as I think under the circumstances you have better do and which probably they will consent to your doing. Present the letter to them and I have no doubt from what I have written they will consent to your retaining. I wish many for you to have the choice of this $250 to dispose of as is necessary while you are sick. Or without presenting the letter of the 9th you might draw the money and simply say that duty you to pay it to them but in consequence of sickness you were not able to do so. Arrange it any way you think it may perhaps instead of paying money to Wm Bey & S. S. McC. retain it in case you do not require it all to pay the taxes on our property last year, can in consequence of not being paid when due it costs us $50 or $60 more than it would have cost.

You write for my advice in regard to a doctor. I think Stockton has acted most inhumanly towards you in not coming when sent for and in putting to come again for eight days and then only when sent for again. His wife must indeed be a funny kind of a woman for a doctor to have and I should suppose he would have more sense than to listen to her or heed her. I rather think that it is as you say the Jonas no money in it. I think under the circumstances as you and your poor dear with means and can have all the care attention and

on his part to perform them - and in this way you will insure to yourself proper attention - Aurelia also pay for all drugs and medicines you may require and for any and all things you may need for yourself -

I am writing you a long letter and I fear to weary you in reading it. Should you not feel very well at the time you receive it -

Return Hamilton & Marlborough left with my remarks in regard -

I am glad to hear from Frank & Anna - and that they and the children are well - I hope they are good to Mama - particularly my boy George - I hope he is improving in everything - tell him I wrote to him - I wish to hear from George as well as from the others - All are the same to me - Assist mama all you can my dear children, do not

to him with for any thing in your power to perform for her — I hope to be able to return home soon and if I am successful as I hope to you shall all receive what I have promised to you —

I had occasion to go into the Daily Graphic Company to day to see about having some work made for Mr Young — I know a lady who had Chamber of Commerce to one of the Proprietors — he said for a small job it was exceedingly well done as well as it could possibly be done him — A small plan yet he said to be well done was more difficult than an elaborate one when the effect could not so easily be detected. Mr Young thought it was very pretty and not — He was writing home to his wife to day and I communicated your message by coming a boy writing up to him which he said he would write to her — I have darling now given you all the encouragement and consolation I can. It was my intention to have written more fully. But owing to the discussion of so many business arrangements I have been prevented from doing so. I will write again soon — I forgot to speak about one other thing — you need not bother yourself about my petition for the position of Collector of Customs. You might request Mr Cam — good him the petition to procure signatures if he will or to place in the hands of some one who will — but don't you trouble yourself — Keep perfectly quiet do not bother to write to me more than a few lines — but let me hear at least once a fortnight per week. and if you are not a better one of the children write the less

16.

words you want to say — Dare
write them as I will give you
pleasure to hear from me while
you are sick — Do not be
uneasy the least apprehension but
that you will get well and that
we will meet again — I have
no misgivings in regard to you —
Knowing you have a good constit-
ution and the will and determ-
ination to make and go through
the fight — Now darling, I think
and praying for you speedy recovery
and that we shall soon meet again
with much love and many
kisses from your fond and de-
voted old husband —

Your affectionate husband
W R Rutherford

September 11th 1874.

My dear Husband.

Am in receipt of your long letter of Aug 28th for which I am very thankful for receiving letters from you as I tell you betide is about all the amusement we have in this dull hole. I am pleased to think you like my letter of the 28th inst. I would, and intended to always write you nice letters but you seek continually throwing out something against me in some of your letters, which if any one else but myself read them would certainly think that I was an awful woman, and no good

in me. You might go farther
and fare worse I think. Am
glad you have found me "relia-
ble on in many ways" and
will take me for your "guiding
star in the future" Corinne
ought surely to have written
to you once at least after you
writing so often to her, she is a
bit of a flirt I think, and
you must take all that
passed between you as a
passing flirtation, but I
have no doubt that she
appreciates all you did for
at the time. At least cer-
tainly wait till she answers
some of your letters. I will
sometime when my head is
more steady write to her,
always give her my love.
Remember me always to
Mr Young. Tom too.

Your Case is an ever-

lasting Chancery suit, but[3]
from what you write, your
chances are very good, and
they cannot decide in any
other way than favorable to you.
You have a great deal of pa-
tience to be sure, but it will
not do for you now, after go-
ing so far to let it all go-
strip to it, the same as you
have stuck to me, "for better
or for worse". All will be well
soon. I write you that I has
been very sick, and that Dr.
Stokes says it is the chan-
ge of life. Am better now
but next week expect to be
very sick flowing as it will
be my time. I am to take
something about that time
as to make me flow very
freely so as to relieve my
system of all the blood that
is still there, and is making

me feel so badly, so I don't
no peace or rest for me it
seems, but the Dr says if I
get over it safely, my health
will be better than it has
ever been, and no more trou
ble with my bowels. I should
hope not. After this month
I become out right, I may
go three or four months feel-
ing pretty well, then come an-
other time, but I think by
the time you come home I
will be feelin pretty well as I
am not sick all the time.
I think this movie was very
kind to let you have the
$200 dividend and to send
it to me, for Chase sent
me word I could have the
money if I would come
down and get it, but as
I cannot leave in the stage
yet, I wrote him a note

telling him to give the money to Frank, so he handed Frank $100 and told him that would do for the present. I did not like it, and wrote him another note requesting him to give me his reason for not sending the other $100, (as he had not given Frank any reason at all) and requesting him to send me the rest of the money now, as I had to dispose of the most of it right away, so he showed Frank Mr Morse's letter telling Chase to give me $100 down and the other $100 whenever I wanted it. I chose to wait it all together, as a bird in hand is worth two in the bush, and besides I wanted to pay all my little bills amounting to $9 5,00 or $10,00 and send

you what will amount to 6
$50.00 in Greenbacks in
New York to have the Fur
and Astrakhan Cloak fixed
and if you can get the
children Violet & Lillie, and
Anna each a waterproof
Cape long ones, with hoods
Annie's and Violet's lined
with red flannel, and
Lillie's lined with dark
blue flannel, the hoods
attached to the Capes to
put over their heads in
winter, I do not think you
will have much more to
spend in the way of under-
clothes, if you have get Violet
& Lillie 3 chemises made
up, three pr drawers, made
up, and me two or three
night gowns, but I shall not
expect the under clothing at
you can appropriate the
balance (after buying this

waterproofs) for yourself. These
waterproofs will arrive here
just in the rainy season and
will be very useful to them.
I think you ought to be able
to buy them for $5.00 apiece
as it is only a Cape and
Hood. I do not think I can
pay Britherby this time, as I
have reckoned up closely.
I must now let Frank have
his own money for at least
two months to buy him clothes
as he is sadly in want of
underclothing boots, Hat, Socks
undershirts, white shirts, and
a good Suit, so I propose
putting by (after paying the
little debts) enough of the
money to pay me two or
three months, and pay for
some wood I owe, and
lay in a load or two of
good wood, I can arrange

with Weldkarby any time when you can send me more I can then pay him the $50.00 without interest, I am not afraid of that, He told me some time ago he could wait, he was not in need of it. I must get me some undershirts, muslin for chemises, one or two nights dress, enough for two pair drawers, some stockings. I have got a little Calico & muslin from Schiller from time to time, but only five yards of muslin, and one Calico dress at a time, for fear of his shutting down on me, but you know there are six of us and five yards of muslin or Calico is very little indeed to work upon. I have not a dress to go down my time to New Lorn in, therefore, Calete, I have stand

at home more than I ought I to have done, so the Dr says, he does not wish me to be on my feet much, riding in an easy conveyance, but my conveyance you know is the stage. Mrs Seely took Mrs Estudillo and myself out riding, day before yesterday, but she does not like to have her carriage out more than an hour and a half she says, as it cracks the varnish on top, the sun shining on it. I should want a carriage to use, so that I should not be worried about it as she is about hers. They all say in this town that Mrs Seely has been more kind to me than any one in town, if that is so she must be very close indeed, Seely is very generous to people and kindly, but for doing as she does, I like her nevertheless

she made me a present of a black velvet hat last winter — it was too small for me, so I gave it to Nannie, I offered her yesterday that little grey cloth coat lined with red and trimmed with velvet buttons that came in the trunk for $13.00, but she seemed to think it was too much, so I said $4.00, that did not suit, so I concluded to keep it, perhaps I may get a chance to sell it. Mrs Seelen wants to buy the set of white furs, but she trades so close that I am afraid she will not offer me much, it is true they did not cost me anything, and are entirely too small for our children, and the sack is very dirty — and the fur is worn off of the two sleeve undes, I will see what she will offer. What a pity every thing is too small for our children — but what is the use keeping things, I will take what I can get, without giving them away. You over value the little silk dresses there is not one of them worth more than $10.00, they make a great show, but the silk is not heavy, I tried to sell some of them but there are the offers I got $2.50 and $3.00 no more and no one seemed to care for them unless I gave them to them. But I paid some debt with 3 of them, I owed Conney for wood two loads $12.00, ~~[illegible]~~ during some months, told him at the time of buying that I would receive some money from you, and Mrs Conney for a little sewing when I was sick $3.00. Conney did not want to take the three small

dresses, there was too small for any body, but the two littles blue ones fit. Hattie comes nicely, but Mrs Estudillo got mad coming to take them for the money I owed them, and a lot of flour besides and milk for two months, everyone thinks I got too much for them I do not, but still it was better than I sell them for two and a half apiece was it not as I should now have to pay them 4, 15, 00 in cash. The two largest ones I have kept thinking I might fix them up for Nellie and Lillie but cannot without spoiling them, our children are growing so fast. Mrs Mancisse called to see me the other day and I showed her the two remaining little dresses she wanted the blue one very much, but she said Mr. Mancisse was so crampeed for money, people owing in the store and no money coming in all going out, but that day she said she would give any

thing if she had it of her grandma
could see Delilah in that dress
but she had enough of her spirit
to do it. I asked her why you
did, she said she had to take it
off her hands that been tired of
it and I guess he
thought it was her. Then Rosie
would not do it. Then
after the dress. The Bakers
laughed. Went me
my to the Arbuckles and
Kelly. And Sally showed the
cannon to the men. Then
Dan Schultz sang his fat Dig-
ger Odell Jones Manassie Cohen
again and Sally gave her
the purple voice (the one
I hate) as she is going
to be married soon and
she is not loving by its
name is Hell (the disagreeable
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] when

1 [illegible] I shall always [illegible] though you will expire [illegible] more after [illegible] but selfish as [illegible] Kindly and gently [illegible] love one another [illegible] together happily [illegible] bring our children [illegible] help you [illegible] do much. I am not able [illegible] hope [illegible] Dear [illegible] Plantonia [illegible] fruit [illegible] fruit [illegible] us, we have enough one

2 [illegible] Don't you think [illegible] Lucy [illegible] Lucy [illegible] Frank will [illegible] Lizzie [illegible] Send [illegible] Get [illegible] wish [illegible] us. With love, [illegible]

all right in the [illegible]
but are so rich [illegible]
for something good to eat
we can [illegible]
the kind of [illegible]
and [illegible]
chickens and rabbits we
eat one time for dinner
plenty to [illegible]
we have fruit in plenty from
[illegible] we eat all
[illegible] good food [illegible]
[illegible] I wish he
and you could come here
[illegible] the
[illegible] are
[illegible] news [illegible]
[illegible] as [illegible]
children [illegible] but also
think of [illegible]
but have [illegible]
like men [illegible]
you [illegible] and this [illegible]
[illegible] do [illegible]
[illegible] boy [illegible]
home [illegible]
[illegible]

tion to health, that I have copied them
and shall send them to our daughters
Anna to read to the children — they
are most beautiful and touching, and
I think will impress themselves on the
children who must hail with delight
your recovery — I made up my mind
them and then to enclose them to her, and
folded them carefully and put them in my
pocket, but after reading Mary's and
reading your last letter that you were really
better, though not fully restored, I deter-
mined to do so. I told Mary how improved
you were. She shared with me my joy and
expressed the hope that you might soon get
well. I then read her the lines I had in my
pocket. "Shut the door softly" she thought
them most appropriate, and so beautiful
that at her request I made a copy of them for
her to retain. These good people have
been very kind to me indeed. She always
makes me most welcome and comfortable.
Generally when I go there for letters I take

New York September 13th 1874.

Mannie Darling. —

Your welcome letter of the 31st
August, received Saturday evening, has
been a great relief to my mind alleviating the
painful suspense which has oppressed me for sev-
eral days past, since I was first informed of
your illness. I am indeed rejoiced to hear of
that you are so much improved in health as
to be permitted to be up and around once more
out of all danger, at least for the present. I
have suffered intense agony in consequence of
the information of your sickness, realizing
that ~~[illegible]~~ from your impecunious sit-
uation you must have been in want of
many necessary comforts. I was thinking
of you my darling all the time, and though
unable to conduce to your happiness by my
presence, my sincerest wishes and most
fervent supplications were for you continu-
ally, and my spirit in its nocturnal wan-
dering

things would wend its way to watch over you. I was feeling most miserable and unhappy on your account. How dreadful to be so far away from home, from those who love most near and dear! Never, till now have I been made to realize the dreariness of our forlorn condition procured by the time and distance which separates us, preventing as it does in times of sickness and distress the mutual exchange of consolation and the administration of comfort to alleviate their attending ills. I have not been under the least apprehension respecting your ultimate recovery, since you were able to write to me informing me of your indisposition - but I feared that you might be suffering for the want of means to procure comforts which money alone can procure. The knowledge however that you would soon be in funds to get whatever you needed has consoled me - Still I could not help feeling very anxious about you, and experiencing a great desire to hear from you again soon, how you were progressing.

Saturday a telegram was brought to the office addressed to me. My heart was in my throat. I thought it might be from home - respecting you - that perhaps you were a great deal worse - or something more dreadful. I held the telegram in my hands for some moments ready to open it, but did not do so, wishing first to pacify my feelings, prepared to hear the worst. Thus determined, I tore open the envelope, and to my great relief, found that it was a message from Mr Young agent at Mombasa. No news is better than bad news - and so I thought at this time. In the afternoon I went over to Brooklyn, thinking possibly you might have written to me again soon. On the way a boy thrust into my hand a prospectus advertising some quack medicine, and the only thing contained in it, not connected with the advertisement, was a piece of poetry "Shut the door softly". I read the lines as I walked slowly along wending my way to Classon avenue so impressed was I with their appropriateness, believing as I do in your restora-

tea with them and pass an agreeable evening. It was past 11 O'Clock when I got home to the Eri House last night. Feeling, however, so much better from having the encouraging news which I had heard from you. I slept more soundly and quietly than I had done for several nights before. Good news is a soothing balm to a disturbed heart. This morning I arose refreshed rather earlier than usual for a Sunday morning - made my toilette which is more elaborate on this day than any other of the week, got breakfast and was at Mr Young's room on 8th St near Broadway before 11 O'clock. He was not in, not yet having returned from Mass. I sat down to finish copying the prospectus of his Springhill property which he intends together with the map to have published with work. Shortly Mr Young came in and we sat there nursing what I had written his 2½ and then took the cars to Harlem Bridge. On this side we ordered a carriage and were driven to

[illegible] occupied till near 6 and it was past 7 when I returned to the City. I feel somewhat tired but thought I must finish my letter to you so I hurried you will excuse this from me again begging a page from any pleasure you may have. I calculate that about the 8th you must have received some money from Mr Chase and that with it you have been able to furnish yourself perfectly comfortable in every respect, at least as far as money could do so. You don't know what a relief it is to me to know that you are able to do this. But for this money, coming so opportunely as it has, I should feel greatly distressed on your account. But God bless you, dear Lizzy, you will entirely recover - again you shall and the time is not far distant I trust when we shall meet again and I hope never severally more again to be separated for any great length of time either in life or death. So once more Bless Lizzy. Just over two weeks again from this Wednesday

Your [illegible]

Springhurst, where we remained till
nearly 6 and then returned to the City.
After dining he accompanied me down
Broadway to the Astor House. Here I
have been since & writing to you, dear
Nan, but as it is now about time for me
to seek my own more humble quarters at the
Erie House; (where I am then sojourning till
Mr Young can find suitable rooms for us both)
I must good little wife bid you farewell
for the present commending you to the
care of the Almighty for protection, praying
that He will restore you to health and to
the bosom of your loving and
devoted husband,
Thos Wharton

Monday Evening Sept 14 1874.
Again I find myself seated within
the almost sacred chambers of the Astor
House, and engaged in writing to you.
In my intention to have dated
the letter to you to day but I had no
opportunity to copy the lines. Shut the door
softly which I wish to enclose with a
few words to Anna.

I have been on a tramp today as
just returned from one of the grand opening
sales of Real estate of the season, held by the
Prince of Auctioneers Mr Johnson Co. at the
rural town of Bartow three miles this
side of New Rochelle. It was like all the sales
an a perfect watering, continuing pleasure
with business. I have not the time to give you
a full description. Suffice it to say that it was
pretty much (though not as grand) about the
same as the one I gave you a description
of when Mr Young sold his Springhurst
property last Fall with the exception of the
balloon ascension and circus performance.
We went there by the Morrisania boat from
near the Fulton Ferry and from Morrisania
to the ground by the Harlem River Branch
of the N.Y. and New Haven R.R. We left
at 10.40 and arrived at Bartow in a
little more than an hour since. The

New York. September 14th/74

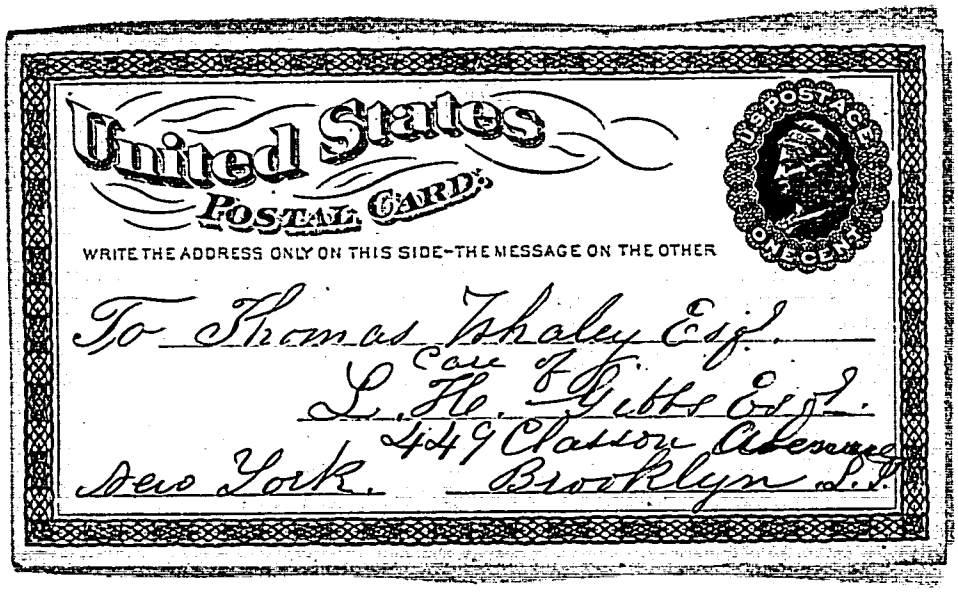
My Papas Dear Children,

Ou and All —

You have all been very kind in writing to me at various times. I have not the leisure to write to you individually, therefore let these few lines suffice from Frank down to Lilly — I have been writing to your dear mamma. I hope you are all going to have as what you can to make her comfortable. Mencie sends very beautiful lines for Mamma to read to you. They are headed "Shut the door softly" and as mamma is recovering from her sickness I think their appropriateness most fitting. Mamma will read them to the children so that mamma may hear them too. Why does not my little Violet write to me Stevens and George

too why does he not write home
oftener – I used to delight in reading
his quaint descriptions of his wanderings and the many things he found.
If mama is well or does not require
all the money she will receive to make
her so, no doubt she will buy you
all very many useful things. I
believe you would all rather do without
anything than have mama to
spend the money for you unless
she is perfectly restored to health
or required the money to do it. I
am glad you enjoy your trip so
much – Be good children –
Mind mama – Papa hopes to
return home soon – Write to
me often – Let me know about
everything and everybody that will
interest you. I shall be pleased to
hear about – My dear children receive
this from your darling papa –

H. R. Wheeler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To Thomas Whaley Esq.
care of
L. H. Gibbs Esq.
449 Classon Avenue
New York. Brooklyn L.I.

September 14th 1874

Sent Registered letter
to-day - Look out
for it.

Anna E. Whaley.

September 14th 1874.

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Answered Oct 1st 74

Wolcott & Fish Esqs

Palmira Sept 22nd 74

Friend Tom

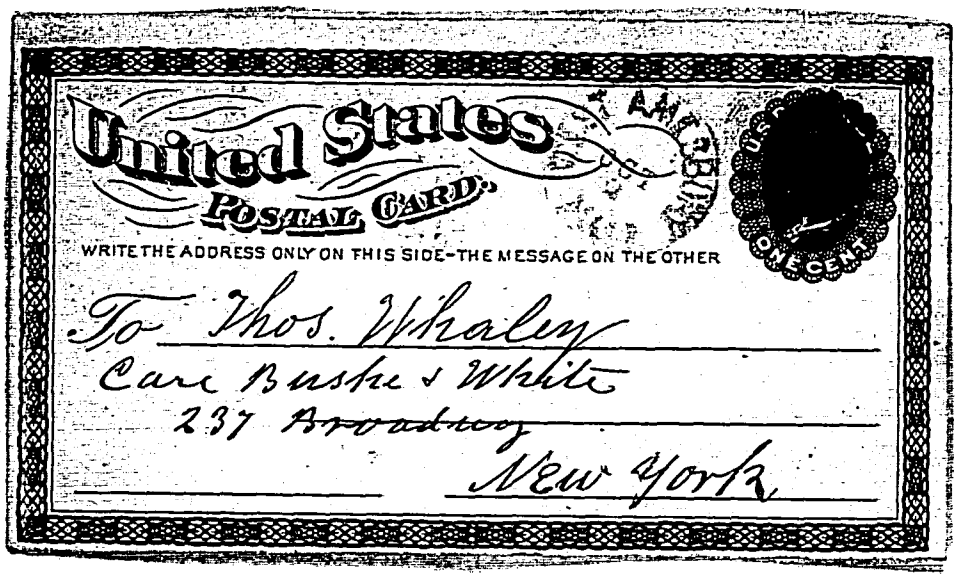
Business before pleasure Can you dispose of Salt Salmon or Pickled in your Burg, and at what price & &c if anything can be done in my line call on Nash and see what he says, I wrote you sometime ago but on second thought I had entertained the idea that you had either fell in the Erie Tariff or you had returned to Canterbury Also what the chances are for Canning Turtle and if there are in abundance in your bay - I have heard lately that there is a man just

ting them up at Christmas
Provided there is a chance
for canning the game
I will come down

I am as usual fat
and happy all owing to
my strict morality and
virtuous actions in my youth
ful days. Give my very
best regards to Mrs H & family
Love to all the Glasgow girls
and believe me as of old

Your friend
A. W. Sutton

P.S. Don't forget to inquire
as to Turtle & Smoked Salmon



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To Thos. Whaley
Care Bushe & White
237 Broadway
New York

West Chester Oct 2/74

W. W. Bowers has been appointed to the Collectorship vice W. J. McCormick resigned.

I presume the politicians all centered on Bowers as a compromise.

The Union has an article upon his complete vindication, while the World ridicules the Union's article and the "vindication".

Can you be ready to go with us in about one month?

Yours truly

E. W. M.

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West Roxbury Mass Sept 23d 1874

Friend Wheaty

I propose now to answer in full the portion of your letters unanswered — but first I will say that two days ago I wrote to A. J. Chase to see that suit for foreclosure was commenced two or three days before the note outlawed Oct 28th, but not earlier than the 21st & to do nothing more than just enough to save the statute.

I have sent quite a number of San Diego papers to you at 449 Classon Avenue, thought perhaps you would get them more surely.

Is the sale of Real Estate any more rapid now than in the summer? How have you made it in selling Mr Youngs property?

Have you seen that other Honey Ranch yet. It seems to me there is money in this business — there are tons upon tons of it now in San Diego seeking an outlet, and Chase writes me that it is often offered for cash as low as 5c per lb. for good strained honey. The freight from San Diego to New York via Panama is only 2c per lb, and if honey can be brought safely through the hot climate of Panama what is to prevent realizing a handsome figure from an invoice of it. Peddlers carts are carrying around here and selling it in one and two lb tins at 50c per lb and miserable stuff it is, too, as different from our San Diego honey as the wild grapes here are from our delicious San Diego grapes. Harbison the great bee raiser of San Diego County has in town 3000 tins of 60 lbs each which he intends it is said to ship to Chicago. He ships the most of his in the comb, but every bee raiser has a great deal of strained honey. This latter is just as good of course but it can be so closely imitated that the price is kept down — the comb honey

of course can not be imitated and therefore brings a higher price. The wild sage flowers make the finest honey in the world far ahead of orange blossom but I suppose it will sell better and perhaps eat better if they think it is made from orange flowers and you know now we have several extensive orange orchards - two anyhow Higgins' & Stones.
Chicago is undoubtedly the best market, by rail but the cost is too high for the strained honey.
What is strained honey worth in N.Y.
There is an advertisement in the S.D. Union of a Chicago firm wanting to buy Honey. I dont know what it means it is so indefinite. Chase writes me that Harbison will clear this year on his honey over $20,000. Kitchie (Magees brother in law) I think you know him has sold in town this year several tons of honey of his own raising and yet two years ago he had only 12 hives of bees. One hive increases from 3 to 10 every year by swarming and makes from 50 to 150 lbs of honey to each hive new swarms and old. The most worthless portion of the County is most valuable for bee raising. San Diego expects to raise next year $500,000. worth and it is so superior to any other honey that it will always rule the market.
I hope you will see Quimby 342 Greenwich st. and see if something cant be done to help our San Diego people get rid of their honey - especially strained honey. Honey is imported from Cuba in barrels I think, and I dont see why the hot weather should affect strained honey. What is Cuba honey worth in the market, what is the cheapest honey in the market. I dont believe it would do to make a contract on the basis of 5c in San Diego for it seems to me that is too low a price for it to remain long at. But Chase says that is the price now. He says I can have no idea of the quantities flowing into town.

I think it is the heat that would cause the comb to fall to pieces by steamer and if that is the case your plan of filling in solid with strained honey would not answer. Still your suggestion may be a good one. It will do no harm for you to study up the question thoroughly, now that you have the opportunity, for on your return to San Diego you may then be in a situation, from your knowledge to make something out of the business before everyone else has learned the ropes. "Knowledge is power" & money too, and now is your time in the very center of mercantile knowledge to get hold of all you can I think.

Will you be able to get anything from those Insurance people, I hope so, for it looks to me a good deal like swindling.

There are several people in San Diego who claim to know that Nash is a Jew by descent if not in religion, but Rose & the other Jews dont claim him I believe — he is sharp enough to be one, any how.

Immediately on hearing of the $2 ≐ dividend by the S. D. & Gila Co I wrote to inquire about it, but have received no satisfaction. I learned that Carr had paid over to Chase $ on account of a dividend, which is less than half of what is due me personally and upon orders of other persons filed with the secretary I dont understand it and probably shant till I return. I have never had a letter miscarried, written to Chase and I presume he has paid over the money to Mrs W Haly before this. I repeated it however in a subsequent letter.

Scott was President of the Atlantic & Pacific R. R. Co & I believe he was required to resign, and he has done so. Maj Evans saw the T & P people in Phil^a & he says they are very sanguine of Congressional aid this winter.

The San Francisco Bulletin, it is said, sent hundreds of copies of a number of its paper containing the statement or rather what purported to be a statement of Scott that they had given up the idea of building the T & P Road through to the Pacific ocean — abandoned it entirely —

The Texas Newspapers were abundantly supplied with the papers, and many of them come out and denounce it as a trick of the Central Pacific Railroad, that no such statement has ever been made by Scott or any of the Texas Pacific managers, but always directly to the contrary. How persistently San Francisco is fighting against San Diego, and when it fights against the T&P road it fights against its own interests, for a rival road would benefit San Francisco greatly, although it should reduce Stanford & Co's profits. But San Francisco is owned body & soul by Stanford & Co. The T&P people have not been idle this summer and there will be a strong influence brought to bear on Congress, for aid. They ask so little of Congress that they ought to be shamed into granting them so slight a favor. It is like asking you to endorse my note & giving you, (into your own possession) twice the value for which you endorse. They do not ask one gift of one dollar in money or lands, but a simple guarantee of interest, with abundant security. The Texas lands never belonged to the United States, and these lands now are very valuable, for Texas set apart a wide tract running through the whole state some 16 years ago, and settlement along the line has made the eastern portion of this tract very valuable. And these alone are good security for the interest. And then the claim of justice for the south, after giving millions in money or bonds to the northern Railroads Congress can hardly refuse the small boon asked by the south, more especially as the Texas Grangers and it is hoped the western Grangers also have asked it. On the whole I think the chances look rather favorable, but by no means certain. San Diego will be in great suspense all this winter again I fear hoping, hoping, hoping ever as usual.

I hear nothing about the Collectorship from San Diego and sieffore McCormick still remains there, and as the most strenuous efforts of the "Guinn" ring will be made to keep him there, they may succeed; for if he should be removed it would be a virtual condemnation of their course and reflect also strongly on Houghton especially and also on Sargent. If there had not been such a fight made over his appointment and in which Houghton & Sargent took such active part I think he would have been removed before now.

[redacted] you have always entertained a high opinion of McCormick, so have many others who never saw him in liquor or gambling. Many think he lost the U.S. money at gambling and saw no other way to make it up. Some little time ago there was a very severe article in the "Union" hinting at parties who were trying to get signatures for a petition for the Collectorship, — the editor had heard of jackalls & dead men's clothes, but this was an insult to the whole people of San Diego & should be remembered &c &c for they all had the most unbounded confidence in McCormick, his ability & integrity &c &c This was published I think in a July paper of course before they could have heard of you. You know that the President nominated Geo. N. Hitchcock as Collector and yet Houghton & Sargent opposed his nomination compelled him to be rejected & compelled the President to nominate McCormick. So you see, ones influence with the President amounts to nothing - it is Houghton & Sargent and the political influence of San Diego moves them, so that in fact (in this particular case) the political influence of San Diego County is greater than that of the President himself. Sargent has been expected in Newburyport during the summer and I have been on the lookout for him, as I have wanted very much to post him on political matters in San Diego County especially, on the corrupt rings, and

at the same time I should have talked confidentially about you, and you can understand that I could say a great deal confidentially, that would be very unsafe for me to put on record. But unfortunately he did not visit Newburport this summer.

You have my heartiest wishes that you may succeed & I do not desire to throw cold water on your exertions, but as I know some of the difficulties in the way & which you in your ignorance may think are slight, I thought I ought to mention some of them. I fear that you will not be able to get one prominent man in San [redacted] to sign your petition — they have already convinced themselves, and then again the "Union" though such an unscrupulous sheet — is a great power in San Diego, lashes bitterly any one who opposes openly the ring. See how it has killed off Mc Lafferty & Gordon, or at least defeated them at the last election and the Union alone did it, in spite of the wishes of the most respectable portion of the community.

So, don't be disappointed at not being the Collector of San Diego. Mc Coy — "Jim Mc Coy" is more likely to get it than any man who is not a politician even if "Jim" is a democrat, for he belongs to the Union ring and was one of the bondsmen for Mr Cornwall.

As to your account — I haven't sufficient data to make out such a statement as I can understand myself, though perhaps you could. But really I don't see that it is important for we can settle better when we are together, in San Diego which I trust now will not be postponed by long. Of course, I shall charge you no such interest as you paid the Bank, you need pay me only just such interest as you consider right, and any and all payments through your R.R. stock or otherwise shall be entered at the time received to the credit of any particular note or account you show.

I saw a paragraph in some paper this summer that some chemist had discovered that kelp by using certain other compounds or ingredients would make coral ivory and such like articles or rather imitations of such articles. I have since seen in a San Diego paper that some New York party has sent to San Diego for some of the kelp to experiment upon: I have since seen that Julius Frauenberger of New York City has taken out a patent for making artificial coral ivory &c from Casein &c - Now he may be the man. Suppose you hunt him up and talk kelp to him, there may be money in it, who knows, we have got know lots of kelp and the business of gathering and reducing it, even if it is not entirely manufactured in San Diego, would be something to the place. I do not know the mans address any nearer - the Directory may give it, or otherwise a letter might reach him.

I hope you have had time to study up thoroughly the Honey business. There are also several other kinds of business that might pay perhaps and it would be well for you to look into. There may be some profitable business - who knows - but would allow you as one of the partners or as agent to line in New York. Flour is often shipped from California to New York, (and it is now being shipped by the way from San Diego to Los Angeles regularly) and freights now via the Isthmus are quite low.

A wholesale store will soon do well in San Diego — in fact Lowenstein & Co are trying to do a wholesale business now they have a very large stock on hand, two floors, in the Commercial Bank Building. Our mines are attracting a good deal of interest now and they are creating a large amount of business. Have you tried the "Stonewall" again? I have no doubt it is a good mine and Gray will get make a big thing out of it if he can only hold on to it. If you have time it might pay you to look into it, better if you havint time, why not turn it over to some broker who is in the business and will be willing to work hard for the prospect of a big thing. Gray says they may send as many experts as they please and agents, and if everything is not just exactly as he represents it, he will pay all their expenses. These mines are rich and will build San Diego up if nothing else does. Judge Hanna, who has been spending the winters for the last few years in San Diego has a son a partner in a rolling Mill at Chicago, which let the T & P. Construction Co have the iron for their road in Texas, writes to his father to hold on to all his real estate there even if he has to hire money at 2% per month to do it — pretty strong that —.

Beef is shipped from N.Y. to Liverpool every week now why cant San Diego ship it at a great profit for fresh beef is not more than half as high, and the freight is not much more. Cant you find out what the N.Y. shippers pay for beef & what they get for it there in England what the cost of handling it, freight &c is?

There is considerable business now being done at San Diego and it is steadily increasing; the people call it dull because they expected a great deal more business, but if they were not looking for great things, they would be satisfied with what is before them in the reality.

You wrote me that the fare overland had been reduced to $100. cy — I have heard nothing more about, was it not a mistake?

I saw a statement that a "Judge of Primera Instancia" had been appointed for San Rafael, in Lower Cal^a obviating the necessity of sending any papers to La Paz for record &c I also saw a statement in a letter from San Rafael giving the laws affecting americans &c, that no american could hold land within 20 leagues of the line... I am afraid that is the law in spite of what Matias Moreno & Judge Hays told us.

The suit of Lena Gray vs Winder has been decided in Winders favor and those sales of lots declared valid & confirmed and there is no appeal I believe.

Will you please inquire at a large wholesale house, the price at wholesale of canned green corn (sweet corn of course) and if they ever ship any to England — I want to know on Howards a/c.

Will you please buy me one of those Pencil Holders, that you spoke about.

I shall write to Chase again next week about the foreclosure suit — I requested him to keep the matter quiet of course.

I am very glad to hear that Mrs Wheaty is better — I assure you I have sympathized much with you in your troubles and wished many times I had been situated so that I could have rendered you some material assistance, but I knew not where I stood myself and I dared not do as I wished, but I trust that the worst is now over, and it does seem as though it was near daylight in your case. Mrs Moore and I have often spoken of you affairs and she felt quite elated when I read your last letter to her. I trust this time

our hopes will not be disappointed.

I think Dr Stockton acted shamefully but it will not mend matters for you to write to him. Patrick thinks he is, perhaps the very best Physician in San Diego. You have shown extraordinary pluck in sticking to your suit and I think your mother will desire to compromise, unless she is getting childish, in which case it may need more efforts to bring her to reason. I suppose she can use your own money to fight you with unless you crump her sufficiently by injunctions and orders for accounting &c &c so that she will be glad to ~~abandon~~ and settle. I suppose this decision however will put you in a way to raise money even if it does not put your own money in your hands.

Of course in the foreclosure suit, you must not be known in any way or shape, but I shall do as you wish, nevertheless. I dont think it will be necessary to issue a summons, even, only to file a complaint - I thought it outlawed on the 28th not the 25th and so wrote Chase, but will call his attention to date.

I want you to let us know when you get your decision. Mrs Moore says I hope Mr Whaley will write to us the moment he gets a decision.

I think we shall start for San Diego overland about the last of October, sooner if I can get away. It will cost us about $200 a piece I suppose. I hear that the P.M.S.S. Co are to put on a steamer to San Diego direct from San Francisco to make the trip in 2 days - good -.

I have wrote a long letter, will send some papers to 449 Clarion Avenue for news. I have no news that I think of - my letters all are full of the immense wheat & Honey crop - all the store houses are full - we find use for the Central market now as a store house for wheat & flour.

Hoping to get the good news from you in a day or two of a favorable decision I am -- E.W. Moore

Oct

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5th Oct 1874

twenty three cents per pound — I will do the best I can with the little money I have to assume speedy delivery — I think if I had about $100 more I could send you all a comfortable outfit for the winter. Some time ago Mr Jones promised me, before going to Mexico, to let me have one hundred dollars to send you — but he is short requiring all the money that could in (five hundreds or thousands) either to send his family or for the payment of his debts — and Castine says he requires it all for these purposes — owing to his does between sixty & seventy thousand dollars and constantly pressed by his bankers for the payment of it — If, however he succeeds in establishing of his property he will have enough to satisfy thus and many more comfortable provided for his family — I hardly dare now to remind him of his promise, but will in case he makes any considerable sale in whole or in part of his property — He expends very little in dress for himself and provides me with not enough to live very economically — Sometimes think I will endeavor to get with some one else, but as I am expecting my dividend soon now perhaps it will be better for me to remain with him. Let us hope for the best I do not think we shall have to wait much longer for the time to improve our circumstances.

I will write you again soon the 5th of the month & the anniversary of my birthday when I shall be 51 years of age.

5th Oct 1874

I would like to be with you
then but you will think
of you & on the poppets &
wish that I was with you.
Let us hope that Dora may be
from the end of the year & have
be at home — say about Christ-
mas or Midsummer, when we
will all have a genuine jol-
lification — making the Cham-
pagne corks fly — Remem-
ber me to friends — Hilda asks
enquiries concerning me — my
love to the Chaddum, who
I hope are kind and attentive
to you, and believe me
dear Mam your loving
and devoted husband

J. H. Rodney

West Amesbury Oct 5th 74

Friend Whaley.

Your interesting letter of Oct 1st came to hand yesterday. In regard to that Honey. I think I expressed some doubt as to the correctness of our Chaves statement, that he has made some mistake for I can not conceive how it is possible that good strained honey should have fallen so low, even if it comes in by the ton or the hundred tons. On the receipt of Our Chaves letter I immediately wrote to him for further information. Of course there is money in it at any such price (Coin though it is. Good strained Honey about here retails at 35 to 40 & even 50c per lb, carried around by peddlers in one or two lb cans. I could dispose of several tons in this neighborhood at 20 to 25c

Mr Hegeman's proposal is a good business arrangement and could be carried out easily if I was in San Diego, I have no doubt, but it would be more difficult with us all here. Mr Chase says "a Case of "Honey in the Comb weighs about "seventy (70) lbs. a Case of strained "honey contains two 5 gal (coal oil) "Cans and weighs 130 lbs per Case".

I will write you as soon as I get any further news about the honey business. But if Mr R. or others wish to go into the business at once, the telegraph is open, and a few dollars would give at once the necessary information in regard to price and I have no doubt the other amount could be made through our bank and its New York correspondent Drexel Morgan & Co. I should rather not go into it till I have returned to San Diego.

The Bill of Lading together with the draft for further money would be sent through the bank and security would have to be given to the City Bank for the payment of the draft before they delivered the Bill of Lading.

Don't forget to look into all these mercantile matters, the

information may be very useful to you in business some day. I see the San Diego mill is shipping 300 bbls flour to New York — I hope they will keep it up, at a profit, and show the P.M.S.S. Co. that we, San Diego are worth having some attention to. I would like to know that Cen Comfort with western hour. This is worth looking into for if there is money in it why should not we take hold of it as well as Sonora?

I am glad Mrs. Whaley was feeling so much better; I hope your troubles are nearly over ~~they~~ certainly seem to be at an end almost so far as the suit is concerned.

I received those pamphlets and map & also map of the Spring Street property. Did you send a map of the R.R. route to T.J. Higgins?

Yours Truly

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[illegible]

New York, Oct 8 1874.

My dear Wife —

Yours of 24th 1874 came to hand the 5th instt the anniversary of my 51st birth day — I am glad you are so well and enjoying yourself so much with the numerous visits for you to have — I have not time to write very lengthy letters — wishes to inform you of the good news — that decision in my case was rendered to day in my favor — I have telegraphed you the fact — to day — decided in my favor — Don't let it be found out — Mrs Henry (to) send you immediately the news to secure this —

The decree will be in my favor alone from my benefit the other to avoid themselves just must arrange with my lawyer — and they are likely to do so — John and Henry will go to Hunt's Point — Hoyt the will undoubtedly be kind enough of the circumstances — Now comes the big friend — Mr R.

will open his battery — mother-in-law wish to appease — Father thinks he can persuade her with ease. If not will tell her that he will go in at once with me — The accounting ordered some time ago will be continued — the executor removed — administrator appointed to wind up the affairs of the estate and make distribution. I may try to get the appointment — there is money in it $500 or more — which would compensate me for my time & trouble. I can not write you all the details of what will have to be done — indeed I hardly yet know what is necessary — The main point is the final decision in my favor and we must abide the results of it with patience. To be of good cheer dear wife & children — Papa hopes soon to be able to return home soon —

I want the law passed at last session Ch. 13 18th 4 published in the statutes of California about foreign insurance companies. The Union or Bulletin publishes a leader upon it at

so that Gunn or the other man can give Mark the information — Then it would be to say it can't be had because of there was any foundation for the publication of the border; I think that it would be well if it were taken down immediately.

I cannot advise about the hay scales — but if an arrangement can be made with the real occupant of the store or with some one else that Fellow allow them to remain there. I am willing that Mark should have the entire receipts till his bill is paid — giving 1/4 as fair profit to the party attending them — tell Gunn or Mark or his agent. Tell him this — If they must be removed then you must make the best terms you can with some one, but at the worst be little or no wrangling during the winter they might remain where they are — Or if Mark will give $300 or $250 for them he can deduct his note and pay the difference, or perhaps they can be sold for

$300 or $250 to down on clan business
enough to keep them that take less —
Mr. Cunningham might allow $300
or $250 for them and credit me
with amount on account.

It is late. I have not time
to write more — will write again
soon — to clan news, with
love and hoping and trusting
that you will speedily recover
your health and that I shall
see you down, I remain

Your affectionate husband.
Thos. W. Bailey

Would not make the decision generally known.

Office Geo S. Ridgway Esq
56 Broadway. New York.
October 9th 1874

My Dear Wife,

I sent you a letter and a telegram yesterday informing you that the interminable suit had been at last decided in my favor. But that it might be several weeks yet before I got my share, depending upon the disposition made by my mother in the court of her appointing so. I will not repeat here the many difficulties that may be in the way knowing that you must understand them all. My hope and belief is, by moral suasion and influence of Arthur and the others, to be able to overcome any and all obstacles which she may interpose to a speedy settlement. Mr Young says that if Arthur will be of any use he will go to see my mother and make a clear representation of the case to her, so that she may fully realize the advantage

which she will derive by coming around to Fenny. He is a very great talker too you an awaw and I am almost certain that his intercourse with her would result in good. He will wait however till her return to the City and till such time John has exhausted his persuasive powers upon her — I wrote to John yesterday not to delay her coming longer than the first part of next week. Mr Ridgway, as it matters that he should, takes to himself the credit of having procured the decision at this time, I am perfectly willing that he should, it being a matter about which I am indifferent so long as I have got a favorable decision.

I think however that I am greatly indebted to Mrs Le Blanc and to Mr Young for it and possibly for its being in my favor. This lady, a friend of Mr G's 29th St home, with whom I have become somewhat intimate from having visited there frequently, at first went to the Surrogate. She has written to him three or four times, explaining the position of my family and my self to him fully and asking him to give the matter of my suit his attention the great favor which he would confer upon him — that she hoped I might win it as I was a most deserving man and my wife a lady accustomed to have everything — and as we were all in such destitute circumstances it would be not only an act of justice but charity &c &c — I hardly know what she did say but I think whatever she did say may have had some influence in determining him in his decision. Mr Young saw the Surrogate at his house the evening of the 7th — had a long talk with him and asked him for an early decision. He promised to take up the papers in the case, which he said were upon his table, and decide it that night before going to bed, and his last words to Mr G. when about to

law was "tell Mr Whaley to come to my office tomorrow at 12 O'Clock and he will get the decision in his favor."
At 12 the next day, the 8th, Mr Young & I went to the Surrogates Court — we had hardly got seated before a clerk handed him a note written by the Surrogate, hurriedly in pencil: "The order is signed — tell Mr Ridgway to call for it." R. C. H.
There was no necessity of remaining long — I went immediately to Ridgway's office — He had not come to the office yet — I waited for him — When he came he knew of the decision, having learned it on his way to the office and said he expected it that day having arranged the day before with the Surrogate. But as arrangements had been made so often before, promises made for the decision — I might have still waited several months yet without getting it, but for my young having seen him the night previously. Mr Y says that he would not wish to diminish any of the credit which Mr R. takes to himself

He certainly deserves considerable as he has been most indefatigable in his efforts having devoted much time and trouble to the case. At 4½ on the 8th the same day the decision was rendered. I telegraphed to you which must have been received in San Diego in time for Frank to take to you when he went home in the evening — Mr Young and Owen thinking from what he told him (allowing for the difference of time & distance) when you may have received the telegram and the commotion the reading of it must have produced upon your happiness and the glee of the children thereupon. I have not the time to picture all of your imagination as to the effect produced — I wished had given considerable to have been able to have spoken through a small crevice to witness the movement of all. I forgot to tell you that Martinchan Sack and Jim are being made over and will be ready Friday of next week. The sack will be entirely remodeled — velvet & ermine bed good as new — the two skins will make a handsome muff — and a boa for you as I to called all at a cost of $19 — The original skins

will send as they are to be used for trimmings to the coat I have them made up being a bout as much as I can buy new and for — I may perhaps send Violet & Willy a box of some kind — the muff and boa made of the skins will do for Anna when you do not want them and the sack for now — I may not bring the things Mr Mc Thom leaves as he expects to about the end of the month — will decide what is best — hope to get some money to bring you more things, than you have worn New for — I get from Mr Ridgway to day the "Evening World" of Thursday June 4. 1874. containing the under heading "Giving out Foreign Insurance Companies" — I wish Frank to see the Editor and ask him if he has the copy of the law which was the basis of the articles — Copies of the Statutes of 1873-1874 must certainly be here in San Diego — some of the lawyers must certainly have them — and the law referred to in the leader of the San Diego World must be contained in it — I wish Frank to write up and

What is a written copy of it

send it to me immediately as I think I may recover some five hundred of dollars from the Guardian Mutual L. & Ins Co — Perhaps the Editor of the World may have the law in pamphlet form, as they are constantly sent before the compiling of the law in book form — I have not yet received at the Law Library here the Statutes of Cal for 73-74 — I cannot hardly have been published before this time — if not Frank will inform me — and hold some before being published — I send Frank to day a bundle of pamphlets and maps of the Texas & Pacific road which I hurriedly found in rummaging to read & examine — I am about to write to Hardy for the power of attorney and explain things to him fully in case my telegram does not induce him to send it — Since I wrote the letter off — Monday 12th — I will wait — Mrs Young and children are well — I intend to return to N. Y. in — can her husband don't

go on soon – He expects to dispose
of a portion of Springhurst & Casey
Town lots – must work and will make
ego more than enough to pay all his debts
I must now close – with love to
the children

Your ever affectionate husband
J. Wm Wharley

Newton Oct 2nd 1874

My Dear Wife.

Yours of the 14th Sept enclosing B/E for fifty dollars received the 29th. I was growing anxious to hear from you – the B/E informing me of a letter coming to hand the 26th I went 3 days in succession to Brooklyn before receiving it – I have the money, and will expend it as you direct, and shall make endeavors to obtain more that I may send you many other things – I have been busy lately assisting the Jones boys to prosecute, but accomplishing nothing yet – I sent Frank one of the prospectus the 3d ult. Mrs G writes that she is very lonesome and wishes her husband goes to France soon she will attend him – I wrote you last the 14th Sept

the money is all yours to do with as you think best and I hope that you will find it to good purposes and make it last as long as possible I have given up all hope of the Collectorship and as you must have known of the position of affairs there I did not think that you would mention the subject to any one, not even to Caroline In the course of a few days I will attend to having the fund made up as you wish purchase all the things you mention and forward them together with some few other things that I have in a trunk to – I will also attend to which is best – to have it forwarded – If by steamer will send them as fast as bought – I send them by W. H. Reed Esq who will

should have written since, but have de-
layed thinking I might inform you
of the decision in my favor. I had
promised from day to day. Still
I have not yet got it. How provoking
but as I know it will be in my favor
I await patiently. The deed is drawn
up and awaits only the signature of
the Surrogate. Mr Young has been
two nights at Belleville expecting
to meet him there. He now decides
to go to his home, perhaps Wednes-
day. I heard from Mr Moore a few
days ago. He expects to have the
end of this month. I shall hardly
be able to return with him as soon.
He may however be delayed longer
and I may then go with him.
I am writing in a great hurry
a few lines only to inform you
of the receipt of the draft and
that I am well. Do you write that
you expected to be sick again soon.
I am anxious only expecting another
letter from you. When you say
in 3 or 4 months more you would
have an other attack, when I saw
come out all right you had thought
be better than ever. I feel certain
all will go well with you now that
you have money and can procure
all the comforts you need require.
What a good idea that was for
you particularly you. It will
doubtless be the means of saving
your life some for which we must
be thankful. You were right
in drawing all the money from
Chatty. That was Moore's intention
to have it whenever you required it
even all at once. I have written
to know that you did so. The

New York 5th 1856

My Dear Judge,

I enclose you the order in my case signed by Surrogate Hutchings the other day.

You will see that it is very full and explicit — contains all that I asked — the accounting of the executrix and ordering a distribution of the estate which was left by the parents of the unfortunate child at full age 28 years ago —

I heard from Mr Meade this morning. He looks well in his very sick — said it might delay their returning as soon as expected. Was thinking of sending the Memorial here — there will be a large sum by Steamer or Cleveland — will inform you — the final strike under the Will.

Mr Meade writes to

the Chase to commence proceedings against Catherwood and myself — I then decided to remove from Allamuchy before the 25th or 26th of this month — Let Frank see Mr Chase give him my compliments and ask him if he has attended to this — and then you will inform me — I have received nothing in particular to write about. Give Mary Gibbs and the Misses my love and the Misses mother Monday, Tuesday, they are sorry and disappointed at my having obtained a favorable decision — We write again Tomorrow morning this out of town expected to return this week when she will learn to her the sad news — With love to you & Fanny and Caroline

Your affectionate husband
J. Stickney

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[illegible]

Virginia E. Totaly.

wife. Frank told Mr Schilles — and since then every one in San Diego knows of it. I tell those that speak to me about it that it will be all right if the suit is not appealed. Well, so much for your perseverance, Your mother must feel very badly one is I should think. I hope she will not appeal. We are anxiously awaiting your next letter the one following the letter received to-day, dated Oct. 2nd. for which I thank you, as we had not received a letter from you for so long a time. Tell me now have a chance of seeing you soon, thank God. I am glad you received the draft for the 450.00 safely, I would have sent you more, but we have been obliged to live off of the money as Frank was not working much, not feeling very well, and making use of what little he made for himself. I have paid my own immediate bills, and feel much better on account of it. every way. Mr Clayton just called in to see me, he was lately but the gentleman nevertheless, and wishes it be remembered to you, and says you need trouble yourself no more about finding his daughter, as he says a friend of his told him she was in New Orleans and had seen her. Mr Rode is delighted with your success in your suit, and asks you as a favor before returning home to call and see his relations again, the Cohen's and Alexanders I think are the names. And do not forget the Walbach's presents, I think of Walbach does not go away from here

soon he will be a fit subject for Stockton, he thinks so himself, he takes his bad luck very hard, they live in New-Town store and all. Hamilton & Marston say they will keep the Sales yet awhile they have not sent me a settlement yet they are certainly overpaid and well paid, I will see to it soon as I am able to go down the stage jolts me so much that, about this time, (as I am getting over six months ago again) I must be very careful next week I will be all right again for awhile, then I think I will go along some time now regularly, but have not to do any work but take in case. Nancy has complained considerable of my not doing my work, but seems now to understand that I cannot with

[illegible]

11 year have for praying and to the young folks remember Thanksgiving day too. Lucky folks [illegible] have to attend the night we will be at Mrs. Smiths a thinks this dinner is very good indeed. Our boys like the life of the town nothing going on unless they are at the head of it. We will have a jolly house when they all grow up. I hope I will live to see them all good men and women. I still take the Iron [illegible] I would be very weak. Today is very cloudy threatening rain we will have plenty of it this winter. [illegible] has just called and I have bought some Roast to make and some sweet potatoes for this with a few Birds and nice Biscuits from New [illegible] will make us a good dinner, then I have a large Jackass Rabbit hanging up for tomorrow

we are living pretty well now and feel better for it but it takes the money to do it. I have to send my washing to New Town it costs me $3.50 per week for the washing and 50 cents extra fare. No one here to wash. I must close [illegible] to get some lunch as the Dr wants me to eat often so as to build my self up. My great desire is to see you dear and I hope the time is not far distant for that. I long for you before the end of the year any longer. You must not let Corinne [illegible] you again [illegible] care she returns. I do not think she will return till spring. To my own dear husband I love you and want to see you very much and hope you will have patience with me till I get all right again. I will

[illegible]

San Diego Oct 14 1874

Dear Papa

I now sit down to write you a few lines hoping it will find you in good health. Mama received a letter from you today. As mama has been expecting a letter she was delighted to hear from you today. Frank brought the telegram in the evening of the day that it was sent. We were at dinner when he brought it. Annie was so glad when it came that it took all her appetite away. She was thinking of going to Boarding-School then. Today is ~~[illegible]~~ Violet's birthday She is Twelve years old. Mama gave her 50 cents to put in her Bank. We are saving up for Christmas in case we do not have anything. We do not want to be like we were last year without anything at all. George has made a

Fiddle. And mama calls it a Fiddle dediddle. He plays on it all the spare time he has. While I am writing to you, Mama is making a new dress for me. I have not been going out very lately. I think that I have written a pretty long letter to you today. I cannot think of anything else. No more at present.

From your loving Child
Norma L. Whaley.

Miss, Hartshorn, Naumaz wife Aurora, Illinois

West Amesbury Oct. 17/74

Friend Whaley

I received your Postal Card. Sorry you cant go on with us. Mrs Moses Mother is better. I shall go to Manchester tomorrow to be gone four or five days. Mrs Moses writes "I am so glad Mr Whaley has gained his suit."

I have heard of no roughs on the Central Pacific, it could not be anything very serious or I should have seen it in the papers.

Mr Howard has asked me to get a list of prices of paper and envelopes in N.Y. or Mass. to compare with English prices

I have tried to get them from the manufacturers but have not succeeded. The "Carew" Manufg. Co referred me to John G. Hodge of S.F. who was their only agent in S.F. & as San Diego was so near S.F. he could accommodate me, or.
Mr Howard will send me English samples and prices to San Diego and I want some here to compare.
The large dealers have samples of paper & Envelopes all put up and marked. I have had such from Bancroft & Co of S.F.
Now will you not get me what I want from some house in N.Y. that would like to open a trade with San Diego. Even if I dont open a stationery store myself, I will agree to show them to Schmieden & Co and urge them to deal with New York.

Had I better write to chase to ship you a lot of honey at once, a small lot for a sample?

Have you ever seen a little pocket spring scale for weighing letters? about the size of a pencil case.

I see there is an English vessel in San Diego loading wheat for Liverpool.

A Chicago man has an advertisement in the S.D. Union that he wants honey, strained or in the comb, no dark colored wanted. E.T. Crowley & Co large dealers of Boston told me this man was trying to control the whole business.
I think we must go into the business with Ridgeway on

perhaps a little different plan from what he proposed.
We must think of this matter seriously. San Diego ships this year 400 000 lbs, 200 tons of tuna and next year it will be double.

Yours truly
E. W. Morse

San Diego Oct 22nd 1874

Darling Papa

Mama received a letter from you a few days ago. We were all very glad to hear from you. We are all very well at present and hope you are the same. I have not been to School for a couple of weeks as I have not been feeling very well. Mama is going to send you a picture of this house. Yesterday I had my ears pierced. Mama has written a letter to you today. I send you my love and a great many kisses. Mr Seley has lent Frank a nice Horse. He has returned the other one to Mr Manasse. No more at present

From your loving child

Lorenna L. Whaley.

New York. Feb 23d 1874.

My Dear Wife.

I received yours of the 5th (written on the anniversary of my birth day) enclosing one from Vivian and Corinne. The 20th — as it was post marked the 8th, I thought, before opening it, that it might be in answer to my telegram sent the 8th — I was much disappointed, when on opening it, I found that it was not — though glad to hear from you all — I have dined the 20th here or in Brooklyn every day and will go this evening again — I desire to read the effect that the good news telegraphed will have on you — also to hear from Henry respecting the Power of Attorney. Nothing in particular has been done as yet except commencing proceedings for the recovery of the Brooklyn property the accounting has not yet been commenced owing to the absence of Mr Hall our main witness from the City.

He has been detained in the country in consequence of his son having broken his leg — I think he will be here soon — when we shall commence — John came down the 14th. Said Mr Riker, mother's lawyer — He said he should advise her not to appeal — John said mother — she feels very bitter towards me, worse, if possible, than ever — She thinks she has been badly treated by her children — thinks it strange she should be disturbed in things after having everything her own way so long — She said she wanted one third of the property that is the income from it as long as she lives, that the Brooklyn property was hers being bought with her money savings from the estate, and that she had nothing to live for having spent every thing — In a word she wants it all her own way — She asked John what the income of her third would be — He said $1200 to $1600 — He said that was not enough — that she must have more than that — that she could not save anything out of that — She said that she didn't care but what she should appeal — that Thomas would have done as he decided in her favor — The lawyer wrote for him to come to see him the following day but he was not at home and John went for him, but the refusal said he was not feeling well that the lawyer would have to come to see him — He got a cranky fit on — said he would not go to court to account — that it was necessary he would procure the certificate of two physicians stating that he was too feeble to attend — in which case a commission would have to be appointed to take his testimony — This exceedingly moved her in his demands of 1/3 of the estate, the Brooklyn lots and not to account for any thing — According to the decision the estate should have been divided 28 years ago and at that time she was entitled to 1/3 of the income so she must account for the whole property on hand at that time and for 2/3 of the income since — and should she not be able to do so the difference I suppose the court will order to be deducted from her dower which in all probability would leave

her little or nothing to receive at the present time — She could have the under of the income for all the Navarro claim her right of dower too — If mother would settle without further trouble and expense, give up every dollar she has secreted, which I believe to be not less than $20 000 to $30 000, I am disposed to allow her a very liberal income say from thousand to twelve hundred dollars a year — If however she contests the matter further obliging me to continue the suit and absent myself from home for an indefinite time, O'Hale not feel so liberally disposed towards her and she will have to take up with just what the Courts may give her, besides no stumps from me time on will be drawn very tight so that she will have no control of the property or income of the estate. She will be removed from the administration and O'Hale at R to be appointed administrator — John S Henry being the — a have the preference over me — Johns will not oppose my application, Henry

is too far away, and I think it right to subsequent to marriage — Church Court give the necessary bonds and think I need have no difficulty about it —

I hope Mother will not make any further opposition but do what is right — restore to her children the property withheld from them so many years — but there is no telling what course she will take — Ridgeway will be taken to-day and then I may know something definite — This will suffice for the present about my suit —

The furs are made up — a handsome astrachan sack, thoroughly repaired, which taken with much care in unpacking — has silk lining, quilted with pockets — one in side two out — in every respect as good as new — The muff and boa are very nice — I think you will like them — There are five pieces over from the muff and boa — which might make a nice collar — the two joined together for the back — and one on each side for the front, and the fifth, or heavy piece,

might go on the centre of the back — lay them together — see how they look and if you like the appearance sew them together, trim the right shape for one of the children and then quilt a piece of broadcloth or black silk and back it to the fur, fastening with a button & loop in front. There are probably ten yards of the squirrel trimming — which you can use for trimming or make shaddy into boas a portion of it for the children — there is a little extra fringe the same as on the sack — I noticed that it might be wanting in two or three places and the furrier gave me the to extent to repair at a future time — You will have at all times to be careful to keep the furs in camphor. The same as woolens are kept from moths — I purchased the three water proof cloaks cloaks yesterday measuring 38. 40 & 46 inches from the neck to the bottom behind, if too long, you can cut them, or perhaps they will shrink or do for the girls to wear even when 2 or 3 years older — they are dark blue — with capes & collars, deep lined, bound with braid — it is not the fashion to wear hoods or lined capes — the capes may be taken off — they are fine and excellent quality water proof. 0.45 per yard — I had great trouble to get them and at one time thought I would have to abandon purchasing — I saw many rough ones — poorly made — $7.50 & $8 & $9 — a piece — A nice one at Stewarts, to suit Anna, silk bound, $13. and for you $15. & $17 — now I blue for children — These seem are not exactly what I wished to send but the best I could procure for the money they cost $6. $6. $7 = $19.00 and $18 for three make — $37 — I have only $12 left which will buy very good of the other things you require — I think will complete purchases today — I have to be packing every thing in a trunk which will be full of many other things besides the purchases I send you a list of them — I was in hopes to have got more money so as I have sent you many other things, but

cannot at present. I think I can bill to get off what I have now as you will want the things, and if I succeed in getting any money however I can send you an other lump of boys I will write again when I determine how I will send the boy. I wish to send it overland as it will cost you less than by steamer. I have to make enquiries. I am glad you have the roof fixed. It would be well I suppose to have the weather side of the house painted it is something I have deferred for a long time. If you can arrange with the Frenchman do so. First to remove the soft brick, put in new ones. then stop up the cracks when the mortar is missing then give a coating of glue with dry red paint which is very cheap mixed in with it. and then two coats of boiled linseed oil with the dry red paint mixed in it. this coat of glue & red preserves the bricks

from absorbing too much of the oil — It was in this manner Chambers did the front of the house was done and that has stood well — If you can make a favorable arrangement with the Frenchman or any one else you can at liberty to do so —

I wrote you fully in regard to the half dealers in a previous letter — I am glad you have made arrangement with Stewart about weighing — Tell Nash or his agent that he can have the receipts after according Stewart for his trouble — otherwise he may let the dealers murder or charge something for the right of being in front of his property I think I would not tell them word that you have made arrangements with Stewart unless you can get $250 for them, the party filling up the hole on removing — Yours C. S. M Red Bank

them for $8000 or as far as they can
they can trade them — they are good
property — always yield something
and being the only one in town
must pay more or less every
year —

Oct 24. 74 — Ridgway informs me that
he has commenced suit in Brooklyn King
Co. Supreme Court for the lots in Brook
lyn Co which mother holds in her
name; and will serve her with an in-
junction to prevent her from clearing
out of the Trust Co the $10,000 —
He saw the lawyer yesterday. Mr
Rhue who informed him that he had
not yet seen mother, but his partner
had — That Monday he thought
a proposition might be made and
some arrangement entered into for
a settlement — He can and does pass
the arrangement which he wishes
to keep the Brooklyn property
not to account for past income &

and to secure her from fifteen to eigh-
teen hundred per year — This will
not satisfy us — Therefore I say he
will commence making out papers
and taking steps upon the sup-
position that she will appeal —
I got the waterproof cloaks last evening
Mary likes them — and will get one
for herself at the same place — I have
everything packed ready to ship ex-
cept the little underclothing which
the remaining money will allow me
to purchase — I have been making
some enquiries about shipping the trunks
and think I will do so via Pacific
overland. Will send Bill as soon as
I do so —

Mr Young has not seen his property
yet and is in a terrible straight for
money — He has really nothing for
me to do some days that I had better
see if I can force compliance
as it is impossible for him to pay

me longer the little he has been paying me — So I am in a fix again with out money and expect to be very tired unless the suit is brought to a speedy termination — Should it not likely be decided soon I think something of returning home to find the White provided I can arrange with Morse to do so — It may be a couple of weeks before he leaves so that I may be able to determine. I do not wish to pass another winter here to leave it as hard as the last — I don't know that I can do anything in C.O. though I believe in doing every I can make an effort then do him and be more comfortable. Do not send me any money — you require all you have — I hope manage to live down here —

Mrs Young writes that she is very low down without her husband works hard to keep the prejudice of

shaped thus — Y + * I do not suppose he ever saw more than those with two keys. A good banjo $10 to $13. a good violin $8 to $15. I can buy George a harmonicon and violin and Frank a banjo ~~[illegible]~~ I can as I think his talent should be cultivated —

I long at Mary Otto last night no letter — Who not make this a lengthy one as I intend writing again soon on receipt of one from you or when I send the trunk. So with much love bustling that things will to work as to furnish till he return home Adieu I remain dear children and dear wife your affectionate husband

Ed Rockwell

(Write O' has been more and I could write you many more things if I had your actual presence.)

The enclosed will assist you in threading the needle of your sewing machine, if you intended. For any kind of needles for sewing machines take care of — I will buy a good sewing machine for you —

he can and come on Thursday and for her immediately — She says in case he tells she would like to have you to come to Paris and remain with her as she is lonesome loves you and wishes to have you for company — Mr Y read his letter to me, as he does always; and asked me what I thought of the proposition. I told him it was impossible, that you would not think of leaving your family any sooner than he wife would have — though you would doubtless like to be with his wife in. I am glad to hear the children enjoy themselves with Dupuis ladies so as it must be very little violence they get in the way of enjoyment.

I have not had to answer the letters but wish always to hear from them.

A good hat in London for George will cost from 10 to 15 according to the number of Rep 2. 3. 4. 6.

will seem strange to you for awhile here, to
fall back into such a stupid life as this
is, for really it is not much there is just such
another dull place as this in any where near our
place. I can't complain, but enough if
you get home safe and my life is spared
I can see what is left to be done, as to
my mother, I should hate the disappointment
in the end, but I will tell her. I hope
no effort will be made as it will prolong
my stay for some time yet to come. I think
sickness in my family may have some influence
with the Dept. I do not know if Genl.
disturb his people or not as he is so
that he is not fitted to his children, and
very old and feeble with it now.

[illegible] around the house some for the last few days past, and as this is all so [illegible] the effects [illegible] things do not go right [illegible] do not [illegible] and [illegible] for several days [illegible] while taking the [illegible] [illegible] strengthens me more than anything it makes one eat a great deal and so I can now [illegible] things to eat, I do not care so much. The money is flying fast. I have $55.00 left of it to-day and I am very careful that that does not slip through my fingers too fast. This is how it has gone so far. I have on hand. $[illegible].00 on hand.
$[illegible] to you.
" [illegible].00 old goods.
" 200.00 house expenses a month
" 74.00 [illegible] debts of my making
15.00 [illegible]
$420.00. So you can see there is nothing extravagant, there are many other things we want but, it is impossible to get every

to dispose of them at that price. We are preparing for [illegible] with that has been coming for over a week. The letter of the eighth contained [illegible] a receipt for Feb 24 18[illegible] [illegible] this with list of [illegible] [illegible] Hamilton & [illegible] Statement. Mr. Battaile [illegible] [illegible] attend to it for you, as he [illegible] [illegible] soon any day [illegible] the Pamphlet [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] the letter of the [illegible] [illegible] town is very dull and [illegible]. I get very tired of it. Mr. [illegible] wants you here very much, [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] [illegible] Then it has spread like wild-fire, and I was asked when you were coming home. I said I did not know but you might be able to come in the [illegible] the [illegible] in the latter part of December perhaps, and some on [illegible] an account of the [illegible] that you were coming home in December every thing [illegible] would

[illegible] send you one [illegible] 25 cts a [illegible] I paid [illegible] has only to [illegible] another [illegible] horse, as the one of Manassee's was sick and they have returned from [illegible] [illegible] for the [illegible] a week now. I think [illegible] Coppie I have given you all the news [illegible] not [illegible] at that either. [illegible] [illegible] assuring you of my love and devotion to you. The [illegible] will indeed rejoice when you return for it almost seems like a dream to me [illegible] since you left [illegible] as it be some three months and now almost one year and a half [illegible] how time flies and how many changes have taken place in a short time. At least you will find us at [illegible] hope and peace [illegible] ready [illegible] come you home dear Coppie, [illegible]

Surprise your [illegible] [illegible] you in [illegible] I am afraid [illegible] takes so much credit to himself. I [illegible] the telegram [illegible] the day after I received it and told him to return the telegram [illegible] I have not heard [illegible] Now my dear Coppie good-bye again and accept all my love and that of the children who will write soon. Adios, como siempre
Your loving and devoted wife
[illegible]
Annie

fussed around the house some
for two or three days past, and
I feel as if I should feel the effects
of it, but I think I do not so much
as I do when I do not go right
to bed, and I have been doing so
for several days
past, and taking the iron
which strengthens me more than
anything else. It makes me eat a
great deal and as I can now
digest the things I eat, I do not
care much. The money is flying
fast, I have $55.00 left of it,
to-day and am very careful
that that does not slip through
my fingers until I get home. This is how
I have gone to-day. I have on
hand. "do to you.
"do do old goods.
"do do finished expenses a month
"4. do for all kinds of my making
"13. do
$25.00. As you can see
there is nothing extravagant, there
are many more things we want
but, it is impossible to get every

thing for six people out of two
hundred dollars. The house had a
great many comforts out of it, and
I feel all the better for it. The
children are clamorous for winter
clothes, but I tell them they must
wait till such time as you can
send them two or three suits a-
piece all made up, I can sew
a little, but my back aches
too much if I sew long. They
are now making a few pieces
of under clothing apiece till they
get more from you all made.
As to the decision, I think Mr
Young was the one who caused
the decision to be decided in
your favor, the Lawyer deserves
some credit of course, but I have
no doubt it would have dragged
its weary length along little more
if Mme Le Blanc, had not been
influenced by Mr Young. No
matter you have been successful

these, and my superior taste
books, Calcot and I had bought
a couple of coaches and black ponies
from him for our boys. The
remainder Calcot bought me yesterday
with much difficulty. Poor boy, but
he has set his heart on it. I hope in this
way to induce him to come to Estancilla
sometimes. The afternoon with me yes-
terday I spent very pleasantly, playing
with the children. Dear old
Mrs Andrews, I was delighted to
see her once more. Mrs Chilcote
sends her love to you. Yesterday
we had a delightful drive to the Chilcote
Ranch, the distribution of the prize
medals, and the fold-
ing up of the tent. I wish you were
here. Mrs Chilcote is very
anxious that you should come
to the Ranch. I do not
know if I can, but I
will try. I am quite
well, but very busy
with the Distribution
Committee. We have
received over £12.0.0, so
a little more will
make us quite rich.
Mrs Chilcote sends her
love to you. Violet
& Willie each need a clothes

in getting it and we are all now
delighted and feel as if you would
come home to us soon again.
You ought to feel very grateful to
Mr Young, for the interest he has
taken in you in many ways.
Poty he cannot go to his wife
as she feels so lonesome without
him but he has not been away
from her half as long as
you from me. Frank will
endeavor to get the Law on
Foreign Ins, for you if it is
possible to do so. Gunn says
he knows nothing about it,
Taggart says the same, and
so do other lawyers say the same.
Hamilton & Marston are certainly
paid by this time, but they
still wish to keep the scales,
I have sent three or four times
for a final settlement, but they
say they will give it to Frank,
and when he goes, it is not
ready. I will send again to-mor
row, you might write them concern
ing the scales. Manahan wants to
sell them for $150, but I tell him
not to, as you would not like

New York, October 29th 1874

My dear Wife.

Your of the 14th inst anniversary of Violet's 12th birth day came to hand the 26th inst, communicating the expending great joy you all felt on the receipt of my telegram giving the good news. I was sure you would all feel much elated and therefore did not consider the expense which it necessarily incurred. My letters sent the 8th and 9th must have since reached you giving the particulars. I have since written the 24th. You make no reference in your letter having written to Henry about the Power of Attorney to secure his share as I requested you to do in the telegram, and as I have not yet heard from him I presume you must have misunderstood me or have forgotten in the statement of things to have done so. I am sorry for this as it has been the cause of some delay. but having a letter from him written last December wherein Mr Ridgway he expresses his willingness to join me in the event of my winning the case, Mr Ridgway has considered the ar-

thority sufficient to take the necessary steps to secure his share at the same time as he does mine. I wrote to Henry the 10th Oct for the power of attorney. So that if you have not written to him under instructions of the telegram you need not to do so now — I am expecting his answer to this letter within a few days —

My mother is very obstinate indeed and shows no disposition to arrange things amicably unless she can have their own way to which I cannot consistently consent — So that my lawyer will take the necessary steps to compel her to do what is right and the papers, which he has been at work on several days will be ready to file to day, copies of which will be served on her Proctor J. Riggs Esq immediately —

They consist of my affidavit, as to value of the estate and the security of funds by executing bond refusal to distribute — her having given $5000 to one of the heirs and not to the other — her claiming dower of $21000 per annum and her inability to act as executrix etc.

J. J. Rudgeway's affidavit telling of his services to the plaintiff which also benefits the other heirs and asking for a commission.

Order to show cause why the estate not be administered and restraining her from collecting rents and interest income of the Estate to have a collector appointed (this to be signed by the Surrogate)

Notice of Motion for allowance and distributive share $5000 for commissions to Thomas Macey and Henry H. Macey. — this to be given to the heirs.

Notice of appearance by Thomas Macey

When these papers are served and she is appraised of their effects. I think mother will begin to think that I mean serious business. I hope something will come out of these proceedings soon and put some money in my hands that I may return home soon if not in time with me more, at least before the cold weather sets in — I do not propose her the world if I can possibly help it — I prefer returning home even though I may have to come on here again in the Spring to wind up affairs yet. I believe things will go on all right though I apprehend every possible difficulty by my mother — The accounting has been delayed on account of Mr Hassell's absence from the City detained in consequence of his little son breaking his leg — I received a letter from him today saying it may be 10 days yet before he can possibly return. He says the decision is somewhat different from what he expected, but that he is very glad that it is as it is, and that it gives him great pleasure to learn the good news for me." — I expect to prove a great deal by him before the auditor — possibly sufficient to obviate the necessity of calling the remaining thousand dollars

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secreted by her from her children. I am pretty satisfied that there must be a large amount of money concealed and I hope to be able to unearth it soon. But let this suffice. I have informed you enough to tell you that things are progressing and that neither they lawyer or myself are idle.

October 31. 1874. I return writing. The trunk is packed ready to send. I might get in a few more things and will in case I get any money from Ridgway as promised, next week. I am undecided for a short time whether to send the trunk as I may get my money soon and return home taking it with me. Or in case of a great delay in getting my money, I wish to return home provided I can make arrangements with Moore to do so. I am waiting to hear what he says about it. So you see the difficulties are in all around. I think it will be better to send the trunk by steamer if possible to have it go forward without detention, as fast freight. You will get it there in 25 days certain. Portland to San Francisco freight is 14 days and down the coast 3 days making 17 days, provided it is forwarded without detention, but

should it arrive immediately after the sailing of the Steamer for San Diego, or be detained from any cause along the line of the road or at San Francisco it might be longer reaching you overland than by Steamer via Panama — besides I think the cost of sending it by Steamer would be less and if possible I wish to pay the freight on it when I send it — I will have it marked as fast freight to insure its speedy delivery. I enclose you a list of the things contained in the trunk so far as packed and should I pick in others will inform you — There are many things useful and otherwise which will be desirable to you.

I shall be compelled to close now. This will write again soon in answer to your letter. I have seen Capt Wilcox — he invites me to call to see his wife at the St James. Have also seen Capt Hutchinson & much much to my surprise Hannah & his wife are coming — they are now down East will come down. The Yazoo on com. his little girls send love to you — I have written to Anson — With love — Yours &c

(Write shortly get George to write.) J. M. Redfield

West Ashesburg Oct 30/74

Friend Wheelock

Yours of 24th came to hand
I have instructed Mr Chase
to ship, Thos. Wheelock New York
city two cases of honey, each
case containing two tins of
about 65 or 70 lbs each.
It will perhaps be all strained
honey, though one can (as I
suggested to him) will be
comb honey if he can put
it into the can in any way.
He will send B/L and
invoice to Thos. Wheelock, care of
Bushe & White 237 Broadway N.Y.
Chase writes that most of this
years crop has been placed but
that Neely & Co & Hamilton & Martin
have between them some 12 or 15

tons which can be bought at from 6½c to 8½c - 9c.

"Nauly & Sons will join with "any one in a shipment to share "the profits or sell here at a "fair price say 9c."

The lightest colored is always retained in the comb.

Harbison has gone east with a shipment of some $25,000 worth. The honey is made in little square boxes or frames and these frames are packed in cases of 65 lbs each.

While at Manchester the other day washing with my wife I saw some honey offered for sale in a window - I knew it instantly as San Diego honey from its beautiful color, and on going in we found it had been received the day before from Chicago. Put up by C. O. Perrine (who advertises in San Diego papers for honey) as Chicago honey or at least he dont intimate that he gets it any where else. It was very neatly put up in little glass jars about 4½ inches high and weighing when filled, gross weight two lbs. Each jar contained 3 slices of comb. The honey was so beautifully light colored as to be almost transparent. He also had it in tumblers weighing gross one lb. this is strained honey & a little darker. The price at one place was 75c for the jars & 50c for the tumblers, at another store it was 80c for the jars & 42c for the tumblers. Perrines agent had been there a few days previous to get orders.

I dont like his idea of not giving San Diego credit. This honey would be a splendid advertisement for San Diego for it is so beautiful it takes everywhere. I have seen none anywhere else but have heard that the same honey is for sale

in all the large places.

Native honey in the comb sells in Lawrence at 60¢ per lb
" Newburyport 40¢
" Manchester 35 to 50¢

In Newburyport strained honey in tumblers holding only a little more than half a pound sells at 30¢ a tumbler.

I see by the tariff which you sent me that the freight on honey from Boston or New York to San Francisco would be only $1.80 per hundred. If the charge is no more from San Francisco this way then it would be about as cheap overland as by steamer and come in better order.

Chase says the str. will not take honey in barrels because it becomes so thin at Panama as to leak. If this is the case the comb won't stand much show.

Chase says Harbison has sold out for $12000= and is going into the business of buying honey at San Diego

I should like very much to have you go on with us, but even if you are compelled to remain in N.Y. this winter. I think the prospect is very much brighter than it was last fall - you have certainly gain the first and most important step towards securing your rights, and the balance I think will be plain sailing even if the old lady throws all the impediments she can in your way.

We shall probably stop 4 or 5 days in Missouri visiting a friend living there. If we come to N.Y. we shall stop at the Fremont House as you recommend. I will send you a P.C. care Ridgeway 56 Broadway Room 40 a day or two before we start. I have directed Chase to send B/L to the latter No. or in case he has already sent it to notify you by P.C. at the last address.

C.C. Perrines honey is selling in Haverhill Mass at $1.00 per jar of two pounds - somebody makes a big profit - I am going to that City to day & shall make some inquiries about it.

Chase writes me that Hamilton & Munson wrote to a friend in Chicago about Honey & he answered that the market was over-stocked, that Perrine a large dealer had been offered Comb Honey at 14c, and that he was putting up Col. Honey and "Doctoring" it. Chase doubt believes he was offered honey in the comb at 11c unless it was very dark & poor quality.

Chase says the town is filling up again with strangers, that J.W. Gale & Co are closing up business having lost all their capital in bad debts. Hamilton & Munson ~~Hardy & Jones~~ ask 6 3/4c for strained honey 60 days.

"The Str. agent refuses to receive Comb
"Honey - it cant be shipped via the
"Isthmus if it could these heavy dealers
"would have shipped that way long ago
"Harbison charges 22c for his Comb
"Honey here, but outside brands have
"been selling as low as 12 & 15c.

The strained honey is put in to Coal oil tins & thus far the consumption of that article is equal to the demand for tins. The dealers pay the boys 20c a piece for the cans & sell them to the Bee men for 25c. If the outside coal oil cases should not prove strong enough for honey then new ones would cost 60c a piece, the wood cases I mean. What the tin cases would cost I do not know but these things would add largely to the cost of the honey. The freight to N.Y. is now 2c via Isthmus.

Net cost of honey say 8 — 8
Refastening, soldering tins and tins @ 20c each } say 3/4
Tare on cases & tins 1/2
Freight to N.Y. 2
11 1/4
10% for contingencies 1 1/4
Gold — 12 1/2 c

I think staining honey will cost something like this in N.Y. do you think it would be any more?

Rose is a great sports, expects Stanford will make his Depot on his town & help him build it up and depopulate Hortonville.

He has had his town re surveyed & laid out a railroad track one block from the water the entire length & has offered Stanford a row of blocks on each side giving him all the water front.

The Central Pacific managers have visited San Bernardino & the San Gorgonio Pass & Rose says they are coming to S.D. & will head off Scott & the great City of San Diego will be at Roseville yet. Here rumors are causing some transfers of real Estate at La Plaza. And they will of course help Old Town. Wouldn't it be good news if there should arise a strife between these two [illegible] control [illegible]

West Amesbury Nov 7th 74

Received Nov 10 1874

Friend Wm.

Yours of 3d received & contents digested. I have seen a fuller report of the meeting of the Texas Pacific Construction Co. which says "the board of directors request the Texas & Pacific R.R. Co to reduce their first mortgage from $40,000 to $20,000 and that the land grant bonds be made a second mortgage bond at the same time being secured by the lands of the Co." "The Construction Co. have arranged with their creditors (85 per cent of them) to take there first & second mortgage bonds in full satisfaction of their claims"

I suppose this means at or near par so it seems they have arranged with 85% of their creditors to take their bonds not however at 85% on the dollar, and I do not understand that there is any difference in their value & of course there can not be as much as the bills were stated at at first.

I received a number of honey boxes & bottles from Mr. Cook but I never received any from the Cash to assume the office.

I find on enquiring at several places that the price of Beeswax is about 40c per pound at retail.

Did you see Frauenberger the chemist about "kelp"?

When you come on to San Diego why not bring with you a commission as agent for some good Marine Insurance Co.

I have been trying to get an agency in connection with my fire Insurance but haven't secured yet. I think you or I had better have it; it will pay something. H.H. Dougherty is the only agent in San Diego. There will soon be considerable business if Wheat estimates are continued.

Can you not learn what the expense of that car load of hay was to W. G. I think Harbison brought it on but do not know If could hay can be bought in San Diego at 15c I should think it could be delivered in W. G. overland at 20c and if it could be sold at even 25c it would pay.

I will send Howell the information you give me, tomorrow.

I think the turtle business might pay if turtles can be had conveniently & I presume small vessels would bring them up

Yours in haste

Moore

outside assistance much longer and I wish I was able to do all you desire.

I send you a Rail Road article — I wish some one would ask the P & N managers what they think of Stanford's cutting them off in this style. There may be something in it, and if there is I am inclined to think Railroad works will go on with a rush before long we may see a fight for our harbor by these two great corporations yet. I would like to have the P & N folks see the article.

Yours in hope of
better times soon
Morse

Sorry for Henry Clews, hope he will weather the storm yet.

Thanks for getting the samples of papers; please try another house so as to get a variety thin as well as thick writing paper. Most of the English papers are quite thin.

I think the best thing you can do is to get appointed ~~executor~~ or administrator if the Court will appoint you (an objection that you are not a citizen of N.Y. may be made) and straighten things out completely; otherwise you gain but a fraction of what you have been fighting for.

We expect now to start somewhere about the tenth I have to borrow money enough to take us through — our expenses here on the farm have been very heavy — one item alone sawing lumber is nearly $3000.00 and no income — ~~to~~ you see how I

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New York, Nov 10 – 1874

My Dear Wife,

Your last 13th Oct succeeding one from Wolff & Auden received the 26th ult I answered it partially the 31st, since which time I have been expecting to send the trunk of clothing, a list of the contents of which I have sent you – It has bothered me considerable not to have been able to send it but I have not had the money to do so – I might have done so some time ago but was expecting to get some money from Mr Ridgway to purchase a few more things. He has disappointed me and in the meantime while waiting I have spent the little I had so that it is impossible for me to send it at present as I am owing three weeks room rent and until paid I cannot remove the trunk from the hotel – Mr Ridgway promised me the money last Saturday which would have removed me from the dilemma I am in about the trunk but

I dined at Mr. Devereux's yesterday in company with Mr. Ogden Ogden Calhoun & Wm Calhoun Jr. Mr Ogden Calhoun inquired most affectionately after you & the children – Lucy I meet at the house frequently especially during the absence of her husband

I was as usual disappointed. Kettle promises and as soon as he pays me or I caught it from any other source I will pay up at the hotel and send the trunk, though I do not now expect to send anything additional requiring the money for my own pressing necessities – Mr R knows what I want the money for and he regrets that he cannot pay me – Money is extremely difficult to get from any source – everybody is so hard up – Mr Young not requiring my services particularly and being pressed for money, I take only what he gives me from time to time which is very little indeed. I have lived very poorly indeed for the past three or four weeks since the withdrawal of any regular supply from Mr G – At the present time I am not so badly off – having several dollars worth of nuggets and some little change, a dozen or so – I suppose if I were to ask Mr G he would give me the money necessary to pay my room rent and send the trunk, but he is so extremely hard pressed for money I do not like to do so when I have forwarded to me which I ought to have – I am expecting Harrell in a day or two, also Mr Morse and I shan not hesitate to ask either of them for a little money – I am more likely to get it from the former as Mr Morse wrote my that he was hard up for money could not assist me to return home, and might have to borrow to enable him to return home. Do you see how it is – everybody is hard up – I am very sorry about not being able to send the trunk as the Mrs is advancing and you need the things – But what could I do? It seems hard that you too and mine to suffer yet a while and we must endure it the best we can – There will be an end to all the trouble soon I hope –

Matters are progressing very slowly in my suit. I do not think from all I can learn that my mother will appear though not inclined to give any proof

except as fixed by. She is restrained from collecting rents &c. and the order to make it perpetual was to have been heard yesterday, but owing to the lawyer having a cause to argue in Surrogate's Court was postponed till Thursday when I hope it will be determined. Also the application for Counsel fees, granting Henry and me $5.000 each, removing him from the administration of the Estate and appointing a collector &c. &c. The accounting goes on as soon as Mr Hassell returns to the City. The suit in Kings County to foreclose for the Pinkney property and suit will be commenced here for mortgage of the Mills & House &c. &c. So you see there is considerable work to be done, but the main thing is to get possession of the $5.000 to have some ready money and then if there is delay in settling other matters I shall not mind it so much. My mother will not yield a single point and whatever I get from her must be fixed by every

legal means putting the estate to an expense of several thousands of dollars for legal fees — I am determined however that he shall do what is right though it will cost him and money. It was his wish to have an interpretation of the will, but as it is so different from what the believed it would be the hatters and will not part with a dollar without being forced. It is impossible, under these circumstances for me to say when I shall be able to return home. Mr Ridgway gives me all the encouragement I can, says that it will not be long — I know he is as anxious about the matter as I am myself as he cannot get his money before I get mine, and he is very much in need of it. I am very much tired and disgusted, and feel more impatient since the decision than I did before — knowing that the property is mine and feeling the injustice of it being longer withheld from me — but having played a forlorn hope a big stake, it will not do for me to abandon the field — it being now only

a question of time — but certain in the end to get all that is coming to me — My mother is one of the most obstinate and determined women that ever lived and cares nothing whatever for her children — thinks only of herself — Now she disposed to settle immediately — to yield up all the property of the estate — I would act very liberally towards her and be disposed to make her a comfortable allowance of $1000 or $1200 per annum, but should she prolong the proceedings indefinitely and force me by legal proceedings to extort from her what belongs to me by a sacrifice of time and money I should not feel so liberally disposed and she will in the end be compelled to take what the Court may decide she is entitled to which probably will be little or nothing as she has had during the past 28 years the whole income of the estate — Just enough of this I am tired of thinking and writing about it. I have not yet seen Mr Moore — he was to have been here

by this time — I am expecting to hear from him informing me when he will be home — I have given up all idea of returning when he does — which will be a great disappointment to you as well as to me — I still hope to have some time this month overland — but if I am not able to do so the December packet prefer returning via Mt Athens as the journey overland would be not only uncomfortable but uncertain — Let us still hope for the best — things do seem have proposed and will doubtless to the end — I am glad to hear that the children are well and that your health though not restored has improved so much — I hope you will have no serious difficulty and I feel confident that you will not, provided you only take good care of yourself — not to do anything to fatigue yourself, ~~and~~ to avoid the changes of weather and to keep your mind easy free from excitement — The children, and particularly Anna, must

do all they can to relieve you from toil and responsibility, and if they are particularly good as I have no doubt but what they will be, I shall remember them for it. I am glad to hear that Mr Clayton has succeeded in finding his long lost daughter and that it becomes unnecessary for me to institute any further enquiries.

My Fanny doubtless am glad to hear of my success in having gained my suit. You will remember me to Mrs Mansfield, Schuller, Rose Wigfield, Ballard, Whitby McCoy, Pam Dan Cook &c &c — Tell Rose I will not forget to go to see his relatives, and Wallace the same concerning his brother.

I am glad to hear H & M will keep the scales. Better under the circumstances, see them whatever they receive for weighing I wish to go on after Washington bill — Otherwise he may make some objection about the scales being in front of his pigeon — perhaps would be charge rent for them. Whatever you

may do respecting the Dealer will be all right except to dispose of them for less than $250 and the filling up of the hole —

He ly has determined to send for his family finding it impossible to support them abroad in the extravagance they are living in — they will have to live here more economically till such time he can arrange his affairs — they will arrive here before the 15th December, and as I hope to have left before that time, I do not expect to have the pleasure of seeing your Cousin. I think you ought to contribute to thank him for his kindness to you and Dora.

I am now trying to dispose of a portion of his property to a Dr Bateman who married a Cousin of mine, for a hundred thousand dollars. He is very rich worth a million or more and can do it — He was to have gone to day to look at the property, but the weather was hardly favorable enough — There is a best possibility that he will purchase the property, and if he does I will make two or three thousand dollars as my commission, which

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under the circumstances would be very unpleasant indeed for us.

I am glad to hear you have such a nice time on the 27th anniversary of my birth day and just fancied that Cora so honorably remembered. Hope may depend upon our having a genuine jollification on my return home and only hope that you will be able to drink and enjoy some of the Champagne.

My mother I assume just very badly as both things go but has only herself to blame for her obstinacy.

I have no conversation for Old Thwaite "Pleasant" - he having shown more fun than all the other things even - and I hope I may again be with him yet if I live.

Think you make the most - you tell me I dinner very entertaining - Cora ought to be very satisfied - No letter from you or Henry yet - I shall not bother myself further concerning Hope to hear from you again.

Will send the book as soon as I can.

New York. Nov 12th 1874.

My Dear Wife,

I wrote you last the 10th inst., at which time I did not know when I should be able to send the trunks on account of not having the money. That same afternoon I received five dollars from Mr Ridgway which enabled me to pay two weeks room rent and to get the trunk ready to ship. Yesterday I shipped it by the California Fast Freight Line to San Francisco, Magnolia Hall for shipment to San Diego per steamer. I enclose you the B/L. The trunk will get to San Francisco in about twenty one days say about the 2nd December. About which time Frank hand the B/L (Copy) to the Purser or Agent of the San Diego Steamer, filling up the order, which I have left blank, as he may direct, requesting him, if the trunk has not been shipped by the Agent, R. W. Montague, San Francisco,

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to present the B/L & get the trunk, paying the overland freight, which at the rate charged, $6.50 per 100 pounds – will be $4.50. There may also be charges for cartage say 50 cents and perhaps storage, say 50¢ more. Which amount you will pay the Steamer, together with their freight which may be $1.00 more, on receipt of the trunk at San Diego – I think there will be no difficulty about it and hope it will come safely to hand. It's a Japanese trunk covered with hog skin. It's locked and the key attached. It is strongly corded, and then covered with toe cloth, sewed on. It is marked in ink on top, and at either end on a card tacked on. The trunk is about 2 ft 2 in long. 1 ft 5 in wide, 1 ft 1 in high. perfectly square-box shaped. I will send you a duplicate B/L in another letter, endorsed in blank same as the one here sent, to be used in case the trunk should be shipped by steamer before you send for it, or while sending for it. I have the original B/L and will retain it in case of loss of the steamer or the trunk – Yours &c

T. H. Bailey –

consequences be what they might — She said, "Go and find out and let me alone." She wanted herself an interpretation of the will — She has it now, though far different from what she supposed it would be, and she should gracefully submit without involving the estate in unnecessary expense and causing needless delay. But if she is not satisfied the strings will be drawn very taught till such time as she will be compelled to yield — The proceedings now instituted, as soon as they can be heard will make it very hot for her indeed. I am anxious for the return of Mr Harrell that the accounting may go on when I expect some extraordinary discoveries will be made in regard to the property will be made — I will write you more about matters as soon as anything important transpires.

I hear that Rob has had his town surveyed and that he expects to make some arrangements with Vaughn. I hope he will succeed and that La Plata & Old Town interests will look up — I would like to be at home to assist him in any way in my power.

I wish Max for you to take good care of yourself and not to stay around the house altogether fearing the bad effects of the afterwards. Your position is too critical a one to trifle with yourself. I feel certain all will go right with you provided you can only keep up and as I hope to see you again soon. Write you for my sake to be

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found that upon the 28th Oct. including one from Lilly. also the tax list — portion of tax bill. Bill of Marston & Hamilton — Law about Quincunx — Photograph of our house; Card of the Horton House &c &c — for all favors — Return Thanks, particularly to Mr Ballard for his trouble and information. I think the view of our house good — it looks natural to me — I would like to be walking in and down the stoop. It would be life as you say — but that is characteristic of Old Town — Glad to have bill of last year's tax corrected and that the lot was not sold — Write me about paying tax on Cathoarted lot for 1873 & 4 and paying tax on it and during this year — How to arrange with Moore in case I can first get money in time without

having paid Mary either to pay Mr
was this early last year. Mr Hayes
thinks you all are good so high
have read the Inquirer and Lord but
fear it will not be of use to get any
money from the Company. Med
Thos D. B. Ridgeway — Sam glad
that my property is complete
assessed according to the list I
sent and examined by Mr B.
I have written you about this before
to do anything — make any
arrangement — you will except
to see them for less than $200
Mr B. took to claim them
of them all right — I am writing
that they should pay proceeds of
whoever has charge to Nashon
as I what I owe him as they
can on his property —

You speak of working around the
house as being worse in consequence
of it — "They work that all under this cy
cumstances — better let things go to 66
and 70 for awhile till such time as
your health is fairly restored — My
Mom has not come yet — neither has
Harrell — The motion which came
Monday was not pressing her to any
I do not think I can bring them down
Tuesday positively. Something need be
done — In haste Thos W. Tracy

Family in general is well. Will take it for granted you will be in the morning. I
was taken with a fit yesterday. I will come home as soon as possible. Write
to me. Your affectionate wife

Sorry without not to be able to do as I
wish do as I can. Hope you will be able to write
I am surprised that Harry could not write to you
or at least send you back the telegram. Cleveland
to him the 10th Oct. but have not heard from him.
I wonder at his apparent indifference. I shall
not bother myself any more about any of them
my aim will be to get my share as speedily as
possible — the others can look out for their interest
though it seems unjust that I should be at
all the expense and they reap the benefit of any
proceedings — I fear that my mother talks and
to herself. She has been heard to say — "I did
not think my son would well do this" — expressing
ring to me. I expect she is taking things very
much to heart — She has no consideration
except for herself and none for her children. She
does not think of the injustice which she has
done and is still doing them in withholding
the property from them — She has had no con-
sideration for my situation — though know-
ing that I had not a dollar — Had she thought
for any I should never have resorted to these
proceedings which I have taken my mean
time compelling me to do so — I forewarned
her of my intentions but it was of no avail
she told me to proceed at my peril. Sales
but I was not to be intimidated by any
threat that it was a duty I owed to
myself and family to know the exact
position of the affairs of the estate and
that I was determined to do so let the

Old Town
Oct 31st 1880, 5 P.M.

My dear Robert—

I have received two letters from you, one Oct. 28th, the other Oct. 31st, yesterday, the which I acknowledge with thanks. My last letter to you was dated Oct. 27th. I continued, the Law Firm of Conkling & Vanderpoel, Rooms 1 & 2 Arcade Building, Utica, N.Y., the Firm of Young, Smith & Conkling, Smith & Conkling, Hoyt & Conkling, Hoyt & Conkling, at which place you have received all letters I have written you since the Firm of Hoyt & Conkling dissolved. I also received last Friday his telegram the day after the election, but he had not answered my note, "Shall I come?" I sent a telegram as I requested, but he

Cheerfully on the
Contrary
Approved by the
Democrat

to do so that I am not to
blame if things have been
retarded on that account.
I am sorry your mother is so
obstinate, and hope Mr Harvale
will come forward and help
you all he can, he certainly
must have valuable infor-
mation to impart concern-
ing the Estate, I hope he
will do what is right to help
you! I think your Mother very
exasting in her demands, but
you can all bring her up with
a round turn I think, so
for you have won, and I
think you will still come
out winner, I hope it may
be all settled before Christmas
so that you can spend
the holidays with us, we want
all to see you very much, and
enjoy the holidays together.
I fear ch is over two weeks
since I wrote last, but hav-
ing been pretty sick in that
time, must be my excuse for
not writing, I have suffered so
much with my chest, kind of
spasms in the chest to gether
with my mouthly flow, rather
profuse, and trouble in my
head, and Dyspeptic state
of my Stomach makes me
considerable of a sufferer-
and beginning to feel a
little better, so I write you.
We are all on the tip-toe
of expectation thinking pos-
sibly you may return with
Mr & Mrs Morse, which if
they leave on the 10th of this

month would bring them here on Thanksgiving Day, it would be a glorious Thanksgiving day for us, if you came then too. Mrs Chase says they intend leaving on the 10th Nov. "more hereafter." I know I shall be pleased with the sash and furs, they will come in good time, and the children will be delighted with those blue waterproofs, a piece of which you sent in your last letter, it is very pretty, and they will look quite nice in them. We will find things very useful in the trunk you are about sending, and put everything to good account as we have tried to do with the other two trunks you sent. Many things very useful indeed. Will try and make the

children some furs off of the squirrel trimming, and pieces from my boa. It will all come in good, "you bet" Poppie. I cannot do much in the way of sewing now, as I weaken very fast, and feel faint so often, so I only take a few stitches here and there, Nannie does all her own sewing, and that seems to leave her no time to help me sew, but she bless Lil, do most all the house work, so that is the way we get along, I am afraid dear poppets, you will think I am getting helpless, but once in awhile I start in and work a little, but I generally pay up for it. In my last to you I also sent you Hamilton & Marston's

settlement of the Hay scales, there were three or four loads not paid for yet, and Martin wanted me to lose them, I insisted upon his losing not me as he said he was doubtful at the time of weighing whether he would get paid. So he handed me $3.00, and the scale books, he was not inclined to settle up with any one, so I was obliged to go down myself. Storey note not paid yet, but have judgment against him. Solomon will be paid the $3.00 in his hands, ~~when~~ you left, in five or six months, he told Mr Battate he was trying to settle the accounts, he has not done so yet. I have not attended to having the weather side of the house painted yet. I think as you are thinking of coming home this winter, and as it threatening a storm now, I shall not do anything about it, it will be quite a job, the way you wish it done. and will cost considerable I should think, when I get so that I can go in the stage to New Town, perhaps I will do something in the matter. Frank can hardly attend to outside business as it takes him away from his work in the Office, and business is very slack indeed now in the job Office, so that Frank for the past three weeks has made very little, obliging me to use the little money I had put

by for the [redacted] cigs say $40.00.
But I have positively made
up my mind to keep $20.00
come what will, I have that
much to pay, and want very
much to keep it for Christ-
mas, in case you cannot
send us more, but we all
hope to have you with us,
but I think it will be a
very bad move on your part
to come to San Diego at
this time without means to
pay what we owe, as every
one expects to be paid, and
they will trouble you very
much I can assure you,
as they use in awhile tro-
uble me, McClellan has put
his note in the hands of
Knowles for collection, and
told Mrs Battaile he

14/22 Here I could helped her to get off. Mr Frank
has sorry I am wishing me to go to Florence
I would like very much to go, but would
if you had been at home for awhile
and I could go with Mrs Young. Thank
them for me going. Tell them in love and
tell them that I would like the arrangement
very much and that I may be able to
accept it. This letter off to-day, as you
have been home awhile I don't feel
he wants to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner
I am glad I hope you may be here to help
eat it. I am obliged to close as Mrs Ryan
is here my check is this condition so I
only enclose two of the Examiner daily and
Sunday and that. If you question help
that in my check it takes a couple from me

every word and I hear. Oh I wish something too
now we have not had any fire in the room
yet, but I feel the cloud is narrow as the
every bit dislike. I begin have them
to go to bed early as I have been always
for cold weather and feel. And glad
to hear your health is good I hope
deep prospect. My little Lenement is quite
that you have comes back to us and
enterest well and cheerful man for the
better. I think we are have happily spell
and poetical cells together. This is indeed a
miserable place to live in now and the
out you do not feel as. If I am I be pleas
cat state of my health I could tell dear
Ann long. It is too much work and hurry

Drain of life and set Reality. That day
I need food for my mind as large as my
body. Yes Lewis I am very marvell
that you think the children are delighted
of the prospect of your returning this winter
the 1st that if you don's come home the 1st
for much your love to Lewis and will get
another letter. Dodge I think you for the
trouble you taken about Mum and tell the
a thousand times kiss for me and the made
a violin for himself and he really
learned a good one. Good bye
play for this one to an Annoy and the dull
pen end. Come to Paper. I must close cultured
out of my tired brain to you and my one
Ella. Now good bye dear Ella. Has popped my
much thought in the matter and lost of hope
you love to all friends from your boy and de-
voted wife. Ben, the good for nothing. Adieu.

and thinks that at the
age of 18 years his grandfather was
[illegible] to the house of his father
as to be remembered to you
as my old friend. Wonders what become
of the [illegible] planted some time
ago in your garden. Wishes you
[illegible] one or a dozen
[illegible] plants for him. Hopes
[illegible] this month. Hopes you
[illegible] well. Continue to
[illegible] write. Would like to hear
[illegible] the Corn Belt and
[illegible] for Boulder and
[illegible] wheat, barley, and
[illegible] wheat. Wishes you
[illegible] to send him some
[illegible] seed. Wishes to
[illegible] to send him some
[illegible] seed. Wishes to
[illegible] seed. So as well as have
[illegible] the way for later
[illegible] Yours truly

[illegible]

in surprise [illegible] had not made more than a
dollar for the last two weeks [illegible] time to have finished
[illegible] when [illegible] for [illegible] always walked
this [illegible] in pocket money [illegible] postage [illegible]
to Brooklyn [illegible]
[illegible] and to pay for [illegible] week ~~[illegible]~~ Monday next I am [illegible]
[illegible] for the balance [illegible] because
[illegible] to pay [illegible] more to my landlord [illegible]
take [illegible] my friends [illegible] for money [illegible] I don't
get what is coming to me. I was very [illegible] to
[illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible]
think I am very hard up indeed which I really am
but do not think of sending me anything. I will not starve or
want for actual necessities. Fortunately I have plenty of clothing
with some exceptions and can get along very well this winter
I want money [illegible] $2.00 per week [illegible]
[illegible] cents per day [illegible] occasionally
I think often I am compelled to [illegible] something [illegible] that
[illegible] at least [illegible]
owing to the uncertainty of things [illegible]
money of my own and a considerable portion of my time
being required in attending to my suit. I am [illegible]
[illegible] anxious to get into any kind that would require all of
my time [illegible] to the detriment [illegible] my own interest
[illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible] you

that he has not any intention of immediate removal on the ground of incompetency or the appointment of an administrator. The things will be drawn very tightly and it will be impossible for him to do anything extravagantly in the property of the estate.

I might write to you additional about the matter, but it is not necessary for me to do so, I assume and that I am doing everything in my power to bring matters to a speedy termination or at least to get a portion of my share of the estate. Write us in your next possible opportunity, the exact time as nearly can be stated. This God only knows how much longer we must wait even to get a portion of what belongs to me. I am very anxious indeed, to return home. That I may be able to do so but should it become necessary for me to remain here an almost indefinite period longer we must do the best we can to make the best of it. I hope however you will send money down to enable me to return home to pass the winter. The cold weather is now fast approaching besides I have received very little money to pay for necessary expenses. Write as soon as you receive this and to remain in the United States indefinitely if not longer

San Diego Nov 16th 1874

Darling Papa

Mama received a letter from you a few days ago. She also received a letter previous to the last containing the Magic Needle Threader for which she thanks you. I think the sample of waterproof is very pretty. The Club had a Surprise Party at the School Teachers last week. We had a very nice time. I hope you will return home soon. As I cannot think of anything more to write I must now close

From your loving Child
Corinna L. Whaley

San Diego. Nov. 15th. 1874.

Dear Papa.

I now take up my pen to write you these few lines. I hope you are in good health. If the piece of blue that you sent in the letter is the kind our cloaks are made out of I think it is very pretty. I wish you could get home before Christmas, it would be very nice to have you home. I hope the Youngs are well and I send my love to them. I send my love to the Puffers. I would like to see the Youngs and the Puffers and Papa very much. I must now close my letter. from your affectionate daughter

Violet Whaley.

Received January 9 '25
Acknowledged 22 '25

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] a lively [illegible] and spiritual indications, [illegible] of [illegible] Dear Parents.

[illegible] a beautiful Quarter for [illegible] [illegible] Congress [illegible] Four hundred [illegible]

[illegible] Best regards to Dear Father and Mother, Kiss the cook kiss the cook any little thing that [illegible] Old Long Legs

[illegible]

[illegible]

for the time to come when I may press you to my bosom again and be made to feel that really you are my own —

Assure our children that they are very precious to my ~~and~~ that they, as well as yourself occupy my most constant thoughts and nothing would please me more than to see them — I hope they are good to you — obedient — and strive to lighten this your cross as much as they possibly can, that you may recover sooner than otherwise — I spent Christmas with Lina Hood — had turkey with the usual fixings — and a pleasant time generally. She had a little daughter last Sunday — Doing — Am compelled to close — Had more to say — but being 5 O'clock and the boy warning to shut the office must now say an affectionate farewell to you and the children —

Yr Husband.

You can refer McClellan to me
more who will probably satisfy
him and not having him com-
mence suit — which under
circumstances could be collected under
from 6 to 9 months and the prob-
ability is I shall pay him much
sooner —

I objected to Moses about the claim
Solomon has of mine $5.00 to Bal-
lard in amount of bill against us, and
the balance for taxes also for him
to pay Carr a bout claim against Rx
which if he gets to pay taxes out of it
& balance to J. T. McKee to my
credit — I hope to remit you
some money and will if I can but
do not depend upon it — I will tele-
graph money to you and when
I leave here — Yours &c

time we returned — We had a social
talk for an hour or perhaps more.
I wished indeed that they might have
remained here a few days — or at least one
or two, but as the Mitchell was advan-
cing and every day increases the dan-
ger of the blockade of Cuba on the over
land route, I could not counsel them
to do so but was as anxious for their de-
parture on this account as they could them
selves. — I hope they will arrive safe-
ly home and when that you will see
them thereafter and have the satis-
faction and pleasure to hear from them
an account of me — I am very sorry
not to have been able to return with them
as I expected to do — but it was utterly im-
possible for me to do so without detriment
to our interests here — I must remain
to push forward things or else nothing
would ever be done — I do not re-
turn that I may follow in the wake
of Mr & Mrs Norris and arrive home

in time to partake of Christmas or New Year dinner with you — On the evening of the 25th I was at Gibbs got your last letter of the 15th — I am sorry for the disappointment in not being at home to partake of Thanksgiving dinner. It would certainly have pleased me no doubt but we should all have enjoyed ourselves — Wish to make up for the disappointment and that which may come if I am not with you Christmas or New Year — we will have such a glorious dinner whenever I do return be it Sodom or Cabul, that shall equal a Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year dinner combined — So do not despair of this grand affair which is to come off is postponed for a while. I certainly shall be with you without the least delay on my part and promise you and the children one and all including friends a hearty greeting. We trust in good heart and have no fear for me — I love only you my dear little wife and I long

more will tell you all about it as she gave us considerable of our history and to me a passion of individuals coming to see us and our husbands - then we met Mr Young on R.R. to whom I introduced Mr Moore - had him to explain only a few words - then we went to the Accounting where I introduced him to Mr Hartell and Mr Ridgway - the latter of whom he had seen before - with both these gentlemen he had a long talk and so there was nothing doing before the auditor but to wait - got fully posted in regard to my affairs. I also pointed out to him Willie Heus and his father who came to hear the accounting but left no orders than when they came - I then went with Several newspaper offices to get papers having articles upon Money & no reference to Texas & Pacific R.R. - then Sam Blucher - then to the office of the Texas & Pacific R.R. Company where we got maps pamphlets and considerable information. We wound up by purchasing for Howard Walker

inum Land of the United States — and procuring from Bancroft & Co samples expected us — On the way down Chambers St I stopped for a moment to get from my room samples of paper and to leave there the book for Howard — which please tell Mr Moore I mailed to him to day —

The Pavonia ferry is at the foot of Chambers St opposite the hotel where I lodge — There we found Mr Moore precisely where we had left him in the morning — I communicated previously having notice of the thousands of people who must have passed in review before him going in all directions to Newcastle — North South East & West — He must have been able to have compiled enough on various subjects to have filled a large volume, and if he does not give the people of San Diego a dissertation of a few hours spent in the Pavonia Ferry House I shall be very much disappointed.

We found him in very good spirits indeed and expecting us about the

city purchased with money of the estate, account for the income even though she may not be able to restore it, and take for her support a reasonable allowance — If she will not do this I shall contend that having received the whole income of the estate — an amount more than equal to her dower in it — upon which she would be entitled to only the interest and not the amount itself — she is not entitled to receive anything whatever from the estate and that the whole of it is now subject to division among the four heirs. — I believe that she has more money secured the interest upon which would afford her a very comfortable living — then why should she be allowed more? We may not be able in discovering anything which we can counteract unless she chooses to tell — and this I think very unlikely — Judge from the testimony of Mr Hansen to be given by Lubecker a portion of

he funds of the estate, but the whole of it never expressed upon his forced testimony which will be most rigorously examined. Just more weirdness.

Mr Moore arrived in Wednesday morning and as he had no business to attend to whatever, he left the same day in the afternoon (by 5 O'Clock train from Kingston City. He said he said by the way of N.Y. only to see me. I was very glad to see him and Mrs Moore. They came that morning and on the day when the steamer from Providence arrived at 5, he having notified me of his coming. Much is looking extremely well having gained considerable in flesh. After getting his compartment located in the Pavonia Ferry Office and the baggage checked - Moore & I set out to see and explore all we possibly could in a given time. We went up Broadway to Fifth Ave to the Restaurant where I set me treats. Saw Mrs & the municipal home dealer, one of whom during the largest business & a woman with Spades. The

decision upon the motions recently heard as to allowing counsel fees - Henry and me $5000 each and restraining mother from further collecting rents. I am anxious to get a decision upon these points, which to be consistent with his former action must be favorable to me. Depending upon this is another appealing through advisers that she must ultimately be beaten by her lawyer, Weiss and against the express wishes of her children - her object being to delay the settlement as long as she lives - and not to have to refund to the estate the money she has used, given away or has secreted. The accounting proceeding - there was a meeting before the Auditor Wednesday Nov 25. I was there with my lawyer and Mr Hawes the first witness to be examined. He was waiting for Mr Ritchie - any minute lawyer. The auditor, Andrew Smith sent his clerk for him. He returned answer that he was not aware that the accounting was to go on till after the decision of the motions recently argued before the Surrogate. Mr R. said that it was certainly understood between him and Ritchie that the accounting was to go on without reference to the expected decision, in conformity to the order made October 8th. In consequence of the absence of Mr R. the auditor postponed till Monday next - The object evidently to cause as much delay as possible - regardless of expense incurred. After the examination of Mr H. mother will certainly be the next witness examined - and undoubtedly she refuse to account saying she does not know or recollect what she has done with the funds of the estate a motion will be made before the Surrogate for

her immediate removal as executrix upon the ground of incompetency, and the appointment of an administrator.

Mr Young and I came to see Mr Dominy, not this spiritual adviser I think I wrote you concerning our interview. Since then I have seen Mr Dominy. He said he had considerable talk with mother according her what was best for the peace of mind of. She said she was disposed to make an amicable settlement and should not appeal. By an amicable settlement, she means to have all her own way – to be allowed to keep the Brooklyn house – not to account for anything and to be allowed $2000 per annum altogether, should she not get, she will then appeal. I shall make no compromise with her. She must do what is legally right – give up the Brooklyn prop-

Nov.

Newburgh, Thanksgiving Evening 18[illegible]

My Dear Wife,

Your of the 16th inst was received last evening, enclosing one from Lizzie and Uncle, for all of which I am very thankful. I am sorry to hear that you have been ill again. You say that it was in consequence of overtasking yourself with work, which you should do nothing till such time as you have regained your health and strength, which I hope will be soon. You need have no dread of not getting well, but, to insure this, you must not work or do anything so long as your health is delicate.

Mr Smith is progressing slowly but surely I think. Mr R says he may succeed in getting me a portion of my share in two or three weeks. In case of an appeal by mother it will be some three or four months before a settlement of the entire estate can be had. The Surrogate has not yet rendered his

Nip. Nov 30 1874

My Dear Nifty,

I received your letter of the 15th Nov the 25th inst and answered the same the 27th, informing you of the arrival and departure of our friends Mr & Mrs E. M. Mary the 25th Oakland.

I hope that you will be with them on their return home after so long an absence – and though it may be a disappointment not to find me with them yet the information which they will give you concerning me, will be some compensation for this.

I received a letter from Mr Chase a few days ago enclosing B. & Co's Cash Money Receipts from Sacramento

Dec

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San Francisco Dec 1st 1874

Ma dear Anna.

Joe has just told us of a young Lady who is going to San Diego tomorrow. So I will write you a few lines to let you know that we received your kind letter and are glad that you are all well & that Co. has won at last.
We both are pretty well: Amelia has two or three Scholars more & I have none. I have not heard from Peter lately but I am going to write & will tell you in my next. The young Lady is an acquaintance of Joe. She will have to introduce herself to you, for I have forgotten her name. Kiss all the Children for us & much love from your
Affectionate Mother
in haste. V. E. Lannay

San Francisco Dec 1st 1874

To Mrs Thomas Whaley.

Dear Lady

Allow me to introduce to you Miss Eugenia Jones; a most estimable young Lady, who goes to San Diego on account of ill health – to spend this winter. As she is a stranger in S.D., and knowing your hospitality and kindness, I have taken the liberty of sending these few lines; feeling confident you will make her feel at home, for Old Lang Syne. I called on your Mother and Sister yesterday, they were both well. Your Mother gave me a letter for you which Miss Jones has kindly taken charge

if, and will deliver to you in person.
I have no news of importance to give
you. I am clerk in a Cigar Stand.
and nothing a living, and that is
about all I can say for myself.
Give my kind regards your family
also if you see Mrs Fulton remember
me to her.

Yours Truly
Joseph Dauphin

NEW YORK HOTEL,
721 BROADWAY
Frank Wrisley & Co.
PROPRIETORS.

New York Dec 21st 1874

My Dear Wife & Children.

Your Cousin Corinne has returned from Paris and is stopping at the New York Hotel with Mr Young and the children for a while, till they can find suitable furnished appartments. They are all well and your cousin is looking extremely well considering the many troubles she has had – I am now sitting in their parlour with Cory – the children have gone to bed – while Mrs and Mr Young have gone to look at a furnished house. I am as welcome as ever by them, and in case they go to housekeeping they wish me to come and live with them, that is provided I can obtain a leave longer when I shall be much more comfortable than I am at present in my miserable quarters at the Erie House – I hope I shall not be detained much longer as I wish to return

home to you. I am very much disappointed not to be on the way now able to reach you before the holidays as I thought I would be able to do – Nothing has been done in my case since Mr Moore left the Surrogate not yet having rendered his decision upon certain points which delays the accounting from going on, and I am still without the food which I expected to receive. Oh (may be I will not get this and will have to wait till after the accounting, before I get anything, this is too bad indeed. I thought if I got a portion of what is coming to me I might return home, pay off our most pressing debts, make you all comfortable and avoid partially the hire to get the balance. It is impossible to say what will be the result of things. I am busy making up the accounts as fast as I can to assist my lawyer in the accounting whenever it shall go on. I do not expect that anything will be done till after Christmas. I know you will also very much disappointed in not having me home before the holidays, but not more so than I am – I feel the disappointment very much and shall not be disposed to grant my mother the least favor or consideration for the misery which her obstinacy has caused me and my family. She will now get only what is legally her due and if at the termination of the suit she has not as large an income for her support as she requires it will be her own fault I should not feel the disappointment of returning home before Christmas so much if I had received a portion of my money and been able to have sent you some of it to have made you comfortable and have allowed the children to have had a good time. I hope however with the little money you have on hand you will be able to do something more for them than last year and notwithstanding the disappointment in not having me with me, to have a **[illegible]** good time. As for myself I am very badly off, in debt for my room rent washing and with less

than a dollar in my pocket. Mr Morse let me have some money $21.00 before he left which I thought would be enough to last me till I got some of my own. Yesterday I asked Mr Hewlett to loan me some money and he has promised to do so tomorrow. As soon as I get it will send you some, though it will not likely reach you before New Year's I would delay writing this letter till tomorrow but I wish you to receive it before New Year's and then then I am certainty that I will get the money from Mr H tomorrow it may be several days before I get it. I will however send you some money as soon as I get it as I know you must require many things. I hope the trunks sent the 17th November arrived safely about the 5th of the month and that you have your furs and the children their cloaks which will probably with the other things be all the presents that you will get. I am sorry that I could not send George his harmonica and something to Frank, but it is now

possible from Rales as fast as I get money will do so —

I am anxious for the payment of taxes. I spoke to Mr Moore about paying them in case I did not get money in time — I hope that he will pay them before the 1st of January before the 5% is put on — Mr Ballard writes that the County & State tax is $49.91

City 13.35

payable from Nov 1. to Jany 1. 75 $63.26

then 5% for 30 days accounts on the 1st Feby and sold after 60 days notice —

If not paid before the 1st Jany 75 to save the 5% I hope Mr Moore will pay before the 1st February, and save the expense of advertising, in consequence not able to remit before then — as last year I had to pay forty or fifty dollars more in consequence of not paying in time. I will enclose a line or two for Mr Moore which let Frank have him at once —

I am sorry I cannot write you some thing cheering for newspaper but it is impossible for me to do so. I have not heard from you since the 25th Nov. yes

dated the 15th November — It is a long time indeed to be without hearing from your dear self or Mary Gibbs last evening — no letter from home. I know not how to account for it except that you are so sick as not to be able to write. I am very anxious indeed to hear from you and hear such news as I do I shall feel very miserable — It is a long time to since I wrote you — The last being the 3d not enclosed in one to Mr Chase and I expect by the time you get this you will be as anxious to hear from me as I now am to hear from you — I have delayed writing expecting to hear from you and hoping to have some good news to communicate — I write now only because I know you will expect to hear from me by New Orleans and be very much disappointed should you not — The Peters are well. I dined there Sunday before last — Mrs Chiedum sends love to Robert & Lillie — I read their last letters to them — Lina's baby grows nicely — It is a cunning little baby — Mrs Young sends her love to you and hopes that you will make her a visit one of these days — She wishes you to write to her. With love and prayers to you and all our children, and wishing you a happy New Year & that the last and that we may soon meet

Your ever loving & affectionate husband
J. M. Wheaton

Why don't you write to me? Oh, I think it is your good health prevents.

Received January 4-1875

Bank of San Diego,

San Diego, Cal., Dec 21st 1874

Friend Whaley

I have just been talking with Capt. Geo. B. Ayerson about our San Ysidro land. He says a land [illegible] to settle land titles in the "Frontera" [illegible] here from Mexico in a few days - the Mexican Congress appointed three men and appropriated $16,600.= to defray expenses. all ranches he thinks will be surveyed and cut down to the exact number of acres or leagues to which they are entitled. He thinks also that San Ysidro will be cut down to six leagues, of course and that the lines will be a long distance inside of the boundary now claimed by Lopez and that if Lopez is willing to act honestly by us he will locate the center of his ranch so as to include our tract, but if he is a rascal he will locate it so as to throw us out. He says however that it is generally thought that a foreigner can not hold land within 20 leagues of the line, and he offers "if we have confidence in him, to take deeds from us and when the Land Commissioners are locating the lines of the Ranches, he can compel Lopez

to include our league within his boundaries and thus make our title good, being himself a mexican citizen, and also that he will sell it for us". He says a great many sheep men from up country are down there looking for grazing lands.

Ryerson though a gambler has always acted honorably in financial matters I think so far as I know, but I think I would prefer to put the land into the [illegible] of Jack Serrano, Ryersons brother-in-law, who is I know a very honorable man I think actually the best man in Lower California.

What do you think of this last proposition? It would not be necessary to transfer Crosthwaites interest as he is an ~~axx~~ mexican citizen only our ~~two thirds~~ three fourths. I have no doubt they would find a purchaser for it sooner than we could in San Diego; for although I know many have gone below hunting for sheep ranches I could hear of none of the parties in San Diego.

Ryerson says the Bonifacio Lopez family claim an interest in the ranch and they have taken possession of the "adobe house" on our land and are keeping stock there. If foreigners can not hold land near the line our title is not worth much, and we had better take some risks in Ryersons or Serranos honesty and let them arrange it and sell it for us. But I see trouble with Crosthwaite — no one will want to buy a 3/4 undivided interest and I suppose Crosthwaite will not give you his interest.

some of the citizens sent Felsenfeld to Washington to represent their interests there. He is personally acquainted with some six or eight Congressmen & Senators and thinks he can do something. I am sure I presume he has some private schemes in view.

Bank of San Diego,

San Diego, Cal., 187

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good it will do San Diego.
The Central Pacific people say that some day they intend to build from Anaheim down the coast to San Diego, but first they will have a line from Los Angeles to through San Bernadino to the Colorado River.

Will to change the subject everybody is talking of going into the bee business. It certainly was very profitable last year to those who understood it and to anyone, in fact, for I have heard of no failure. A Mr Watson brought down from upper Cal^a last March 75 swarms of bees which were in very bad order when he arrived here, he took them out in the neighborhood of Claytons & Witherby's old places, and during the season they made & he sold over six (6) tons of honey for $2500.
This is not an isolated case but there are many very many just such cases. The question arises can we sell all we make? It will have the advantage in quality and appearance over all other honey. Judging from the honey I see here, pure honey, Perrine does doctor his, badly – I should think it was half "Glucose".

Your folks were well a couple days ago, Frank appears to be doing well, every one speaks well of him.
There are a great many mistakes in the tax receipts this year. I will pay yours if Mrs Wholy does not.

Yours truly E. W. Grove

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New York, Sunday Dec 27th. 1

My Dear Wife, I am much surprised to hear from you after waiting so long for a letter and am much relieved in my mind to hear that you and Charley were - A little mishap prevented me from receiving it on Christmas day and smoking the cigars which you enclosed. In going to Lina's I fell and hurt myself not seriously, but sufficiently to prevent my going over to Brooklyn that day - I had intended after calling upon Mrs Young and dining at Lina's, to spend the afternoon with Mr Ridgway - then going to see Mary Gibb, and passing the evening at Mr Ruffin's. Instead of this, I contented myself with remaining at Lina's till about 8 O'Clock in the evening, then walked quietly down to the Metropolitan Hotel, and not finding the Youngs in passed the evening reading the papers at the Grand Central Hotel and was at home in bed before half past 10 O'Clock having bathed my wrist with Spirits of Camphor, which, I feared I might have sprained in falling. It is also slight now I think and shall not experience any bad effects from it. Yesterday morning Mr Ridgway handed me your letter, William Clark having brought it around to his house, so I had to tell Mary I should be there in the afternoon the night previous. To day I have been over to Brooklyn to make the calls I intended to make Christmas day - took dinner with the Ruffins, and

the children's beautiful Christmas tree - indeed
it possible than the one they had last year.
Mr Duffy will not make calls this New-
Years so that I shall not have the pleas-
ure of his company as I had last year.
I intend making a few calls in my 8 Brook
lyn - he wishes me to arrange to pass
the evening at his house when there will
be a gathering of little folks ~~at his house~~ the
same as there was last year -
After my visit to the Duffies I went to the
Cobb - they were out - escaping many and
as she was feeling ill from the effects of a
cold, I did not remain long there. She was
glad to hear that I had received your letter &
that you were well - Then I went down
Mr Ridgway - took tea there. Mrs Ridg
way sat at one end of the table, Mr R
at the other - three boys and a girl
on one side and three boys and myself on the other - He has a large
family of children - mostly grown
up - He has a pleasant home of
it. Ate apples and pears and drank
cider from his farm in New Jersey.
After some little conversation in
the parlour, after tea, I left earlier
than I should have done, but wished
to make a call upon a cousin of your
Mrs Lorge - the daughter of Elias Bradley
one - I forget her first name but as
Henry Elias had but one you will
know who I mean - The eldest one of

be anxious to know if anything has been done in my case. I cannot say that anything in particular has been done except for the Surrogate to modify his decree so far as related to the accounting of Hunt. A suit will soon be brought in another court to compel him to do so which will be as long for him as it is broad. She cannot possibly get over the accounting let her appeal ever so much. She merely gains time. Suits will be brought for my share in the Moll of property, and the suits commenced against the Brooklyn boys will be prosecuted with vigor, besides a motion will be made for her immediate murder. All these steps will be taken after the holidays. She will then begin to think that I am in earnest. She has already begun to get frightened. Come down for her high horse, willing now to give up the Brooklyn property and wants now only $5,000 per an instead of $20,000. But is not willing to account for anything which she had more than our daughter. I said I was Love through Mrs Duffer. She told me that there was a young couple of that name stopping at the hotel when they were last summer. Withal she became acquainted and liked very much. She happened one day to mention my name in connection with Mr Duffer in speaking of California. My Love remembered having seen mother a child and to have heard her mother speak from. and finding that I hailed from San Diego she thought that my wife must be a cousin of hers. and wished if such was the case to have me to call upon her. I declined doing so this afternoon. They are boarding on Hanson St. Brooklyn Heights, next door to the Long Island Club House. indeed the house forms part of the Club House and is one of the most aristocratic places of the kind in that city though kept by a colored lady. I declined to see Mrs Love when I arrive, being out of the city and not expected home before next week. So I had my mother for my pains but intend going to see your cousin at home

[redacted]. I may not tell her husband to
be sick judge from the manner of their leaving they
are in very comfortable circumstances. He
may be of the family of Lord of San Francisco
that is wealthy and engaged in the importa-
tion of teas. I will find out in time all about
your cousin let you know. I have no doubt
but what it is Eloise's daughter. I remember
now that Hanna some time ago told me that
he was quite certain that he met her one day
on the street and wondered what she could
possibly be doing here? She told me that
her mother was in bed at the time when
Hanna thought he saw her. The weather is
very hazy this evening and threatening rain
and not having anything in particular to do
or rather not caring to do anything I have
stopped with the Astor House and written you
the foregoing. It is near 10 o'clock and
as I am a little hoarse from exposure lake-
ly I think I will now go to my room and
retire for the night. Nothing you dear
Nan, pleasant dreams and a good night rest.

Monday December 25th 1874. I rose this morning
feeling rather better than when I retired last night.
They tell me that I talked quite freely as I do not wish
to become ill. I know I should feel rather badly if
I were to be taken sick. What would become of me
without a kind ministering angel like you my dear
wife to look after me? Thus far I have been
very fortunate in this. I will defer any such luxury
as getting sick till I return home, when I shall have
not much of a good attention. The weather this month
to Dec 25 has been extremely mild indeed. Only
once has the streets been covered with snow and
seldom has the thermometer been below the freezing
point. I thought last winter was extremely
mild one but this Dec has equalled
it in mildness indeed such a winter as
the present is not within the memory of
the oldest inhabitant. Fortunate for the
many thousands of poor people who are out
of employment and find it so difficult
to get enough to eat. Many of them must
have perished from cold had the season
been an inclement one. You will

me a check for $75.00 saying that was possibly all he could do for me —

I had also arranged to borrow $100 from Mr Ridgway, or rather through him. Which now by raise this, in consequence of not getting $100 from Hy to $150.00 he also thinks he may get the $100 for my by tomorrow but does not think he can get $150 — were he to do so by I shall be satisfied if he got the $100 though I would rather have the $150 — My wish was to deposit with Drexel Morgan & Co $150 in gold coin and have them telegraph to the Bank of San Diego to pay you the amount. Then I was intending to send a telegram like the following — "Your money received Christmas — Telegraphic dispatch at Bank pay taxes — Send balance — Happy New Year" All this would cost me in currency about $170 — leaving me about $80 — with which I could have managed to get along — The City Council and the may have — I insist that they must account, otherwise the fight must go on the result of which will be that what the fails to account for will be taken from him down and they will have nothing coming from the estate. They are beginning to get frightened at the law expenses incurred. I tell them that if I take the greater portion or the whole of the estate I get a proper settlement of accounts I am determined to have it — as I have nothing here to expect from my this I must get now what is coming to me. And I hope to be able to frighten them that they will come to terms with me. I think of making the proposition that if they will pay me immediately $75000 and deed us, which is the amount in the Trust Company and the commissions due Mr R. I will sign off all right and title to the estate, present or prospective and have nothing to do with any accounts to render the present. and arrange the matter amicably

themselves to suit themselves — I think for $15000 in hand I would forego every thing else though I believe by right there should be more coming to me.

I have been busy for some weeks past in making out the accounts connected with the estate and I get through to day, at least so far as my lawyer requires them for the present.

I think you have been extremely economical with the money I sent and received from Mr Morse and made it last along time. I am sorry that the expense on the trunk should have reduced your funds so low as to leave you with only $25 for Christmas. I did wish to much to have paid the freight on the trunk, but it was impossible at this time for me to do so. By the tenor of your letter, and the invitation sent to the Christmas Tree Party by the "Classical Club," of which our trunk is the President, I should judge that you must have had rather a good time with all the young folks and old folks of Old San Diego assembled to enjoy themselves. At least I hope so and I only regret that it was not in my power to have been there with you. But again you know it was impossible either to be there Christmas, or to be there New Years. I am determined however as you have enjoyed one of the days without me, you shall have the opportunity of enjoying the other, which is to come, equally as well. To day I borrowed a little money from Mr Howell which I had intended to pay some bills with on my account for the Mules. When I heard of how very short you were I sent him to his house to get him to increase the amount to $20. but he could not do so having arranged to loan the money which he had received a day or two before. He said if I had asked him for a hundred that amount I might have had it but that it was now too late. He would see however what he could do from on Monday — To day he came and gave

that you had been so unwell as not to be
able to write to me for several weeks to
your last writing. Take good care of
yourself and do not be tempted to
undertake anything that may fatigue in the
least — you require perfect rest, quiet
and kind attention. Stepfather Maurice
is particularly good to you and never allows
you to do the least work, more than you are able
and willing to do. She misses Martha a great deal
of you now, she used to think a little girl, and
now that she has grown to be a big girl, a young
lady almost, she has sense to treat you
with that respect which is your due and
thereby set a good example to her younger
sisters and brothers. I hope to hear a good
report from you regarding all the children but especially
concerning Maurice as she is the eldest daughter
and with you so much. I don't wish to pur-
chase that kindness towards you by the prom-
ise of any reward which I may be able
to bestow upon them on my return home
as all good and dutiful children

should make. Send
leading you to spend as
you pleased as
your pleasures might require

I fear that I shall not be able to do
this time — but may do something
towards it — in case I get the
$100 homestead. If he does
not get the $100 — I must do the
best I can with the $70 I have in
hand. I may send you $30 or $40
of it. It will be something for you to
pay little bills and enable you to have
a good time New Years. The expense
of sending is small an amount will be
about the same as a large one. Might
I wish to get enough if possible

to pay the taxes. Should I not do so you may know that it is because I could not do so — in which case ask Mr Morse to pay my taxes upon property amounting to about $40.00 or at least to pay upon all the places except the house & lot so that if that is advertised it will be for only one place. I think you can arrange with Mr Morse to do this. I have written to him in regard to the matter of paying taxes and requested him to pay if in proper time to insist in time — If in proper time arrange with Morse to arrange with Mr Jones to whom you paid $300 on which you might have returned, or ask Carr who pidmised me $50. in case the R.R. Co did not pay me a certain amount to arrange with Dow or — Dodson may have received the $50.00 due me in the Middlebrook suit. I wrote Morse to collect it from him allowing him to deduct any fees which you might

owe him and appropriate the balance towards the payment of taxes on my pitt property. Fortunately taxes are not very high this year but high enough when one has not the money to pay them. The assessment last year amounted to nearly as much as the tax this year — I do not wish to charge the costs to pay this year and I hope you will be able to arrange to have my taxes paid before the 1st February so that there will be no extra expense beyond the $40 which will be levied the 1st January.

I send the amount which I have mentioned upon by telegraph tomorrow, Saturday. I am much rejoiced to be able to send you some thing so that you may have a good time Christmas, in receiving and entertaining friends who I am think enough of you to do remember the holidays call upon you — and I know you will plead my health and give me with kind wishes.

I am very sorry to hear dear Mam

New York Tuesday Dec 29th 1874. I am disappointed in getting any money from Mr R. as he could not get it to day from his man. he says however his effects. I get half of the amount he wanted to morrow and will send me in the Sampson portion, that is $50.00. But all this is uncertain, I find I cannot rely upon promises. Therefore that you may have some thing for New Years I have sent you by Western Union Telegraph Frank "Baby" Company — in Currency $30.00

Cost of transfer & telegram	3.31
making —	$33.31
Leaving me	3.69
out of the	$40.00

I received from Mr Hendrie. I am sorry I could not have sent more for you and enough for taxes. This $30. Currency will give you $27.00 gold with which you can have a good time New Years — and get along till I am able to send more — Cannot close now — with much love to you and the Children — Yr Father

will treat their parents with proper attention and respect therefore I will withhold out to them any encouragement of this kind. I must be just and that they have been all equally kind to you from the oldest down to the youngest and that in the distribution of any presents which I may make they shall all be equally deserving of my consideration —

I hope George is a good boy and attends to going to school regularly and always on hand to prepare the wood and make the fires for Mamma or whoever gets the meals.

You are all reading rather a rough time of it but it is only temporary and I am reading it without a friend to cheer me in case I should be taken sick or meet with the least mishap.

You may think papa is reading a good story of it off in New York and that I should come home

horse having been away so long around.
Such is not the case. I have anything
but a pleasant time of it. I never without
a cent to procure a meal of victuals
or to pay for my lodgings. I make
the money last a long time — a little goes
a great ways. Sometimes when I have
a few dollars I am extravagant to spend
fifty cents a day — but as the money dwin-
dles away I reduce my expenses accord-
ingly and I have made seven by five
cents last as long as three days. I have
credit with my landlord for the rent of my
room, G. W. Jones and with my
washerwoman. I am indebted to them
now but will tomorrow pay up and take
new credit. I know I need not
fret and get in this way many a good
square meal — but it is not the way I
like to do. Though I am always
welcome wherever I go. I have
not been to see any thing taken.
I have seen most everything on the
outside or can be viewed without money.
I cannot afford to go to places of amusement
of any kind, nothing the same to do
with. I used to find recreation by
going around to see things but the nov-
elty of sight seeing having worn off I am no
longer interested in seeing things so often.

This letter is getting rather long. I have
written about enough. Besides it is growing
late and about time I retire for the
night. I may add a line or two tomorrow
when I write about the amount which I
shall be able to send you by telegraph.

So good night my dear wife and
my dear children. God grant you all
possible happiness and that the time
of our again meeting may not be much
longer postponed, and that we shall
live in harmony. Receive this from
your dear devoted old prospector
whose heart beats only for thee, and the
above. Adios Cara mia Mi Esposa.

J. W. Chaney

the hay dealer never pay much at this season. I think you did well in giving the keys to the Italian occupying Mark's old stand. The occupant of these premises is the proper person to look after the seeds. Better retain the old book and get him a new one and then you can judge as to when and how much the seeds ought to pay. Tell Mr Rose & Wallach that I will see their relatives again before leaving. I hope Frank will try to come all he possibly can so that what I send may be in addition to provide you with some comforts while you are sick.

I am glad you have an opportunity of riding some times with Mrs Seley. When you have a buggy or carriage you will be able to reciprocate the favor. Remember me to all friends who are kind to you. I must now close. With much love

From your ever loving husband
J. H. Wahrenberger

additional

Tuesday Dec 29. 1874.

Dear Lee. Mr Morse tells me that the two cases honey have not yet arrived. The steamer is due to day or tomorrow. They are a long while on the way. I am very glad that the trunk arrived safely and that you are so well pleased with the contents particularly the children's water proofs, the boa, muff and astrachan sack. You think them beautiful. But could you see some here you would not perhaps think so. If you can sell them to advantage do so. If you can get $60 or $70 for the sack and $25 to $30 for the muff & boa you had better let them go. The man told me that the sack after being made over was worth $40 and the boa & muff $15. or so. Furs are of very little use in San Diego I think. But do as you please about it. If you sell and I can get my money I will buy you nice furs. Make such disposition of the things in the trunk as you think proper to the advantage of all. Some of the skirts require some little repairing. You

can do this at your leisure. If you wish to convert two of the linen ones into night gowns for yourself you can do so — I suppose they are all too large for Frank? The black silk coat is a very fine one and as good as new — cost $60 — I mind nothing in taking it out of the Japanese trunk. With this exception it is perfect — fits me most beautifully and that is why my husband gave it to me — I do not suppose however I shall ever wear it — It is too large for Frank. I was thinking Frank might make some arrangement with the editor to sell it to him or leave it with him on sale — or arrange with him to get a suit of good clothes from him in exchange for it — He can do as it you think best and he wishes — otherwise keep it for me — Let Frank have any thing in the way of my clothing that he can use — drawers, socks, &c, and do with all as you think best. I meant to have written you that the bright brown wig to Jane Wanamaker on the trunk was payable in currency, but as you have paid it now — it makes no difference. I would like to have you a nice suit — Skirt and jacket, but it takes so long and costs so much for the freight besides the risk of ever getting them. I will bring you something nice when I go — I also intend buying a nice Steinway piano. There are times when pianos costing one thousand dollars that have been used only a few months are sold as low as $250 to $275.00 — I also wish to get a Surbaber buggy of some kind that will answer me in my racket — take business and do for us to ride around in. and I also intend to get a sewing machine — Write me the kind you prefer Grover & Baker, Wheeler & Wilson, the Light Running domestic — There are so many kinds it is difficult to choose. I intend buying many other things to make us comfortable and case I get all the money I expect.