

1859

FAMILY LETTERS

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A happy new year to you my dear friend - a happy
new year - and if there is any efficacy imparted to
an aspiration of the sort, by the special day that
calls it forth, then a thousand times do I say to
you a happy new year - My heart some how or
other begins this new lease with a joyful and a
hopeful heart, and a good resolution to try and
make the coming cycle of thirteen moons tell
somewhat on the page of eternity. We are but frail
creatures, yet may we gather strength, by entering
with a stout heart and a noble purpose on the
succeeding years as they roll, and even if we fail
still to come up, we try it again - Now the fact
is I felt ^{somewhat} ~~uncomfortable~~ gushy in the region of that little
bumping receptacle which is the seat of all our joys
& sorrows, and maybe you think I've been a trifle
grandiloquent - but it matters not - the stream was
genuine & had to come out, and you will appreciate.
Present my greeting to your "good man" and Frankie

and little Nannie - and tho', out of your house
hold the atmosphere for me undergoes a change;
yet here I find wishes and remembrances for
for the Van Dieganians generally, for such as you
think hold me in any regard I send likewise
greeting - You will perceive that my last letter
to you, failed to reach you, through my extra care
and Mr Stone's forgetfulness - so I just send it
along with this - hoping that it will not have
spoiled by the keeping - I wonder why some body
did not give me a line at least by the last steamer.
I wonder if she was standing in ceremony with
her old friend? or what was the reason - However
we will endeavour to straighten up all these
matters before the 10th of January inst. - in as
much as it is confidently expected that there will
be some arrivals in this city by the 9th that will
enable us to solve the mystery - The news
that I am able to give you in this steamer
amounts to not much - Mr Boncastle
came out in the steamer bringing his wife
and a little miss B. I was disappointed in
Madame - she is western - and much elegant
tact. I relied more on B. Boncastle - but

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"de gustibus non est" - We have had an immediety
of rainy days, and consequent slushy streets -
and the weather has done its best to blue-devil us
- but as Daniel Webster observed when about to
peg out "we aint dead yet" - Mr. Kellogg left on
the Panama several days ago for Oregon - He
did not fancy the trip at all, & would fain have
waited until it got a little warmer - but there
was no help for it and he had to go -

I have had letters from my people - all well
- they had not yet heard of my determination to
stop in San Francisco - They will come along
in the Spring - Walter writes in good spirits
about his school & slides to it he is going to do
the edication up brown - My friend Maylee
dropped in a few moments ago and stirred me up
for a visitation to day - so I am going the rounds -
for the New York open-house system is in vogue in
San Francisco - for the present Adios amigos -
January 2^d 1859 - Yesterday has gone and already we
are sailing quietly along the current of another year
- we were fortunate in having a beautiful day for
new year - and Maylee & I did up a wonderful amount
of stupid calling - it got very druggy towards the

End of the day - the last visit I paid but one was
to Mrs Burton - I had not been to see her but once
since she arrived in San Francisco & of course I
expected a blowing up - but strange to say I did not
get it - she was quite amiable and pleasant - She
& the Captains return on the steamer of tomorrow -
- I shall certainly expect to see you by this boat -
and shall be disappointed if you do not come -

Adios amiga mia

Ever sincerely & truly

Your Old friend

J. H. Wigglesworth

Washington Jan'y 5. 1859.

My dear Mr. Barney.

Yours of 3rd ult. was rec^d & the application for bounty bond filed 31st ult. I had it made a "Special case" in order to hasten the result, but there are other "Specials" ahead of it and I shall not be able to give you any information respecting it by this mail; I shall however keep it in mind & endeavor to carry it through the mill.

I have ascertained as requested that M^r W^{illiam} Rising has not re-entered the army since his discharge in 1851.

I'm then what you say about the beneficial effects of your climate upon middle aged ^{men} but being P. M. it would hardly pay in my case.

The Col. & other Gen^{ls} in the affair desired to be kindly remembered.

Very truly yours
W. D. Beall.

Major G. H. Ruggles
U. S. A.
San Francisco.
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San Diego, May 20th 1899.

Dear Whaley I hope to have letters
from you sometime. Telling me that you
are all arrived safe and well in San Francisco
and had a pleasant trip up. I need
not tell you how much I miss you
all, and how lonely I feel, particularly
on evenings, no doubt that I can regularly
keep up and do pleasant female friends
that I take interest enough in, to get up
a little misunderstanding ^{with} every now and then
to be explained away afterwards, however,
if by the change you accomplish your object
of betting your fortunes. I shall be content,
and will hope, that at some future day,
we shall be able to renew our personal
intercourse, since you left I have done
one thing that I think will be satisfactory
to you, and that is, I have leased
your premises to Doyle for one year at
\$40 per month. I think I had to get \$50.

but he would not give it and I thought
I should have made myself at present. I would like
of more suitable to you and your than
the 11th that I should say to you and I
think you will give me with my thoughts in
regard to it. I should like to see you in
the 11th day and he promises me that
he will send me the paper of the book out
of the field being he promises, and indeed
he is expecting my money and the balance
of the money ready, he says, he will pay
it with the check in a matter of a day
this, and I think he will, he says
I will come to you in about an hour, so no
doubt you can see the arrangement. The house
is not what I want, but I will have it
done with a few days and I will
think not that the house is a, it being
your case for the day, only part of the
amount is important. This one certainly is
a very interesting, and that he has found it
in the same, also of the same kind
as the day he can show them more

my eye than he ends in the large crowd
of her no objection to it, except it will
they only with those few light planes
best, however, when you want to occupy
it again, we will make Doyle say that
there were only 3 you will see by the
papers an account of a very
first book plan a day or two ago. The
need of good jobs come from the
change of the day, and, with that
they follow, I believe, and have found their
light at a check, and thinking one of
the best may be found in the
which will be done to clean it and enter
it now in the history of the day. I will
not spend through the day, he says, but
a few moments, from the position is
every about it, and may be to make
him clear, you will be heard this
afternoon, however, he is not sure but
the plan follows, but he says that
he is not sure, but a few days ago, and
is left. By the way, I have started a

a Mrs. Galtie, as butter at New York
I furnishing a small stock of goods
and my old store, and as to attend
to the business, I don't expect it to
pay much, but I can't lose much by
it, and may get some little rent for
the store, however time will tell, and
if I don't pay I shall close it right
up - The steamer in, and as you know
I have not much time to myself -
I have received yours and Mrs. W.
letter, in which I am much obliged
I shall write to Mrs. Whaley before the
next steamer, and glad to hear that

you are in comfortable spirits, and feel
in love good spirits about the future
I send by Frank a little box of things
sent by Mrs. W. & Nancy, tell Nancy that
the letter was so warm sent, that I send
like another kiss to children and Mrs.
and believe me at ever your friend
if you can read this tell my love
to see what she can do with it, then she is

San Francisco, Aug 29th 1859

Col J. C. Hays.

Dear Sir,

When in San Diego I inquired of you concerning the survey of some land situated in the Saladaad Valley two miles above Donipascos Lopez's house, where stands the walls of an adobe house built by Chas H. Poole & J. S. Mead and sold by the latter to J. C. Goldmann. To recall the matter to your mind I will state that I made the enquiry in Frank Ames Store and at the time showed you the conditional note of Goldmann to Mead given in part payment of the property. You then men at that time that the property in question was public land belonging to the United States. If you will give me a certificate to that effect to be appended or enclosed upon the certified copy of the deed from Mead to Goldmann, now in the possession of Maj Geo H. Ringgold you will much oblige me and the Major will settle with you for the same. Yours truly
Wm Wholey

Henry has close his Restaurant I am told that he has lost all
 sympathy of the people by his new trick, he had a quarrel with Mr
 Stamps the other day about bring^{ing} some soups to Moon, he told
 him he was trying to take away his boarder from him
 that is all settled now Mr Moon is dead & to day the
 Masons turned out & payed the last rites to his body
 poor Old Man peas to his ashes Big trees came to see
 me the next day after you left & by way of introduction
 delivered a long string of compliments from Major O
 & then invited me to call on his wife & from curiosity I
 did so Mrs Ames to my mind is very plain simple
 looking lady I like her very well she returned my
 visit in two days he has comminc'd to train her
 she says Judge Ames I think they have hard
 work to live in ^{the} plainest manner for they have
 not chairs even in the front room & their drink is
 worse than ever indeed all the drunkards have
 been trying themselves over late your Old friend
 Compton has been deranged for several days
 he is in the lock up at present his wife & Old
 Mrs Camel is drink & walking the streets constant
 Mrs Franklin came the next day after you left & wanted
 me to take her family in the dining Room & turn
 Williams out & she insisted upon it saying she could
 put up with inconveniences & all so that she would
 assist me in cooking but I decline the honour
 as the English man says I deprec'd it for volunteering
 my advice to her that day she has not called on me since
 & I hope will not soon I am sleeping now good Nite my friend

I will give you a letter from the family when I return

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evening of the 5th I was quite ill last I sleep day I could not
 write scratch you know it is a task for me at any time
 as I have to write at arms length I have had much pain
 in my arm of late I think it is owing to the changeable
 weather we have had we have not had any rain since
 you left except a little shower the other day it some times cold
 & windy & then very hot it is very unhealthy weather I cannot
 tell you how much I miss you & my dear little & candy &
 Mr W. & little Nancy do write me all the smart sayings
 of my child what he thinks of San Francisco & tell him
 Grand Ma wants him to come down to San Diego or she will
 go crazy Mrs Johnson that is ^{my} will be called on ~~me~~ the other day
 & inquired very kindly about you & ask me to send her love
 to you in my next letter I am very sorry that I am not able
 to send William to school or get him in some employment
 in your place it is not good to be idle but I cannot help
 my self at present San Diego was dull when you left but
 it more so now I think it will drag up soon I forgot to tell
 you Mr Jones & penelope & others came & gave me a serenade
 the other evening as I will call it for it was very late
 they must have some won't to laugh at & the old widow
 must take her share with them gibe well I appreciate their
 music & motion for says William has returned from the
 picnic & tells me that he & big A was gloriously drunk & Anna
 tryed to play the agreeable to him but it was no go he did not
 notice how seraphema was ^{long} this after noon & told me Anna
 told her that Mrs Doil & her was very intimate I don't believe
 her for Mrs Doil is out every day & I have not seen or heard of her
 calling or taking her out riding or anything of the kind
 I am told Anna goes up to Doils some times I will hush
 about that odious woman & try to forget her forever

Morning of the 9th all right I have received
your welcome little letter & must tell you to be more
careful of my dear of little Franky, or I will come after
him soon. Tell Mr. M. I sympathize with him
as I am afflicted too but not in the same way I hope
she will succeed in getting a good business soon
the times here is worse than ever there is not a dollar in
the place I can hardly live upon the little I get
I expect it will be worse soon I am told Mr. Jones
is going to take his store to the Newtown
at his Old Stand I get very little rent money
for the balance of the house I am afraid you will
not stay of bread in my long letter if indeed you can
read it please give my kindest regards to Mr. M.
& kiss the children for me William sends
his love to all but especially to Franky he was
much distressed at hearing of the sickness
god bless you all

I remain your friend & well wisher

J. R. Robinson

Brooklyn July 9th 1859

Dear Brother

We received a letter from you with instructions to purchase a lot for you and from the tenor of your letter you do not seem to be posted in lots here at this time you can not get one in a good situation under \$1000. I would not take one as a gift in a place where there is no improvement as the expense for opening streets is very heavy now there is a lot next to me that can be bought for \$1000 perhaps a little less you can authorize me to get it for you and pay \$500 down and bond & mortgage for the balance the interest \$35 and taxes about \$10 more to be paid yearly so you can send word about it I should like you or Henry to purchase it. I wish I could do so as I should like to have it and if you should become tired of it possibly by that time I could purchase from you I shall wait an answer. I hope you and family are all well we are at present - sent you my love to Henry and all

San Diego. Feb^y 18th 1859

Dear Whaley

I acknowledge the receipt
of yours of the \$5 by Luck's Steamer in one
of my letters in my letter to Mrs. Whaley,
but had not time then to do more.
I was sorry to hear that you had
been confined to the house by a severe cold,
but thank long ere this, you have entirely
recovered from it, as for the boils, it must
have been very inconvenient not to be able to
sit down when you wanted to, but I hope you
consider yourself with the reflection, that the
Bible tells us, that Job, was a very good
man, altho he had so many boils, that
they are now called Job's Comforters, and
it is fair to presume, you must be a good
man, as you would not have been comforted
in that way, however, I hope before this,
the Comforter has departed from you, and
that you can now sit at your ease,

do the other blowing business, Don't give -
 - them when you can't afford it, well, I can not
 - multiply, and that's yet, you will find
 - something in D., that will be more congen-
 -ial in your tastes, and more profitable to
 you perhaps, than about the things above the
 - Pleasures, very often to the more widely, Do you
 - here. ~~that they offer~~ and offering you in
 - his ~~here of any~~, the trouble about you
 - (St. Petersburg), this, has that, has now arrived
 - and that point, when ~~Capital~~ (ie. Hungary) tells
 - as I think as if they in the ~~western~~ cities, and
 - it will be very hard to make, you are at home,
 - who has little, or any thing, to complete, in
 - any business, with those who have the highest
 - interest, you are on the spot, and can see
 - and judge the ~~partly~~, and see all this capital
 - and still something will show up, that will not
 - only pay, but pay for the ~~amount~~ of the money, better
 - to than you, or in ~~any~~ that will do it, you
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 - can) evidence you will find the ~~same~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~that~~

amount, and which I think would cause unaccept-
 - able, I may very perhaps be in getting them
 - delivered, at the place of D., you have
 - days after, come, the ~~same~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~times~~
 - to find the ~~same~~ ~~experience~~, and if they
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 - (which) they will have in the ~~same~~
 - at ~~black~~, and ~~practically~~ ~~not~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~travelling~~
 - if they had not already been ~~defined~~, do
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 - ~~have~~ ~~got~~ ~~nothing~~ ~~when~~ ~~before~~, as ~~yet~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
 - I ~~will~~ ~~keep~~ ~~them~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~
 - a ~~extension~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~part~~ ~~with~~
 - ~~these~~ ~~particulars~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~part~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~part~~

\$4, in Cash for you, as witness fees in the Franklin
Case, as per County Scrip. Pennington says there is more
due you, as per District as a justice, on any case
altho' you were called; and they only pay those who
try the cases - Enclose you will find the
Declarable Deed, on which I have paid the recd.
- as fees, out of the witness fees - (Mother has
not been in yet, so that I have not got yours
a new Debt, if he do not come soon, I will either
bring up through Harper; It gives me pleasure
to attend to anything I can do for you here, and
if it only results in something to you as a wage,
you may rest assure I shall think it troublesome,
I wish you would ask Major Ringgold of a discharge?
Soldier (perhaps) by name. Brian Henderson left with him
(as he promised me he would do) for me; if so, please
ask Major Ringgold to give it to you, and when
you see E. M. & Co. hand it to him, to put to
my credit on his acct. that is, without do large and
sure, will be of any benefit to you, if so, of course,
Keep it, and pass it to my credit on your acct.
20? I left my letter open until the steamer arriv'd
and in receipt of yours and Mrs. Whaley's letters, but
as you have not had a chance to give more than half
sold them, Doyle has no money, as soon as
he has I shall do all I can to get the rest
as he promised, The troops have all gone, and
my father's ship is shak up for the present. Love
to all your family. Yours in haste Frankland

Brooklyn Feb 20th 1859.

Thomas, I commenced this letter intending John should inclose in his but he wrote and forgot mine. therefore you will perceive the reason I presume you will be in, Lynn St. by this time and I hope you are comfortably settled we are all tolerable in health I trust you are the same - Sister, has been here this week & family of five ~~with~~ with herself & Maid, he is absent at pres^{ent} I keep a girl but as you do not make any inquiries I need not inform you. You will have the kindness to inform us how you are coming on, your brother has written you a letter concerning making a purchase for you I trust you will be satisfied with what he may do, as it is time the money was at interest, I have had great patience I think. do write about Hen, as we have not had a line since his wife went, he would not write unless she was willing I suppose. poor man, I am sorry he can forget his Mother. Do you remember Wm Page, Uncle S. son. I am grieved to tell you that a week ago, he left for Florida for his health poor fellow, close confinement in the Board the cause no doubt, I hope and pray it will be of infinite benefit to him as he is a favourite nephew of mine. Again my child I commend you and family to the protection of the Almighty, Sister & brother, sends love to all with myself we love to hear from you as frequently as you please Good by, farewell.

Your Affectionate Mother
B. Whaley

My dear Son
I received your letter of the 12th
and was glad to hear from
you and to hear of your
well being. I am glad to
hear that you are
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Dear Son I have a few lines to
write to you. I received your
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Yours of the date Dec 22 came to hand
what could have delayed it so long. You speak of a certain piece
of gratitude I do not feel the least surprised there are others
who is personally indebted; pray not the least attention of my
know how I feel under circumstances if you only live to my
age "time bring forth" I could not refrain from pulling bad as
I read of your intention to sell out, and go to San Fr. but you are
the best judge. It appears to me all associations in San F. have become
disagreeable to you, likewise, you to them, those that were friendly are
scarcely more; I am exceedingly sorry that matters have gone so far
I trust your removal will be the means of improving your so-
cial happiness and business also. That you write of having but 50 or 60 cents
you collected that sum from one man I think you will have considerable
by the time you sell your furniture and collect your debts I cannot
conceive what induced you to build such a large house, then to rent it
so low to my! what a pity - you say you have been successful in Cuba
but you appear to let go of your luck I am happy to learn that baby
is restored to health yet it surely, must be quite a boy by this time I wonder
I have some fine looking & sand children; Harry, for example and yours
shall be in the group. I am pleased he wants to see his, B. George
he must pray for me until he does. I suppose Harry's wish to see his
children was very great; I have frequently thought his heart had been
sorely rent, every misfortune considered, but I trust he will prosper
I was sadly hurt that you did not receive him in your letter
for my sake I often wish he had returned home. When I have

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helped him personally but all says he is making money steady
please his wife as she is all for debt do they have balls in San Diego, are the troops there
Thomas you write how about the lot John was to buy for me did you ever tell him
to do so. Only see I have been hoping the money lying in the bank and waiting for
you Glen & Harriet to divide to take it do look over your letters and see what I
have written you might have had it at the same time John did, if you had
said so but you write so strange to speak of buying a lot in Cb or B
for \$500 - so in an improving part consider torpedos, assessments all
may be right in time, but interest runs up fast unless property
goes up too but J. says he will write and expound the case fully
to you, it is not gold in a gold or Brooklyn I am willing to do
what you said I would for one as well as the other I do not want the
money spoiled away in Cal or elsewhere if seen, comes forward would it
something for him to fall back upon what does any one want in Cal,
who cannot get their leisure, Thomas, call on Mr. Day in San F,
he is a great business man made a vast deal of money he might do
commend something to you in the way of business as he well knows what
kind of goods will suit the market at all events you might call on
if you should want to buy or sell goods John might be your agent
I hope and pray Mr. Salmon will say you as a good ought to do I think
John will do any thing for you he can if you are a widow they
could receive and bestow some kind on her dear little grand ^{grand daughter}
He has a little boy ^{near 2 years} Tom they looks like my son when a child he loves his
Ma, as he calls her very much. I believe I wrote Aunt Abby was very ill of jaundice
she is much better will be able to go out soon, Aunt P. is about the same. Her
my son I will close hoping you and family will continue in good health
hope you will write very soon as I shall feel very anxious for your welfare
John will write this steamer and inform you all you desire I hope
he will make a good purchase for you your affectionate Mother
R. Whaley

San Diego Feb 22nd 1859

My Dear friend

Hull is excitement to day
 therefore you must not expect me to write at any
 letter this time we are all well & every thing goes
 on as usual I think of going to the Ball to night
 simply to please the men. & that I may be better able
 to give you some account of it. The Steamer has this
 moment arrived & brought me your letter I thank
 god that you are all well & you that you have
 not forgotten the old woman yet, after kissing
 Hankys name over & over again & thinking of you
 all it makes me want to start out to
 see you but there is a small pond of water
 between us therefore I must cool down & wait a while
 untill times take a change I have had a visit
 from my old friend J. Poland of Longbeles &
 Mrs. K wants me to come up & stay with them
 this summer but I cannot leave home you know
 I expect to be plow'd in old sandiego, without
 ever seeing any other place in California William
 made enquiry about letters for you but found none
 he is now begining to have the stripes sew'd on his pants I
 suppose he wants to have out with black eyes to
 celebrate the day, Some lady arrived ^{by this boat} the day
 In town we have three plays playing & quite a number
 of carriages Mrs. Bars husband & brother has come by this boat
 William sends his love to all & wishes you would let Hanky come down
 to us give my love to Mr. H. & all the little things your friend
 J. R. Robinson

Henry's letter to some letter says & see him grand ma Jan 7th 1859

San Diego, March 15th 1889

My Dear Mrs Whaler.

When the Merchantile
style, I will commence by saying, that
"Times of the 17th" has been duly received,
and contents noted, and in the first
place, allow me to return to you, my
many thanks for the kind interest you
express, and I think feel, for my health
and general welfare, I am doing everybody
I think with you, is not good for me,
and the best way to put a stop to it, would
be, to call on your suggestion, and come
down and look after me, in the mean
time, I have delivered some messages to
Mrs Doyle, and she has accepted the
change, ~~and~~ promises to keep a sharp
look out, as it is very evident to me,
as well as to you, and Mrs D, that
owing to some cause, (want of age, I
suppose) I sometimes keep a very hard look

and you think? I am glad to have
read your letter as comfortable a letter
"I regard Carl" and if my mother pleased.
You and Mary, will I continue to see in
"happily" in it, in the end than, as the
"Laws of Nature" will require a larger, and
I will regard one, and their perfection, you
will not have to let it. That they do this,
cannot give you mind's as given that "Eman-
ation" suppose it will be pleasant for you to
have her occasionally visit you. While
of talking about your design, and its inter-
esting independence, but I don't, from what
I have heard, if you will give her relation
in an American, I have to be by interesting
yours & Carl's. You are very to back
upon Mary against the Law. I wish to stay
(I cannot say in the days of the Law
and even a speaking as you know with the
woman) well, I must stay the day but
if you will find it on the ground, if you
shall command her, I will give the matter

you, and make this best, say, a well, but
knowing with respect to (the letter) and some
to the decision to give Dickinson's reply,
say in substance, I wish to stay, and I suppose
I will do it, and if they could agree, why, I
suppose we will have to share the whole
that is, you must return me my things,
and I will be sure to return yours, even
if I have to do it, though I like little
Damon's of a nature you do not seem
your intention to me an necessary part
of the whole party in money, or you would have
and the whole business, to share but we know
what is all I want. I will give you, or that
I had off very pleasantly indeed, say
me, my, and little, was there, and I seem
to enjoy the company, (particularly, as the
subject is) happily and what was about, passed
well. No one was drunk, one person
but Robinson was there, and with the
D's and Quince, I think, she had a
good time, enjoying these that D's, but

Let me do the old lady justice she told
me she thought the girls all liked milk
Mrs R and myself continue to be great
friends, she is very kind to me, and
I try to be so to her, and we always have
a mutual subject of interest to talk
about, and that is, a particular friend
of ours, and her children - this reminds
me to answer your inquiries, in regard
to the doctor, and little Tip, as for the
doctor I think he must have departed
to that place provided for the spirits
of good dogs; he disappeared some week
or ten days ago, and Mrs Robinson has
not been able to find, or hear anything
of him; I presume you will, for the sake
of old associations, regret to hear this,
but the dogs friends here, will not feel
very sorry, as he was a sick dog, and
on that account not a very pleasant com-
panion - little Tip seems happy and
contented in Mrs Robinson's yard, she
generally passes through my door in the

San Diego, March 6th 1859

My dear Mrs. Haily,

according to promise I will

try & give you a description of the last Ball I went

to please Mrs. H. but I think it had the contrary effect

she looked very black at me & did not speak

of course I felt very sorry over the fit well

let me tell you all the Californians was

rigged out in their very best bib & tucker

Charles B. had a very beautiful dress of

pink silk that is the bottom & top of the

skirt was the balance was pink ^{made} crepe

scuffed over it was very nicely ^{made} by Hayes

John had new silk & looked very

well indeed all the Californians looked

very nice the Americans looked badly Mrs. D.

was plainly dressed & was very dry at first but

when she saw Mr. Ham. & Pendleton & others

all over on our side of the house & laughing &

talking she came over & spoke to me & was

quite pleasant but I could ^{see} it was all forst Mrs.

H. & Mrs. N. the party was sitting to gather

all evening Mrs. N. had a boot muslin dress on

it was made like the one that I made for little

Nanny the infant pattern she looks like the bad

mans eye baby her eldest child came by herself

Mr. N. would not give five dollars & so he stays at home

Big James went off to the Bull 2000
we left them in the Bull 2000
Mrs. H. says she tears for things
under the paper came off we left them & says they
Big James went off to the Bull 2000

Anna had on that silk dress she got at Mianrayan
was very short ^{in the} skirt & looked badly she had a wide velvet
belt on & it was made infant waist & she had a three
cornered handkerchief around her neck all full of those
little balls like you had on your cap. Made of wood
I hope you will understand me for I don't know half the
time what I am saying Mrs Street's wore her brown
silk skirt & white waist & her husband ^{was angry} when she
took off her shall to dance with Mr Curt's & as soon as
she was seated came to her & told her that she looked
like she was in her shift sleeve & she got the money
in her & went home & put it all next day so ended
the dance & now I must tell you about my ride to the
lighthouse to day with Mr James. mind you I don't
take it as a compliment to myself it was for your sake
that he had compassion on the old woman & took
her out the day was fine & every thing low green & beau-
tiful I wish you was here again & all your little
family with you I cannot help crying when I look
at your house it reminds me of many pleasant days
spent with you all & then comes the painful thought
that perhaps I will never see you again. feel myself
getting old very fast I want you to say to your Mother
in your next letter that I can sympathize with her
reason in wanting to see you all but especially Secretary
please take Mr M. that Sunday is now making best
kick I think it will soon be over & we will all how to
leave or starve to death you have no idea how
dull it is & how little money there is in the place

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Mrs Bar has called to take leave & Mr Bar is about to leave here for the war country & I must close for this evening good evening My Dear friends

I see me day & all well with us I am waiting for my letter from you to finish this, Mr. A. has informed this moment of ^{your} illness I wish you was here that I might nurse you & help you take care of the children I am afraid the climate up there will not agree with you if it does not come down to me my home is poor but it is freely offered do come my friend I must thank you for my collar & cor. &c. &c. kind intentions of trying to get business for William I know your kind & liberal heart though it is not necessary for you to spend money ^{on me} in these hard times if I was rich I would make you it guess but the railroad Bill is you by the bond & I must give over all my kind intentions for the present till Scanty Grand Ma takes little step & goes out walking ere evening she is very sharp & is in morning for the Doctor & says he has a notion to prison all the Days in town for revenge he requests me to say he misses you very much & cannot get on in dancing so well as when you was here to instruct him please kiss the children & tell them for me

I must my dear friend have to be gone therefore good-bye & god bless you all

your friend
Sarah Robinson

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Dear Whaley
March 7/89

Since I checked
my letter to Mrs. Doyle
I brought me in the enclosed
of \$200. which I trust will
come acceptable, no time to
say more,
Yours truly,
A. Ames

Say to Mrs Whaley that as yet I have not been able to
find any letters she has to you in the P.O. and that I make
it a point to inquire by every mail. ^{F.A.}

San Diego, March 19th 1889.

Dear Whaley I acknowledge the receipt
of yours of the 29 per last steamer, in P.O.
to my letter to Mrs Whaley; and just before
I was closing my express I sent you in
another envelope a \$100 gold note on his
father for \$250, on a 50 cent note, and which
I trust came safe to hand. This I fear
will about wind up for the present. My cash
receipts for you, as for selling tickets, or
anything else just now, about these diggings,
the prospect is worse, if that were possible,
than ever as regards Mrs D. L. Ames due bill,
I wrote him a note a few days since, calling
his attention to the fact of its being past due,
and at present, was in my hands for collection.
He states, that when he gave it to you
it was understood that he might be able
to pay it about that time, in San Francisco
and that he expects to go there soon. (which

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for hunting; however, I suppose he, and
the doctor, are now happy in the dog heaven,
and their friends must comfort themselves
with the thought, that it no doubt, is all
for the best.

2nd The steamer just in, and yours of
the 14th at hand, many thanks for the
Ambrosy, I have hardly had time to
criticise it closely, it being express day,
but have handed it over to Mrs Robinson
for the day, so that she may take a
good look at it, I trust, if you conclude
to go into business with Mr. March, (he
I suppose is the gentleman who was in
the flour business when I was in San Francisco)
you will not be disappointed in the result,
but I should look sharp, before I speculate
much in these sort of things, - My kind
regards to Mrs W, and tell I was glad
to hear that she was well, and was
in hopes to have had an answer to
my letter. Kiss the children for me, and
believe me as ever your friend,
Wm. A. Smith

New-York le 20 Mars. 1859.

Ma chère Anna.

J'ai dernièrement m'annoncé que vous étiez à San-Francisco. Je ne me s'etonne pas que tu sois si contente d'avoir quitté San-Diego; pour ma part, il me tardait de t'en voir partie, et Dieu merci, mon souhait est accompli.

Je t'etonne chère Anna que je ne t'aie pas écrit! et tu ne penses pas que tu ne m'as pas envoyé ton adresse! Je t'ai cependant écrit le mois dernier, adressant ma lettre Mrs Thomas Whaley. S. F. Ca.

J'espère qu'elle t'es parvenue, mais n'oublie pas dans ta prochaine, de me dire comment il faut que je t'adresse mes lettres! Au même temps, il faut que je te prie de ne plus adresser les lettres à Mr Underhill, parce que Peter n'y est plus.

Depuis que le fils aîné de Mr Underhill commande l'établissement, il s'y est fait un grand changement. David Underhill est un égoïste, un homme dur et grossier, qui n'a aucun égard pour personne; et conséquemment, il a maltraité ton frère. Peter a demandé à être mieux payé

Il lui a répondu qu'il tâcherait de
se passer de lui. Sur quoi, Mr Underhill
(père) a dit à Peter, dont mind him,
Come Monday just the same. Peter
a répondu qu'il must have more wages.
Au bout de la semaine, on ne lui en
a pas donné d'avantage; et ton frère
a demandé on ne l'augmentait pas? Davia
(le fils) a répondu because we think we
can get a man who will do it for
the same wages. alors ton frère a dit
I will give ^{you} a chance to try. Davia a dit
you had better consider before you leave
enfin Peter a quitté et voilà!!
moi, sans élixir, in, sans ouvrage,
et comme tu le vois, un malheur n'arrive
jamais seul! Mais tout le monde est d'accord
à dire que Dav. W. est sans contredit l'homme
le plus digne qu'on puisse rencontrer.
Après avoir été plus de six ans dans cet
établissement, être traité comme cela!!
Ainsi ma chère Anna tu vois que nous
n'avons pas d'autre alternative que d'accepter
ton offre qui, je crois, est la meilleure
chose que nous puissions faire autant pour
ta sœur et moi, que pour ton frère.
Il y a si peu de chances maintenant à
N.Y. pour les Artisans. Les Allemands travaillent

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pour presque rien. La soeur a deux élevés
qu'elle a commencés le mois dernier. Si
nous avions pu déménager nous avions la
chance d'avoir une classe d'enfants. Mais
personne pour nous donner un coup d'épaulé
Nous étés bien heureux d'avoir des amis ma
chère Anna, mais avec nous, les amis sont
rare. Dix à Mr Warner que j'ai été
bien ^{aise} d'avoir de ses nouvelles. Cela doit te
rappeler ol'atimes. Et Elise aussi, doit
te rappeler le teny si elle venait prêcher
sa doctrine d'habits d'or et ventre
de paille. tu peux être sûre que lorsque
je serai à S. F. mes visites chez elle,
seront comme celles des anges. How and
far between. Voilà mon propriétaire ^{le dit et avec} qui me
travaille pour service si nous allons rester
après moi. J'ai beau lui dire que nous
comptons partir pour S. F. il veut
savoir quand? il m'est impossible de le
lui dire, puisque je ne le sais pas moi-même.
Tâche chère Anna, dans ta prochaine
de me donner quelque information à ce
sujet afin que je sache à quoi m'en tenir.
Je suis bien aise que vous vous portiez tous
bien, excepté la petite qui touille toujours. Il ne
faut pas négliger cela. Dit à Frank, qu'il
faut qu'il me dise ce qu'il veut que je

lui apporte de New York. Or s'il est bon
garçon je compte certainement lui apporter
quelque chose. Enfin ma chère Anna dépêche
= t'ai de décider ce que tu peux faire pour
nous et n'oublie pas que cela presse.

Je sais maintenant mes intentions et même
position telle qu'elle est: agit le plus
tôt possible. J'ai vu dans l'Ohio que nous
pourrions très bien nous rendre utiles
à San Francisco d'autant plus que nous
ne sommes pas des G's. Adieu ma chère
fille nous nous embrassons tous de tout
Cœur.

V. G. Larnay.

P.S. Nous n'avons pas au les Bowen
depuis que nous sommes dans cette maison.
Adresse ta réponse No 69 West Seventeenth
Street. Cor. Sixth Av. N.Y.

Je me suis pas très bien porté dernièrement
j'ai beaucoup d'ennui et cela me tue.
Il me semble qu'un changement
fera du bien.

San Diego, April 3^d 1859

My dear Mrs Whaley

Yours of the 17th of March came to hand. Many thanks for your kind wishes. I was very much occupied last steamer day, quite so well; besides having received some letters on business connected with the Estate which I was compelled to answer by the return boat. The Times, let me see your Ambrotypes I think they are very good. Mr Whaley, looks very handsome I will take back that expression as I got in a scrape you remember about his good looks, my dear little Franky, looks a little heavenwards but I suppose it was done by seating him so low - Hannah, looks sweetly, she has improved very much I am quite jealous of her for fear she will get to be as good looking as my darling Franky, you look very natural whilst I was looking at you your eyes appeared to follow me & I could not help crying when thinking perhaps this I had now was all that I will ever see of you in this world, I have had a severe headache for the last week how long it will last I can not tell but I hope very soon to get rid of it by hard working, I have made me three dresses since you left here, you know that gray silk & the others is Calico, I think we will all starve soon, it is impossible for me to get money out of fig, kumst & Stoyes & I had to drive old Mrs Emil out she was always drunk & bickering, up a fuss

There is nothing new in way of news except that
Leander Osuna, who has been a long time sick
took a pistol this evening, & shot himself I suppose
he was tired of suffering, & so ends his days, Mrs
Estodillo tryed to get him to say a prayer but it was
too late, Mrs Snow was to see me this evening, she is a
poor broken hearted creature I think, there is nothing talked of now
in San Diego but the Snows, wedding, that is by the natives. I they
will get a great full of good things, Levit has lasted so long,
I suppose they will be able to justify on the occasion to the
duces, Mrs Soil rides out on horse with the Greasers every day,
she is preaching, Mrs Lane & old piece of worshiping them
I have taken several rides with the same lately, but
I suppose I will have to quit they have commended to make
excuses about it. Mrs Osborne told me she heard I was
going to be married to him, it is not so bad, they cannot
hold ^{me} the shut one moment, well let them see how
how I would like to see Feary in his new clothes, hear
him talk of San Francisco, William makes enquiries about letters
for you every steamer day but is unsuccessful in getting any.
I steamer day & no letter from my friend well I hope you
are not sick please let me know how it hangs, that
you did ^{not} write give my love to all the family, & my kindest
regards to the Major,

your friend
S. R. Robinson

New York le 4 Avril. 1859.

Ma chère Anna

La dernière du 4 Mars m'est parvenue avec le
Draft de \$2. et pour lequel je te remercie
beaucoup. Tu dois avoir deux lettres que je t'ai
envoyées; une le mois dernier, et l'autre le mois
président. Dans ma dernière je te marque que

Peter a quitté Mr Underhill. Il doit entrer
dans deux jours, chez Mr Delamarre. Machine
establishment, foot of 13th Street (North). On va
l'essayer; et il sera payé selon ce qu'il doit faire.

Il aurait préféré une place d'ingénieur sur un
c'est difficile à trouver, et ailleurs, travailler dans
un établissement comme celui-là, ne peut que lui
faire du bien. Je crois t'avoir écrit que toi
deux à deux élèves, il n'y a que moi qui n'ai
rien à faire. Si nous avions eu un appartement
convenable, nous aurions pu avoir des élèves chez
nous, mais nous ne nous pas pu déménager; et puisque
tu es décidée de nous envoyer chercher, nous avons
une salle là bas; N. crois-tu pas que nous
pourrions avoir des élèves à S. F. ? il me
semble que cela pourrait se faire!

Je ne me porte pas très bien ma chère Anna
et c'est à peine si je puis tenir ma plume.

J'ai un si grand mal de tête! j'ai des rhumes,
mais cela ne sera rien. Je ne puis pas continuer.
Embrasse tes chers petits pour moi et ton mari
Bonne et embrasse-les de tout coeur.

Ta mère affectuouse

V. C. Lannay.

P. S. Je crois t'avoir envoyé mon adresse No 69.
West Seventeenth Street. N. Y. N'oublie pas de m'écrire
soit le dimanche.

New York May 4. 1859.

My dear Anna.

As this is a business letter it must be in English.

Upon the receipt of your letter by the last steamer in which I found an order for \$400. to take us to California, my first step was to have it cashed.

I got Mr Story to go with me to identify me but Mr Story was obliged to identify himself but it did not take him long to do that and we got the \$400. The next thing was to inquire about the price for the passage by the regular line, it is \$100-25. until the 20th of May. and after that it will be higher, and that is the only line by which I am willing to go as I am told the opposition line is by no means safe as you are exposed to be left half way if there should be no steamer ready to proceed with, and take the Panama fever besides the Hotel expenses &c.

I have taken every information necessary from persons who know all about it and I am convinced that the safest and cheapest in the end is the regular line. I am dear Anna you will be able to understand why we could not possibly come by the 5th but I am determined to come by the 20th as Mr Story who is a very

Kind friend will lend me \$50. I do not think
Mr Whaley will blame me for so doing when
he considers the two months delay by which time the
passage may be \$100.50. besides, my rent is paid
up to the 2th of May. and I have given up my
rooming. I am not alone dear Anna! Peter does
not show any wish or pleasure to go and Amelia
feels very bad about leaving New York. I am the
only one who seems to understand that we shall
all be benefited by the change but I am sure
that when once there they will be very thankful.
Mr Story will go with me to the Office the day
after tomorrow to stop ^{in some} the passage for the 20th
and very thankful am I to him for all the
trouble he takes to see that everything is right.

Je ne pense pas ma chère Anna qu'il
y ait aucun danger pour m'empêcher de partir
sous n'aurons pas d'autres nouvelles dettes que
celles de l'espèce chez qui nous traitons et qu'il
a fallu payer. Les autres sont si anciennes que
je crois qu'il n'y a rien à craindre. Mr Story
m'a prêté l'autisme dernier \$25. que je lui
ai rendu. Je pense que c'est pour cela qu'il
me fait offrir de me prêter \$50 pour que je
puisse partir par le prochain steamer. Aut
-ment je n'aurais pas pu partir. J'espère
que ton mari n'aura pas d'objection à
rendre cet argent à Mr Story après que

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avoir fait pour le mieux. Adieu ma chère
Anna. Dieu veuille que nous arrivions en bon
port et que nous nous retrouvions tous en bonne
santé. Nous nous embrassons tous de tout
cœur.

La mère affectuonnée

V. E. Lanning.

I. I. We were delighted to receive the two
letters. We think Major Ringgold is a very handsome
man but I think that you look very thin.

I read the directions that Mr. Whaley was
kind enough to send me and we hope he shall
be the first one we shall see on arriving in
San-Francisco.

New York le 5 Mars 1859.

Ma chère Anna

Depuis tes deux dernière lettres, trois Steamers sont arrivés et pas de lettres pour moi! Tu es bête de me donner trois adresses à S. F. ce qui fait que je suis très embarrassée de savoir comment adresser ma lettre. À tout hasard, je l'adresse à San Francisco où tu dois être maintenant - puisque tu me dis, dans ta dernière, que vous allez à S. F. par le prochain Steamer.

Il me tarde de recevoir une lettre. j'espère en recevoir une par le prochain envoi, où je serai très inquiète. j'espère que vous êtes tous en bonne santé, et installés dans votre nouvelle demeure. J'ai tant qu'à vous, ma chère Anna nous nous portons bien malgré les temps durs que nous avons eus l'hiver. imagine-toi, que je n'ai rien eu à faire l'hiver! Il faut, ma chère enfant, que tu m'envoies chercher bien vite, ou que tu taches de m'envoyer quelque chose pour me tirer de l'embarras où je suis.

Nous n'avons pas pu déménager, ce qui est fort à notre détriment. Anélie a deux élèves qu'elle vient de commencer la semaine

dominée, elle est obligée d'y aller tous les jours, pendant quatre heures, pour vingt doll. par trimestre. Si nous avions eu, un endroit, pour les recevoir chez-nous, nous avions la chance d'avoir une classe, mais de la manière dont nous sommes situés, c'est impossible. Adieu, ma chère fille, mais ce que tu peux faire. Tant qu'à moi, je suis découragé et fatigué de New York et me tarde même de le quitter le plus tôt possible.

Il faut que je t'annonce la mort de John Graham (le 25 Nov. 1858). Il est mort à l'hôpital de Delirium tremens. Il s'était donné à la bousson d'une manière affreuse le pauvre garçon. Sa famille l'avait abandonné et c'est Mr Smith qui l'a fait entrer.

Fred, est toujours à l'hôpital de Bloomingdale et il n'est pas mieux. Sis, et George sont avec Mrs Bowen, et Charles Bowen est marié.

Maintenant, il faut que je t'annonce un autre mariage dans la famille!!! (c'est le Vauv) Auguste Laclard, qui se marie demain dimanche, chez sa mère Mrs Durig à six heures de l'après midi! Nous sommes invités. Je n'ai plus rien à t'apprendre et comme je suis pressé de mettre la lettre à la poste, il faut que je finisse ma lettre ton père et ta sœur t'embrassent.

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Embrassez mes chers petits enfants
et dis à Mamie de me faire savoir, dans ta
prochaine lettre, ce qu'il veut que je lui
apporte de New York. Adieu ma chère fille
nous espérons que vous vous portez tous bien
et nous vous embrassons tous, de tout coeur

À votre affection

V. C. Larnay.

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San Diego

May 23^c 59

My Dear Fran Key

Have you forgotten your old Grand Ma. I have not heard directly from your parents for some time; please say to them that I have not forgotten them & hope that prosperity has not made them forget their old friends; I have nothing but disappointments in this world; William is here doing nothing & my rents is not sufficient to support me as I would like live in my old days; but I must submit to the Will Heaven; & thank god for my good health & past favours I receive a kind letter from Major D. April 15th please thank him for me & tell him I have so much troubles & nothing worth writing; to amuse him & as he did not request an answer I hope he will excuse me

Steiner day & the King, for all for a day ^{also}
arrive I thank you good Mother for
welcoming & I hope your grandniece will
have arrived before you get Thomas Franky
don't give her all your love, let your
old grandniece have it even in your
heart to give in ^{their} mind of large of love from
tell you give Mother you'll write when
by the next day & tell her all about
M.D. wedding & all the gossip in town
Henry & Mollie met in mine at Los Angeles
as Con Templeton & when the Spanos are
lastly Uncle Larry appears to give all his
property to them & give him a little more
& too or three have died elsewhere besides
but the worst news Spaulke will all
& clean up, leaving H. St. the bag to
hold; I mean by write you please keep the
chain my for me & Martha & for the too
& give the Major in old fashion
keep all the news for her to all

I wish you Mother was here to give
him the same in dangering before the
wedding comes off; I must close
I leave the down the steps has
I have now received; I'd like to see
clear to say & tell me the you pray
for me now & I'll leave them by don't
your new church has a good Matron
old grandniece & little Tommy can't
meet you in heaven; don't be late to
Henry & Mollie at them day
I'm happy to hear you are all well
& doing well & hope you will
have all your friends with you
before you receive them
give my love to all the family
god bless you Franky

Love
D. Perkins

preparations making for Johnson, and Stephen's Med-
-ing, which is to take place next Saturday

Yours truly,
Dr. James
San Diego, May 30th 1859
Thos. Whaley Esq.
My Dear Sir

Yours of the 19th is
at hand, - By the Express of the 4th
of May I sent you a small party
of money - containing \$50.⁰⁰, it being
for the payment of Will Williams debt
to you by checks for \$20.⁰⁰; and for Capt.
Buckner's note to Major Ringgold (for use
of Carthage) \$29.³⁰, but from your letter
of the 19th I supposed you had not
received it, accordingly I gave Buchanan
a memo by the last Express (23rd) requesting
him to say to you, that if you had
not received it, you would please call
at the office, and would no doubt
find it there; so I trust before this
you have got it as regards some
of your other matters; Major, is now
in town, and has promised me to pay

Auto to you in a few days, whether
 will or not, depends on the
 bill against her father, say
 back by last night, with an
 you is, I am the grand of Mr.

months, that is, I do not think it
 fair, and if you do, no matter
 any longer, I do not believe it
 you, as I believe you have the

in the process of it, as you
 I have step you so, I shall
 I do well by, but I shall not
 a great profit, to say it not,

able to have any thing of interest
 you so that I shall see you, I
 In respect to the other bills,

in my hand, are, with the
 looking after, & making
 is done little money on
 do they, which is soon all

made up my mind when I
 here, all have and I am
 in the process of it, as you
 as I am as I do, I shall write to
 a one bill, & I shall not
 have done, and you will
 receipt of it & the same, all
 is all of you to say in
 business at present & you will
 day to see how they are
 not matter to see how they
 remain, that I have had to

Mostifying conclusion, (judging from her
letters, and ^{not from the paper they were written}
upon,) that to her, the correspondence had
already become a bore, and therefore, how
ever pleasant it might have been to me,
to have continued to be written,
I have no wish to ^{proceed with it}. I can
feel that it gives a mutual pleasure.
You will also please say to her, that I
had intended to have written fully for her in
regard to the surprise and pain I felt, when
by accident, I heard of the way you have
thought proper to have your children christened,
as I could not forget, what I had heard
both her and myself say in regard to that
matter, when that dear little hectic Tommy
was taken from you; however, upon second thought,
I recollect that neither herself or you have
alluded to the subject in any of your letters
to me, and therefore I might well conclude,
that you both thought, (what in fact is the truth)
that it was some of my business, and that now
she would only look upon it, as impudence in me,
to write even what I have said to others about it,
nothing of interest going on here, except the

San Diego July 4th 1859

My dear Friend

I cannot thank you
sufficiently on paper for your kind letter
I am happy to hear your dear Mother &
Sister & brother has arrived & all well &
happy, how pleased I would be to see them
especially your dear Mother, please tell her
I am much in debt to you for past kindness
never to be forgotten in this world I hope
Mrs Johnson is a great hypocrite she is much
stuck up since she is Mrs J. I cannot forgive
her soon for all that I have heard lately
that she has said about you & myself but
never mind I will fit her by paying her
off in her own coin Mrs Henrich & Mrs Stepp
is very thick at present it will not last
long Hoffman sued her last week
It was foolish in Henry to let it be done

now begins to large cost bill to pay bills
has ^{being} ~~not~~ got him in that danger
I am invited to attend at an other
wedding soon to some of the best
not feel Mitchell to tell as it is contrary
to the wishes of the parents I am sorry
they have told me this secret
I don't like to be mixed in the affair
Mr. & Mrs. Barber had a party given
them on the eve of their departure
but it was all most a failure Mrs
D. Sam told was not attended by the
demonstrations & says many silly things
on the occasion Sam told, Mrs. Estelle
has sent for Mrs. Meyer & has showed her
Prayer was to see me yesterday & told
me all about the affair. They are all
killed down at my house by the affair
Missy, exposed them she says they are
all a squander & deceitful but I should
write her a letter filled with all

The Dickinsons ~~the~~ she could
command & gain told she quite a
proprietor in her way) poor Mrs. Ames
is enjoying every good thing by the best
she is in the way. That woman has to be
that does her best so says Madam
Barnes I want you to remember this to Mr.
Patt & all the rest is keeping so much
news I cannot write & I am afraid you will
not be able make this return till next
steamer day. Please say to Mr. W. that
William is willing to take on my share
of my business that will give him
a surprise for the present to Mr. W.
write by the next boat to Mr. W.
Please give my love to all the family
& many kisses to dear little Stanley &
Nanny. Adieu My dear friend
Sarah B. Robinson

San Diego June 22, 1859

My dear Friend,

I hope you will forgive me for not answering yours by the last boat I was very busy making cake & fixing for the wedding, let me tell you after all ^{the} blowing of the Californians the supper was a humbug they had some fancy cakes from your place & some jelly made of raw hide pretty to look at but not to eat & that was all that I seen on the table, on the side table was cold meat, the wines was good & the Ice was not had to take when one is crowded all most to death by pressers Mrs. Donson & Mrs. Cyjer was all the ladies that came by the boat Mr. Wetchel was all attention to the latter lady, poor Anna was not noticed by him she says

She will not go again we will see
Williams is the going now for the party
giveing Captain Buxton & Lady Williams
yes I have been quite unwell for three
days but I suppose I am too much out
Carr's Ranch & not working & then come
ing, some & finishing by thing very dirty
I suppose I am to have the first day
as I have had to keep my feet until this
evening, the thermometer is now
with the ge. & massive him at 11.5.
Carr's Ranch is more leaving at 12.5
I was at the river withing few weeks
very well & we had a very good dinner
& had lunch & a party in your house
in the evening I had put some make
the cake & custard the soil is quite
peas of the caly girls I am that poor
thing, she cannot have a baby all though
she is the wife make to have one
as she told you some time agoe
I am getting sleepy good night my dear
I want to see you & little baby very
much want you to let him come down
soon they will take good care of him
me the best & you know I will take
good care of him, I hope you have your
Mother & Sister well you by this time
Please tell your sister not to get nervous matter she
does my key for I am happy in love with her
all ready & would love you. Hello to the
I am up & she will still the best
of my dear little Stanley away from me
write to me by the next post & tell all
Stanley says about them I want you to
thank the Major for me for writing
to me & tell him I wish him well &
I hope he has his family to correspond
them in his nice home, I want to tell
Mr. W. I am very sure you know
as the old man as she did not thank me
I am getting sleepy good night my dear

Steamer in & no letters as yet I cannot get
William up to go to the post office
will you please enquire what ^{the} charge
for doing up a box & trimmings plain
I am told Henry M. is going to move to San
Barnardino I hope so at least & big times
is going up in ^{the} boat & he has told me to
make out list of what I wanted sent down
please say to Mr. M. after he has collected his bill
to try & get him to send me fifty lbs. of coffee
& the same of crushed sugar & tell him to
let Mr. M. have some money to get me a
Sahool like hers & six shirts for William
I would send for more but I think he will
not give you the money therefore it is necessary
to write Mr. M. is drunk all the time & blot up
The Comptroller is holding up a little how
long it will last I cannot tell Mr. Deau &
& Beckels had a fight yesterday & few killed
up & find Salvadores's wife has another
baby please let me know if you are O.K.
on the goods question yet give my love
to all the family adieu dear friend
Sarah S. Robinson



San Diego August 4th 1859

W^m Wheely

Mother I take the liberty of writing to you hoping that you and your Family are all well and if it would not be too much trouble for you to enquire about a letter I sent by the express from here to sister Francis McEnnis, about Mary and have received no answer and is gone now over two months I enclosed my Discharges in the letter and I should not like to lose them and as I know no one in San Francisco but yourself if you would have the kindness to do this for me you will confer an everlasting obligation on me I wanted to have the sister get me a situation in order that I could school Mary as the times are so bad here John is not getting more work than supports us, and if you could get me a good place you can read and show my discharges from the best families in the old country.

And most respectfully Remains

W^m Mary Compton

I shall be anxiously waiting an answer from you as I also note two Mails ago to Father McEnnis we received no answer

San Francisco

Calif Sep 2^d.

My dear Whaley

I have just got home sick and quite under the weather - and in poor trim to write - but I'll try to give you a few facts - To begin then don't fret about me, but make yourself perfectly easy as far as I am concerned - I don't want you to send me any money until you find it perfectly convenient and if that day never comes, well it don't matter - I can weather it through - its all right - ~~Thank you~~ I went to see Raymond and had a talk with him about your getting some place as clerk or bookkeeper up here - he said he'd try - I met him again to day but he had had ~~no talk~~ nothing present itself - I went myself to other parties - and finally, \$/Boston Ames came into my head, & I told him he must buscar up something - Three days ago he introduced me to his friends Elliot & Bell grocers corner of California & Montgomery, doing a fine business I have watched them, and their store is always full of customers - I told them your case - how you had lost every thing and that you were in every way the person for them to let in to their concern - Elliot who is one of the cleverest of men, took hold of the idea at once, & promised to talk with Bell about it - They have been run down with business and couldn't get time to talk the thing over till

this afternoon - I was to see Elliot again a 9 1/2 to
night - He tells me that it is impossible to act in
the matter in a moment, and therefore cant give me
a positive answer by this steamer - but that he himself
wishes to make the arrangement but needs a little more
time to bring his partner to his views - They had an
offer of a partner with \$8000 capital last week, but
he didnt exactly like the idea of letting in a partner
on equal terms - I told him all about you - your business
Capacity & Training - Connection with Walter &c - I told
him possibly you might raise a little capital,
- He shows you how he feels to me and that he is
perfectly sincere in his favourable view of the arrangement
- He took me right off to a concert & kept me there
till a few minutes ago - Now my dear Whaley
I dont know that I am right to write you all about
this, inasmuch as it may not turn out as we wish
- but I thought it best to do so - Write me what
are the state of your affairs - if you can raise
a small start of capital - say 500 or 1000 - you
know I have not got a red - but I have got friends
and good ones, and maybe they might lend me
a hand for a friend - The partner would not
give you interest that would yield you less than
\$1200. to begin with and I think \$1500 per annum
- you can live on that here comfortably - you
can get for present use a small house for

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under \$200 a year - and every article of food is
cheaper than in S. Francisco - I'm tired &
sick & can't write any more. Don't fail to
write to me freely and fully by return boat -
if you like the thing &c &c -

I'll try & be down by next boat

Yours truly,

G. H. Raymond

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San Diego September 2/1859

My dear Friend

Your ever welcome letter by the last Steamer arrived safely & was forwarded to me at San Louis Bay that will account for my not answering yours by the last boat I am quite well & contented to get home & see Old San Diego the feast was a humbug I was delighted with my visit to Cave Point Isidora has very bad health I think she has the same complaint Mr Robinson had poor woman, the first thing I heard on my return home was that Henry's woman had told Mcgee's woman that I was the cause of the difficulty betwix your husband & hers & that I

"I come very near wanting you & your
husband & she could have it all by
Mrs De Loe I have never met her
until yesterday I called on Mrs Sturme
& Mrs & Victoria came in shortly after
wards & I did not speak to them she
is quite large in stomach & looks
wells for but heard no more I hope
the soil will get money by this boat
& pray them & let them go to San Fran
cisco in the event so they leave the place
I am told Mrs Soil says that little
Mary looks very pale & sickly & that
Franky has not grown & bit how is it
is it they are nurse delighted when
you speak of letting Franky come
down to see us we talked of nothing
else for a month & William went
with me to the least & was well
deceived by Mrs & Mrs Coult but he says
you & Mrs W are all that he calls

friends in this place as in the world
I ^{most} wish to see you & Mother & Sister
& tell them how happy I would like
to have you all visit me in San Diego
& live in your house again would it not be
so nice if Mr W had the best stand
& doing the same business he did in 50
the place is very dull now almost all of the
Candidates for the coming Election are
and are down & all the talk is about
the Election I do not feel interested in it
all I think of is that the time is near
at hand when James will have to
be payed I sent you by this boat my old
Bonnet Alan knows it & I am sure we exchanged
it for some other kind that you think
we'll suit me I will send you the money
when I get your letter please think
me of shall I let it cost about ten or
twelve dollars I want it for cold weather
William sends his love to all I think in particular

Mrs Williams is coming in to be
confined, has she been smarter
than you please let me know
big & mes is still in your place I pity
his poor wife it is true that she is quite
destitute I hope he will come down before
her confinement I have collected sixty
dollars of the Herald office rent since
he left & if he stays a little longer
I will get it all I hope Mrs Ineson requested
me to give her regards to you she said she
would have spent a day with you but
had not time she had so many to
call on her that it was impossible
for her to do so Mrs Doil says the
Mazow daughter is beautiful & his
family quite interesting please give
my love to all your family & kiss the
children for me Adieu my dear friend
Sarah R. Robinson

so since this was little to me my

Absolutely Private & Confidential

San Francisco. Sept 9. 1869.⁵⁹

Friend Whaley.

I cannot leave here on
this steamer - I am waiting for Genl
Sedgwick. He rec'd a dispatch dated
Sept. 3. at Chicago, from him, saying
that he would leave that morning for San
Franc. So, Rosecrans and I have con-
cluded to wait for him.

This portion of my letter you are ^{at liberty} to
reveal only to those who are discreet.
but, not so that the matter will reach the
"papers" of those States.

By the next steamer we will all be down.
I want Johnny Weston to send his best double
team down for Rosecrans, Sedgwick, Leonard
and one or two others. I want you to
engage rooms at Old Town for Rosecrans &
Sedgwick - The boys at old Town can
have the money easy enough, and Rose
ought to make some dues for us for these

for me:

Rein. No - Manufacturers want
1st. cov. of stock in the end - are
ready to pay down the money -
Corporate Finance, for the stock,
has promised me that he will vote and
and subscribe for me and -
I hope to be able to take the stock
down with me -

Let Herbie also have a copy
copy of the story for me & my wife -
Let Sam, or some relative on
take the management of the matter -
Part - Ruth Clark -
don't to Child's affairs - and
to your good friends -
All are well -
Ed.

Brooklyn Sep^r 11th 1859

Dear Son Thomas.

I trust, no misfortune has befallen you that I am deprived the pleasure of receiving a letter from you, to compensate from the loss of seeing and knowing how you progress in life. I wish you would reflect awhile and decide by the result of your feelings, which were kind in gone by days, but, you must be the judge, and act your pleasure. I shall do so, and write, when my maternal ^{mind} tells me I am right, I have come to the conclusion that I will listen to the dictates of conscience, which I know, will direct me aright, and hope my communications will be thankfully received by you, if not too lengthy, that you will have to endure conscientiously. We are all tolerably well I refer to all my families, I have been on a jaunt of a month with Mr & Mrs Smith, had a pleasant time, feel much improved. weigh at 57. - Now my Dear boy I will enquire how you are prospering in your affairs domestic & commercial, I hope first rate, so you see I still have an eye to your welfare and happiness. I presume little Franky, ^{the} Taulets plainly is very interesting no doubt. little, Amelia, must begin to speak also.

I love the name my Mother's, shall love her if she lives
John, has had trouble in establishing your power of Attorney
to Smith, as it has never been in use and we purchased the
property of Judge Morse, a first rate gent, he is near City Treas-
urer of B. C. therefore he was very particular, as they are aware
we are in a different way, you will comprehend, I think you have in-
vested the 500, good Hen or H. has ^{not} had theirs, I expect Hen is
not pleased, I do not know, I wish he would do likewise he may
when he returns, it will be something for him to fall back on
Wm Page is as well as ever but liable to an attack if he remains
in the north, so he decided to go to Spain, I have not seen
him yet intend to go as I think well of his being so kind
to his sisters. Thomas I have no opportunity to hear a word
of Henry, now you have left, I do write if you hear any
I am sorry he can forget me but what can I do, he is silent
I shall write next steamer. I, I hope you are Commissary
Stone Keeper, the income good better if possible, if you
John - is prospering slowly has a large family five child-
one her niece - has a comfortable house, I trust you are
making your Giles, and will return with Mr Day, who will
return in two years at his calculation, to lead a quiet life in
B. Now my dear child I have told you considerable of affairs
with us Aunt Anne has been to see me lives with Uncle Simon
Aunt Kief, has just returned from the west, a respectable gent has
made her an offer of marriage, to live in the State Michigan
he is not old 54 a retired farmer he is well known to some
of our relations (good reputation). I live pretty comfortable in
my cozy home but a girl go and come when I like have 60

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had a little party of all my grandchildren, they were much
gratified to my amusement. — ^{My} with her little ones
this is the way, I pass my time pleasing others and myself
You will laugh, at my details. other day I went to Aunt
Sally's Green, Kelsey, boards with her at present, they both asked
after you, you remember, Cornelia, girls, both married, have babies
I have, you heard of John Whaley, Alexⁿ son in San Fr, they would
like to hear of him. I hope to hear good tidings of you
I received a letter from Fanny Bulling, last week quite well
often inquire about you & Henry. I am fearful of the Quack
many accidents occur on it, or I should go to see her, she is seventy eight
I ought not defer, I am well aware, I will try another season
to go if possible. — Sy, Thomas, I have waited another Steamer
for a letter not any. Therefore I post mine off on the 20 inst
John has transacted your business in regard to your lot, he will
write to you, I have handed him the \$500-, for your benefit
all I want is an acknowledgement. I have given you all the
information I can and hope you will feel quite pleased.
it may induce you to write if you need any.
May the Lord bless you all so far away. Kiss the little ones
for Grandma

Your Affectionate Mother
A Whaley

Wend to write what Glen is doing do not fail

San Diego Sept 22 1857.

My Dear Mrs Matley

we wait you to rejoice
with us Anna has left & all is peace & quiet
in ^{this} ~~the~~ ~~quarte~~ ~~lads~~ family has also left
& Capt Johnsons family & old Mrs Alvarado
will leave shortly for the river so
you see we are decreasing in population
I hope to hear from you this boat
I was much distressed to hear Mrs Doils
account of dear little Charlies health
I wish I could see her but I know she
has a better grand ma near her that
will take care of her, how is my darling
little Franky getting on now can he
punch the boys in the bread basket
yet, by the way I gave your regards
to Mr Ames & he replied that when
you answered some letter he had written
some time since you might expect one from him

Henry Sampson told me the other day

that you had not answered a letter they

had written you some time since & they wanted

me to ask you if you had received it & the Election

is one 8 our old friend & the tickets got there

notes for 1000 or 8 one for town built he has

Exchange he kindly had otherwise got me

for honorable she has left in August for

the city of the angels that is the nation

was like he said & the Williams about it

don't know ten days ago & the Davis the the

has been waiting in the ranch of the

letters & do not take the label even though

his name is exactly when they arrived at

the ranch they was told that someone

Dolores was on a visit to her parents

in Los Angeles you know that I believe that

about Kinsey & some time since she was

her father & her mother is at back of the man

was James & that it is getting back good day

Stemmer's no letter from my friend

well I am accustomed to change in my letters

my life has been made up of the same & will you

please send me the things by the same

box & I will send you the money by the same

you will send it & I will receive it in the same

from your I still not know how much to send

please give my love to your mother & do let

& tell them to keep the little ones for me

William sends his love to all & he says you

write in his letters as I have nothing to

write to you that will be contented if you suppose

I magnanimous & show my love to you & the

give my kindest regards to the 11 & 12

& because my heart has fingers & legs

children your friend

Joseph S. Williams

San Diego Sept 22/59

To L Whaley Esq
San Francisco!

Dear Whaley!

Your letter of Sept 20th
I received this morning. In regard to your rent I am
unable to pay it to day but hope to be by next
Steamer day: ³ - taxes shall be paid any how.

The house shall be carefully attended to. Not a particle
-cle of news of any kind.

Regards from our family to your own.

Yours
R. E. Hoyle.

R. E. Hoyle.

J. W. W. W.

San Diego Oct 4th 1859

My dear Friend

yours of the 1st came to hand
safely together with the box of
shawls, you ask me how I like them very
much indeed my kind friend, but you
forgot to tell me how much the bonnet cost
please let me know I am pleased to hear
that the children are well & that you
are in good spirits Mrs Ames is near her
confinement I expect, I am afraid to ask
her poor woman, for fear she will want
me to attend her - without the doctor
she is well aware of their poverty &
tries to economise in every way she embroiders
very nicely & gets good prices for it & in that
way gets on very well better than when
he is here for then the people will
not help her on his account I received
a letter from him by this boat asking me to be
kind to her & I suppose he will pay in his old way

My dear friend for all the world you are

That is in Slandering me as he did before
did you borrow his first wifes baby clothes
& then return about the half of them
pleas let me know how many silk
dresses she had & what she intended
to do with them square crossway
work with crew I have much to
write you but must defer it untill
an other time Mrs Cook. is very ill
in Los Angeles her father is not expected
to live much longer & Chatta is in
the convent & looks very poor & old so
says Mrs Pendleton I do not want you to
think San Diego has cared in for
Mr Rose says you & me will be very
rich Ladys in too years moar so
hold up your head dear friend
I must close give my love to all
family dear friend Adieu

Sarah Robinson

Los Angeles Cal 15th

Mrs Whaley Esq
Dear Sir

On my return
this morning from a trip in the
interior I received yours of the 1st
Inst. I immediately called
on Mr Collins who admitted the
debt but said he was unable to
pay at present. Nor could I
get him to fix any certain time
that he would pay.

I have as yet seen none
of the proceedings of the P R Court.

Having just returned I have
many letters to write this morning
please excuse brevity.

Regards to Mrs Whaley &
to Major Ringgold & Family

Yours truly

J. Mitchell

San. Luis Oct. 28, 54

Mrs. Whaley.

Dear Sirs

On my leave from Fort Yuma
I left in the hands of Capt. L. J. Hamitt
some acknowledged accounts against
Soldiers of his Company please do me
the favor to present him with the enclosed
letter & should he have any funds
in his hands which he may have left
to my account please do me the
favor to deduct the amount. I am
indebted to you & should there
be any balance please forward
to R. B. Curtis of the place
& Obedy.

Yours truly
H. Prager

The balance

San Diego Oct 23^d 1859.

My dear Mrs Malley,

I have neglected writing
until Steamer day & have not time to say very
much as the boat was late getting in I have re-
-cived yours of the 20th & cannot write for crying abo-
-ut dear little Frank; not coming ^{I am} so much af-
raid he will get that fever do be careful
of him & many. Among others are helping Seraphina
Hidington to prepare for the wedding on the first
of next month, where is Walter. W. he should have
come down & seen his old flame. Marie I will
you pleas say to Mr. M. that I will be under ^{my}
Obligations to him if he will send me
Groceries to the amount of forty dollars
& I will send him the money by the
return boat I want a Barrel of flour
that is in hundred pound sakes & I want

A box of candles & the same of soap that is not of the
largest size boxes & a sack of potatoes & the balance
in Coffee & sugar I was very much pleased
with my Bonnet & shall but I don't want
you to pay for it as I am under so many
obligations to you already & continue
to be so as long as you indulge me

My health is very good with the excep-
tion of my lame arm it troubles me
very much lately perhaps it is the
change in the weather we have not
had any rain yet Mrs Adams expects to
be confined next month poor woman he
tells her so many lies she received
the shoes by the last boat but he did not
tell her to give ^{me} one pair of them
I suppose I will have to see him when
he comes down, please give my regards to
my dear mother & my love to all your family

my arm pains so much I must close
adieu my dear friend
yours ever Sarah Robinson

we have nothing good to say in
gratitude was not good & no
prospect this year
I am glad to hear of
the

San Francisco. October 31st 1859.

Frank Lewis Esq.
Sir,

Your 23rd inst. to hand, same time, received
from W. & C. Co's Ex, an other, 27th inst, per Overland Mail. Wish
this before me, might as you surmise, dictated my last differ-
ently. Thanks for paying Taxes. "Magnanimously and
independent!" - Still harping on as if said I had paid
had it. - Mr. J. and Account received - also
balance funds - All satisfactory - Again thanks. -
Now regarding an other portion of your letter. You appear highly
indignant, but at what I can hardly see, and don't believe you
see either. I suspect if the truth were known you are more offend-
ed with your self than with anyone else. You wrote something in
discussion with a subject which you have admitted you had no
business to meddle with - and which something you persistently
refer to whenever an opportunity offers - The least said soonest
mended, is an old motto quite applicable - But as you have
attracted my attention to the matter, I may be allowed to say
a little which may perhaps have the effect to present things
to your view in their proper light and remove the false impression
which you now take of them. You repeat the word
independent no less than three times in your letter of the 7th inst.

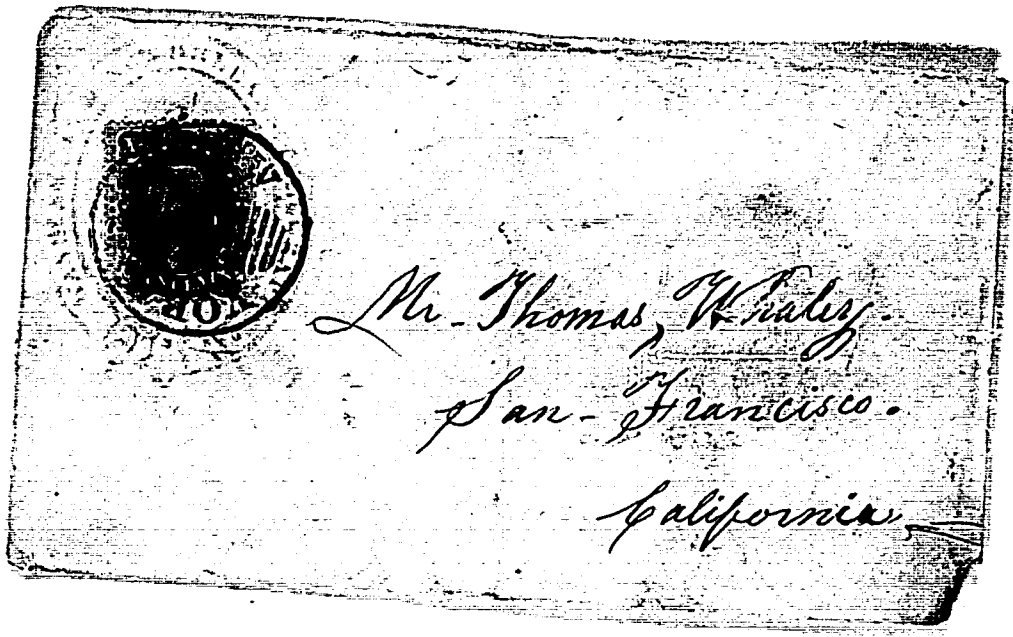
and if I remember rightly, were pursuing in some time past em-
tained the same word. indeed, I equated it with you self, as you
must remember after making your comments, having written
that you might be considered independent. Mrs. Sturges is
willing to use or to Mrs. Weston, made use of the same word
and being as I insist, you should so far have mistaken
its application as to construe it into an offence when none
certainly was intended to be given - I think you have made
a mistake out of a mere slip. Had you referred to Mrs. W's
letter without noticing anything or referring to the matter, all would
have gone smoothly and such improprieties avoided.
I can well mean of the strong friendships and regard which
you have always entertained for myself and family, and then
for appreciate the frank and free manner in which you express
not your doubts and fears, even your doubts, which (if another
had said I should have considered highly improper) and you
threw to denigrate, as improper and inconsistent -
I do not feel myself called upon to disturb the propriety of any
social gathering, my family's welfare and no one can consist-
ently be offended with me for adopting what I conscientiously believe
is right. Though however has been said upon the subject.
I have become disgusted with it. You seem to think yourself
wrongly offended without the self condemnation for the ground
of which, and that is sufficient - This is not the first rupture
of the kind you have met with my family. I shall certainly think

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can't help it.
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it being partly as
in contact with
a conflagration,
none is entirely
any more. If
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agency of them.
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me the favor to
some few matters
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I trust you will
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society of my
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the subject.
to myself
for the purpose
of the rupture
of estate, think

it is a part of your nature to be quiescent - Perhaps you
can't help it. Unfortunately for me I can't always con-
ciliate matters whenever you choose to be evasive & cross
it being better my nature to be so too - I don't coming
in contact with that must produce fire - So to avoid
a conflagration, if you think that it is so much danger (I shall
leave it entirely with you to decide, don't let's correspond
in haste and sure. You need give yourself no further concern re-
garding my affairs in the Seige - They are not of such
great importance as to cause me much loss, and probably
of too little importance to induce anyone to accept of the
agency of them. If however you are freely de-
termined and positively refuse to write to me any more,
and will not attend to my business - I wish you would do
me the favor to ask Lewis Cadwallader if he will be troubled with
some few matters, for which I will allow him whatever percent-
age he thinks it right and he is nearly obliged to him besides.
I trust you will continue happy and prosperous, and among
your ever friend friends, who will prove themselves instruments
and grateful in the prayer of

Yours Respectfully
Wm. W. Garrison



Mr. Thomas, W. Pauley.

San Francisco.

California.

Brooklyn Oct 30th 1859

Dear Mrs. Thomas

I wish I could buy the Times is not far
 as distant when I could say you would return home with your
 little family. I got a word from Henry since his wife left. He
 is not very sorry he can feel satisfied with his conduct but I will
 continue to write to him, I wish you to write all you know of him
 for my peace of mind how are you prospering in business
 are you Commissary store keeper. We are all tolerable at
 present thank mercy I have had a cold this fall feel better
 I ought to be comfortable if good attention to myself will be
 of any avail, I keep a smart girl who I permit to go to
 school when her work is done, makes good progress can read
 and begins to write since she has been with me, one year
 so you see I help the needy she will ever remember me
 Aunt P. is not so well of late a dizzy head at times Aunt Amy
 boards with Simon. Primitia is to be married to a first
 worthy gent seventh of next month at her son John
 Newark then leave for the State Bank Michigan, then leave
 for her new home, 7 or 8 hundred miles from us all, but it is
 her choice to do so she must be the judge, her daughter
 lives four hundred miles further her liege lord has two
 daughters at home she must not do nice over them or wear

will take place, eldest, 20, next 18, years of age, I trust all will
work well I have some fears. All my grand children grow finely, I
jenny looks like the picture of Amelia, your departed sister, Thomas
the monument is complete at last it had a crack in it, I was not sat-
isfied therefore they had to put a new die. I can tell you is a most
beautiful one, John and I was up last Sunday, feel perfectly pleased
with it \$500 all for a good man as ever lived. I am left to lament his
loss, no one to care for me, as I did for him, "I must buckle on my
armor of faith and hope & love". How does your little ones
grow I should like to see them but I must be content until time
brings forth. Have you met with Mr Day, in your travels they
will think of returning to Brooklyn, pretty soon 3 years was their
limited time enterprising people - Lalon the man who has the
slaughter house, wanted to lease the Broadway property for ten
years at \$100. taxes assessments then for 5 years at \$3.00 taxes &
assessments at the end, have the privilege to buy it for fifty thou-
sand dollars, if he pleased or remove his improvements, I was
agreeable I also, sister sternered, he consulted, Harrell he said
was it his he would not, though it looked like a most high price
but, we could not tell what might be its value at that
time, there will be heavy taxes on it for the park central
all will be right I presume. I hope you will write your
mind on the subject. how do you like Sam F. at this town
have you heard if Page & B note has been paid I do want to
know as Annie said it was not that would not be much for
her to say. It has been a long time since you wrote I shall
expect a letter soon I may receive one ere this reaches you
remember me to your family do write of them if you have

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heard from him of late, I would write to a friend of his if
I only knew any of them, or if they had written to me, tis to
bad for him to treat me thus how wrong to be guided, to neglect
a parent, he has the blame to answer for. William Bye is
turned from the South much better his lungs are weak consequently
he must go this winter away he tells me he is about to form a con-
nection with a house in City with a young man to do business in
of a brother Leys as Cal I hope he will do well a fine young
Man, I would write more, but it may not be more ac-
ceptable Good buy May God bless you all

Your Mother
B. Whaley

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14 ft. from the ground I see no other that is so good as
I am glad that I have completed it and think I shall
be laid beside the best man as in life - Thomas I will send
the children a present if I have a good opportunity you know
I am quite frugal though kind let me tell you I find but
a few to compare with me in any respect do not call me an
idiot it is true what I write and you are one who I have
indulged almost beyond my means yes you know by experience
your face must gleam with the remembrance of goodly days and my
generous bestowings from time to time for your gratification I can
well remember but you may not like to hear me report to
gone by day my past days I trace with
great pleasure

My friends write if you have my likeness if you remember
I have sent you two Henry wife said you had many on
your table but not mind if I should write to Henry I may not get
as I am much disappointed that he has not written already
Yesterday Mr John has been to Greenwood to look at Father's Monument
I could not refrain from beholding it with great satisfaction of
is greatly pleased with it there is a molding around the sides of
the shaft a granite base of near 4 ft square they are of 3 ft
inches of white marble thick the whole all together

To the Commissioner of Patents.

The petitioner, Peter Leumann of San Francisco in the County of San Francisco, State of California, respectfully represents; that he has made certain improvements in the mode of lubricating the valves and ^{exhaust} valves of Steam engines, and that he is now engaged in making experiments for the purpose of perfecting the same preparatory to his applying for letters patent therefor. He therefore prays that the Subjunctive description of his invention may be filed as a caveat, in the confidential archives of the patent office, agreeable to the provisions of the act of Congress in that behalf made and provided; he having paid twenty dollars into the Treasury of the United States and otherwise complied with the requirements of the said act.

Peter Leumann
November 2nd 1859.

Specifications

To all to whom it may concern -

Be it known that I, Peter Leumann of San Francisco ^{in the} County of San Francisco, and State of California, have invented a new and improved mode of lubricating the valves and ^{exhaust} valves of Steam engines, and I do hereby declare, that the following is a full and exact description of the said invention: The nature of my invention consists in providing the upper part of a Steam boiler with an aperture, in addition to that for the Safety valve; which aperture is to be closed by a plug or disk, of alloy, which will fuse at any given degree of heat and permit the Steam to escape, should the safety-valve fail to perform its functions. To enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation: I construct my Steam boiler in any of the known forms, and apply thereto gauge-glass cocks, a safety valve, and other appendages of such boilers; but in order to obviate the danger arising from the adhesion of the safety valve and from other causes, I make a second opening in the top of the boiler, similar to that made for the safety valve, as shown at A, in the accompanying drawing; and in this opening I insert a plug, or disk of fusible alloy, receiving it in its place by a metal ring and screw, or otherwise. This fusible alloy, I, in general, compose of a mixture of lead, tin and bismuth, in such proportions as will insure its melting at a given temperature, which must be that to which it is intended to limit the Steam, and will of course, vary with the pressure the

boiler is intended to sustain. A clearance the opening containing the fusible alloy, be a tube B, intended to conduct off any steam which may be elevated therefrom. When the temperature of the steam in such a boiler rises to its assigned limits, the fusible alloy will melt, and allow the steam to escape freely, thus by securing it from all danger of explosion. What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by letters patent, is the application to steam boilers of a fusible alloy, which will melt at a given temperature, and allow the steam to escape, as herein described, using any metallic compound which will produce the intended effect.

Witness G. H. E. J.

Peter Searney

Be it remembered that to accompany Specification
 County of San Francisco }
 State of California } ss.
 On the second day of November, 1859, before the deponent,
 a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, personally
 appeared the within named Peter Searney and made solemn
 oath, that he never became aware of the invention
 first inventor of the mode herein described for lubricating
 the valves and cylinders of steam engines, and that he
 did not know or believe, that the same was ever before known
 or used; and that he was a citizen of the United States.
 G. H. Justice of the Peace

Certificate of deposit of the Patent Law and Geo.
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The Treasurer of the United States, had audit at this office, for
 County of San Francisco in specie, deposited by Peter Searney of
 the City of San Francisco, in the County of San Francisco
 and State of California, the same being for a caveat for lubri-
 cating the valves and cylinders of steam engines —

Resent against the Grant of Letters Patent ~~and~~
the seal of the Patent Office of the United States
in the name of the United States and under the
seal of the Patent Office of the United States to
any person or persons for a New and Improved
Lubricator for the purpose of oiling the valves and
cylinders of Steam Engines. ~~The nature of method~~
^{Peter Manning of the City of San Francisco, State of California,}
invention to me ~~the Applicant~~ ~~as~~ ~~recorded~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~statute~~ ~~in~~ ~~that~~ ~~case~~ ~~made~~ ~~and~~ ~~provided~~
The nature of my invention consists in a Machine
for the purpose of greasing oil against the Steam
while pushing over the valves ^{of Steam Engines} in such a manner
as to act directly upon them, and also as to
act more effectually upon the valves and cylinders
of Steam Engines than any Machine of the kind
ever before known or used.

I file this Resent because I desire further time
to mature my Machine and Improvements,
and I hereby pray protection of my rights till I shall
^{have} perfected the same.

Witness my hand this _____ day of November A.D.
at the City of San Francisco, State of California,
this _____ day of November A.D. 1859.

San Diego Calca.

Nov 7th 1859

Friend W. H. Hale

yours of Nov 2^d and
the previous same duly
to hand but having
nothing of importance to
communicate I neglected
to answer.

I have been unable
to get the survey; I expected
it for this steamer but
Lagoon did not come in,
I shall go for him in a
few days.

I also wrote to A. B. Gray
at Subac^s on the 17th Sept.
but have received no answer.
I also wrote to Washington
& the attorney was unable
to learn whether a judgment

account of him was good
or not, but he said
that he liked Colburn & in
all things would seek
him and I think with
good success.
I have been unable
to afford anything with
his paper, - have not seen
him for 4 or 5 months. He
lives on his ranch below,
neither from Coos nor my
friends have heard of
the last time I find them
is at the tables in March
when if they stand there
with them we may expect
that some of the business
hasse made "papers" of them.
I shall be as the lookout
there.
Brazillito is with

Common Birds below
the line, can learn nothing
concerning your interests
there.
The T. W. was declined
upon advice of Edwards
to his order.

Yours in haste

E. W. Moore

I hardly left town from my
name on the Star Page -

Sophie Macconochie
San Francisco. Nov 12th 1869.

My very dear Friend,

Months pass by &
still we hear nothing from you
except through others notwith-
standing our constant writing.

Both Mr Macconochie & myself
have written & I have even sent
the baby's picture but we received
no answer whatever & had almost
given up hearing from you
when I went in to see your
Mother & Sister the other day &
they had just heard from
you. I concluded from your
letter to them that you were
too low spirited to write & felt
discouraged about old town, but

and I wonder this more for I have only one
little boy & although I have a little girl to take
care of her yet it is a much a ^{care} as to find
a minute for sewing & even I am working
such a hurry I do not know whether you
will be able to read it. I get very sorry to
hear that Mrs. Thaly & child were not well
last time more sorry to hear that Frank
had such a sore hand. I wish that you
could pay me a little visit for no doubt
from outside our house may be there is doing
a course for you & your Mother as I am
I have even a couple hats if I shall be your
help up a home heart & try to send together a

Then again you spoke of my little
days & hope of Mr. Thaly being
well. What a noble little woman
you are to go through all that
trouble like you must lead down
them & you will I know be
repaid for it since Heaven would
not let such a sacrifice go un-
rewarded. You speak so much
of how you intend starting by
Mrs. Grady & Henry. As to your
health you will please towards
helping them & I know you will
for I remember when the war
at that first hard winter how
well you managed & how you
kept up so no one else could.
I wish them often to remember how
in the world you could manage
to do your work & get keep
those children always looking
so nicely & strong then surely too

little to get fare for San Francisco
The trip I am sure would do you
all the good in the world. . .
We have been having pretty hard
times of it ourselves. Grandma has
been here a month & a half,
but has now gone to Doolie's -
I am & I are once more alone
& once more happy for you
know if no one else does how
much we enjoy one another's
company. I would give worlds
for you to see our darling baby
if only for a minute. Do come
up to the city & see her -
I'll write soon again - Excuse
haste - Give ^{our} best love to Mr
Whaley & all the children -
Tell Frank to be a little man
& help his mother all he can.
Kiss Fat little Lilly for me & tell
Violet Nannie & George I would
give any thing to see them -
Write to me soon & believe me
as ever Your devoted & sincere ^{friend} B. H. Macomber

San Diego, Nov. 15th 1889
Thos. Whaley Esq
Sir

After reading the enclosed letter, I threw it aside, intending to give it no other notice, but upon reflection, it is so evident, that you have tried hard to make it both fabulous, and sarcastic, that it would seem almost a pity, that it should be lost upon me, so that I have concluded to return it, to give you a chance of making any other disposition of it, that may please you. - It is true, there are some slight misstatements in it, (whether emanating from you, or others, you must know best,) which I might correct, and at the same time comment freely upon some other ^{which it contains,} but the fact is, I have heard so much, in the last few months, through Madam Rumor, about these matters, that I have partly got over my "surprise" and, after swallowing the "bait" and disappointment I felt, in the best way I could, have, to use

Your own chosen language, also, became
"disgusted" with the whole matter.

As regards your business, you tell
me, in one sentence, "I need give myself
no further concern to it" and in the next
sentence, request me to "do you the favor
to ask Aquila Ensworth to do it" - presuming
at

Now am I seen less proper, also, because
disgraced, with the whole matter
As regards your business, you let
me, in one letter, I will give myself
no further concern in it, but in the next
I should request me to do you the favor
to ask your Excellency to let a Dismissal
the latter course of what you may think
I am spoken for (as your Excellency and the request,
that if, you will send to attend to any
business, you will please write to him direct
in regard to it.

Respectfully Yours &c
George Washington

Los Angeles Dec 8th 1889

J. Whaley Esq

Dear Sir

I have applied
to Collins, for the little amount
due you until I am tired

He had not paid and
refuses to give a note, but
still says he will pay as
soon as able. This is
very unsatisfactory -

What do you wish done
shall I sue if a note is not
immediately given

Please inform me by return
steamer.

Yours Respectfully
J. P. Mitchell