

Pacific Grove  
Jan 25 1899

Dear Hannah

I am addressing you now by your names as you can tell your and Julia's apart

I received your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> last night William forwards them to me here we could not tell you how long we would stay here and we can easily let him know when to stop forwarding them We engaged our house for only a week but we understood the agent to say we might keep it until the end of the month <sup>without further charges</sup> but as he only gave us a receipt for the price of a week and mentioned it as so <sup>on the receipt</sup> we are not sure whether if we stay until the 31 we may not have to pay more

It has been very warm perhaps if I said hot it would be nearer the truth It is quite cold from 4 P M until 10 A M after that it's hot

I hope you will get the little booklet I sent you about Pacific Grouse I think you can understand my letters better by means of it.

We went out to the light house yesterday followed the beach around and found some quite pretty shells though they were small. The Abilone is the only real nice shell found here. We brought some down near Carmel Mission since then have picked several nice ones up here.

We went up into the light house it is kept by a woman. I'd hate to be a light house keeper if it <sup>would</sup> make one into a machine. She never smiled but ground out a routine of words and then expected us to clear out which we were glad to do.

We have been looking up the Chinese Mission and finding that <sup>the</sup> Salvation Army was holding services there <sup>on</sup> Tuesday and Friday nights. We concluded to go last night. We thought of course there would be a crowd there and when we

off the cars near  
got ~~at~~ Chinatown we were surprised to  
find there was not even one person beside  
ourselves. We waited beside the tracks until  
we saw two ladies coming toward us  
by. We soon discovered they were <sup>of the</sup> Salvation  
Army. We asked permission to go with  
them and they led us to their hall at the  
fartherest end of the village. I never got into  
such a vile smelling place in my life.

There was only one street and that was narrow  
and I don't think there was an opening between  
the houses on either side until we got to the  
end of the street.

The girls (S.A.) I should think might have been  
20 years old but they did not seem a bit afraid  
but marched up and down the street singing  
and playing on guitars and tambourines.

It was a bright moonlight night and <sup>My</sup> father  
was astir'd he sat down outside the hall  
and I followed along. There were only three  
white men with the girls and about 10 or 12  
Chinamen. We followed the crowd until  
they went back to the hall and stayed through  
the <sup>religious</sup> services (9 o'clock) when we went home and

left them to conduct the night school by themselves. After we went back to the hall I counted the congregation. There were 32 men and four children. 2 were girls what the other two were I don't know. I won't describe the services as I can tell you of it better when I get home.

They sang both in Chinese and English at the same time I guess. The two hymns I can recall was "Glory to His name" and "Theres Sunshine in my soul". We left the town at the end the hall was at and found a nice beaten path back to the road and got home all right. To

To day Mary and I went up to the Hotel Del Monte grounds. You cannot imagine how nice they <sup>are</sup>. Every thing is so green. I presume I saw <sup>large</sup> fifty trees covered from their roots up to 30, 40, and 50 feet with English ivy. There are not many

flowers but every thing is as green as  
with us in June

It is just 5 o'clock now and women and  
children have been walking past our  
cottage without a wrap or any thing on  
their heads Babies have been out airing  
in their cabs without any thing but  
their house clothes on

I'm sorry Will is laid of Do you think they  
will keep him off all the time now because  
he is a republican? If you need any  
more money perhaps we can save some  
of this you are sending us We havent  
used all we brought with us yet and did  
not want to use any of yours until we got  
to San F.

No we havent seen any of the Hauchetts  
as we have not been to San Jose yet I  
did not care to go there until we had been  
down here

William does keep a horse and we ride  
a good deal Yes we use the same  
kind of food and cooked the same way  
as at home

When we get our tickets executed at  
San Francisco we shall ask for two  
months stopover and we hope when  
we get to Chicago that as that is the  
end of the Santa Fe route that it wont  
make any difference when we use the  
Northwestern part of it - as its within the  
limits

Your father was pretty tired with his long  
walk yesterday but he isnt troubled with  
rumatism You The altitude of Saratogo  
is not more than a 1000 feet above sea  
level and here its nothing at all, <sup>or perhaps 20 ft</sup> as we  
are not more than two blocks from the ocean  
and it is only a little rise toward our  
cottage We expect to go to mass beach  
tomorrow I hope your teeth wont  
trouble you any more Its mail time  
and I hope to get this in neat  
mail <sup>before 6</sup> Yours aff Mother  
Margaret L. McAffee

I did not write that we came back by Gilroy. It cost us \$10.00 for the Groove by Santa Cruz and only \$8.00 by Gilroy. I think the only way to come home was the longest way but it was through a level country. Yes it is all right to and the \$10.00 to Julia all send them when you get home.

Was that Carrie's blundering boy who said of white you was the four mother  
Wm. McAffee  
Saratoga Calif.  
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We returned from Pacific Grove yesterday when we rented the cottage there (the 20<sup>th</sup> inst) the agent told us we might have the use of it until the end of the month at the same price as for a week \$3.00 so we stayed until the 31<sup>st</sup>

William forwarded our letters up to 28<sup>th</sup>. He met us at San Jose and had three letters for us which he got in the mail yesterday. One from you containing the check one from Julia and one from Libbie Foreman forwarded from Roscoe.

We at the Groove 11 days and only on one day was there clouds in the sky. It was just nice summer weather and pretty hot at that for some days. One day it

it was 90 in the shade They claim that  
it is pleasanter there in winter than  
in summer for though its a little  
warmer yet they have very heavy fogs  
which do not rise until about 10 a.m.  
while in winter we can go out as soon  
as the sun rises (or before if we like) but  
if we go before nine we usually wear a  
light wrap until 10. We usually left  
the house a little before ten and  
depended on our walking to keep us  
warm till the chill was off.

After I wrote to you last we went to  
Moss Beach, a second time to Monterey,  
<sup>and</sup> ~~Del Monte Hotel grounds, of which you~~  
will read when you get Julia's last  
letter.

Santa Saturday we went to Monterey  
again and took a boat ride on the  
bay but as I am going to write to  
Thos. soon I'll write him about that  
trip. I shall have to finish this in a  
hurry as its most mail time.