

Oakland, Cal

Mar, 13, 1877

Dear Sister

I rec'd your letter a few days since - like you had forgotten which was the delinquent, but I think I was - I will not apologise but hope you will not have cause to complain for the same offence. I have purchased a residence here in Oakland and if I like the place will make it our future home. The City bears the same relation to San Francisco that Brooklyn does to N.Y. - So far Lucy likes it very much her sister lives with us and keeps her from getting lonesome while I am gone.

I have been very unfortunate during the past year - have lost more than half of my money dealing in mining stocks - The depreciation together with assessments have been fearful.

Thousands have been broke and many more make poorer but no one can tell how soon a change may take place for the better.

I should like very much to see you and your family - I like the looks of your children - If you know where my carved horn is I wish you would send it to me - Lute joins in sending love - write soon.

As ever Frank