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Oakland - Cal

Dear Dad.

I read the letter you wrote to you Pa
(received this week) Paam was very much pleased
with your new "acquiring habit". I hope you won't allow
it to become fixed as it may cause more worry than
the losing habit. To hire a vehicle of some sort and ride
part of the way on your excursions then you will not
get so tired, I want you to get fat and well - enjoy your
money. It has been a real dull week - one day I went
to see Mrs Jordan. Maie is a real pretty girl and the boy
is well grown and very pleasant. They seem to mind
their Ma well and she has them well in hand
and is very cheerful. Paam calls her "Mr Jordans
middle wife", as he has another who has a baby boy -
much to Mrs Jordans grief. She told me she did
hope hers would be the only boy. Elise Jordans was
to have been married ^{was all ready} to a clever young man from
Bakersfield - but he is dying of consumption and the
wedding is off - she lives with her Pa and her new Ma.
Mrs Jordans Pa + Ma live with her - in a pretty little house
on 23rd St. near San Pablo Ave. she teaches music and they do
their own work. I went over to saw Francisco for an hour yester-
day - it rained, coming home I met Mrs Tambam - who'd been over
to see Alma - they'd been to the park. She says Eugene goes over
to saw Francisco in the quarter to six train every morning to
the Union Iron Works and likes it very much. - Elise came
over to ask what we heard from Aray? and how he was
getting on? I continue to miss Aray - tell him I thank him
very much for his letter, and very thankful I've been many
times this week that he escaped the storms at sea

that have wrecked his steamers and numerous
smaller vessels. with great loss of lives - he seems
to have hit it just right. I feared I'd kept him
here rather late. I hope you will have a long
pleasant fall weather so you can go about
and see things comfortably. Tell Mary the little cat
is very healthy and lively. Klondike & Fredericks play
with him and have only taken one small piece of
skin off one ear. so far. This Selfridge is no better. Clarence
and his little girl were there once at least this week
a pretty little girl. Emma has a new blue plaid waist on it has
a winter effect and she likes it. I hope this week she'll buy a
new hat. you buy some warm decent clothes for yourself. soon -
Emma don't seem to care much for the appearance of
her new fraternity sisters. I was glad she brought Matie
Gray home last night. I always liked her. She has not
changed in any way towards us - I think she is thinner -
your sister Brewer - is going to be a real old maid and she is
sister Fisher and I think it is too bad - for they are nice
girls - you be looking out for a nice young man for your
self. I don't want all my children old maids
Pam went to a Card Party at his dear Adele Hyde
Morrison's new house last night. This morning he
went sleeping - it ought to have been very muddy
on the links. Did I tell you Mrs Harris son Ed was
dead - died at sea this week out for the coast of
Africa for his health - she has not yet had any
particulars of his death - just a cable from the
captain - she feels real sad. her other children are
well. Can you realize that Sam will be sixteen
years old tomorrow? I can't - Pa has bought him a
razor - not that he has any rights of a use for one -
but he said, he'd like one - or by another year

he thought he'd need me. I think by next year
he may have a slight down on his life. Is well to be
prepared. Mr North will probably be here next Sunday
he must be having a splendid time East. I have a
cinder in my eye and must stop. We all send you both
lots of love. "especially" your loving
Mae

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