

Oakland Calif.
Sept. 17, 1899.

Dear Julia:—

Mamma is sick in bed with a cold, as is Pa. She asked me to tell you that you will find at your bankers a letter of credit for £100, one hundred pounds, which you can have for the application.

I was much pleased with the description of the country which you gave in your last letter. It must be grand. Italy, I suppose, also attracted your undivided attention when you were there. I guess Venice must be the most interesting from what I have heard. When you live in one place you become accustomed to the events

which take place about you, that you see no-
thing unusual about them. Hence I have nothing
startling to tell you. The ^{town} is in one way busy,
that is there are few unemployed men, but at
the same time there is not the bustle that there
is a city. In fact Oakland has turned beggar, and
asked a certain eastern capitalist for money
with which to build a library. He responded
by giving \$50,000, which the city accepted. Now
they want to take one of the parks for a site.

There are a few business blocks to be built. At 13th
and Clay Mr. Briggs is going to build a four story
building. Across the street between the Home Club
Building and 14th there is to be a three story
brick, and on 12th street Mrs. Blake is prepar-
ing to build a three story building from Clay
to the Washington street block. Also on
Washington between 12th and 14th
there is to be a four story brick, adjoining the
Masonic Temple.

Hoping that you and everyone
well, I remain

Your loving mother
Gladys.