

754 Fourteenth St
Oakland, Cal

Dear Dad -

Your letter and the set of Plans arrived safely. I don't think your wall paper is attractive - but as it's clean guess you are satisfied - am pleased to know what it is like. The Plans I will treasure with care for you - May spread them out on the floor and studied them out very carefully - his opinion is, that it was good practice for you even if it has taken your time from your much needed rest. Sunday night after church it rained an hour or two quite heavily - May said, next day that he lay in his bed and thought - "how comfortable it was to have a tight roof over your head". I had to get Pa to go in and close his window to keep the rain off his carter - and Emma was putting canvas & pitchers & things in the garret where the water was coming in right over his head - he really is very young for his years and not responsible in a practical way - blanches too much.

We are very sorry indeed that you love Marie and her mother - I wish a sort of comfort in the feeling she sort of took

care of you when not feeling well - You'll
have to get someone to go for your evenings
and do your work. Hope you will get a
good one - Suppose Mrs Brown will come
home this fall and you will miss her - so
you will have to be extra careful of yourself
How did you get on with - Minnie Brewer?
was she a hindrance and trouble to you -
Enjoyed reading about Le Roy it must be
an interesting town I'd like much to see it
but never expect to - it was very funny about
your "Heist Show" - Today Emma saw the Mayhew
on the Boat - dressed in their worst Berkeley
clothes - she despised them as she considers
them "embarrassing acquaintances" - probably
at her age I would have felt the same
The Boy is three years old and very tall, so
I hope you bought the "Sables" a good size -
she really makes a show of herself and
its a pity to dress that child as she does -
she dresses worse than ever - and they must
have plenty of money - for Mrs Hearst keeps
Mr Mayhew constantly at work - he is a kind
nice looking man - when dressed decently -
looks all right - pity she is so conceited, as

I believe³ that is the secret of her ecen-
tricity - after the rain, the air - trees & sky
has been so clean and refreshing - I've
just tried to get away for a day - but as
I don't care to go alone - I've staid at home.
I don't see how you get in as much as you do -
I am sure that Carrie Morgan would be
in San Francisco on the 1st of October - coming
out with friends to the Episcopal Convention
held in San Francisco the next ^{three} weeks -
Anna and Mr North will leave for the East
before the 26th of October so they will lose
the Pan-American Fair - that is I believe 't
is to close before November - they may be
in New Bedford for Thanksgiving - I am sure
he away so the family will be decidedly
reduced - Grand North - and Mrs North called
this afternoon - they were looking very well
Grand and her Ma, have been a month
in San Francisco enjoying themselves -
she wants to stay for the Episcopal Convention
perhaps she will - Arthur can look after
the College in Woodland a month longer.
Mrs Young - she that was Hattie Taylor - has
quit housekeeping after a month's trial.

and nice board at the Brownells
who live in the old Kirkham home on
Oak Street corner of 8th St (Zu Brownell
married Shelby Martin) - she could not take
care of her baby and cook and she could
not get a girl - everyone is complaining of
the dearth of help - only those old Irish
ones - the young girls won't live out - I don't blame
them - Sam is to leave on the 3rd of October
for Buffalo - I shall be glad to get him back
guess his 60 day limited ticket will bring him.
Aunt has been 6 weeks at Petersburg with
Catie who is having a hard time not
able to walk on that leg - but somewhat
better - I'm real sorry for Aunt -

I send you lots of love so does Mrs Anderson,
we are all well and trust you are -

Don't let that sewing work fret you life out.

It is raining now - a real early winter

Believe me

Your Loving
Ma

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