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Oakland - Cal

Dear Dad -

You do write a very interesting letter

I enjoyed your last one - ever so much - Do get a
new shorter skirt for everyday and - Street Wearer
- wear, and please your loving Ma - I can
afford it - so just get it - there must be lots of
one in Paris - Did I write you that, Sam got
home early last Sunday morning - and
Emma and Mr Mark Wednesday morning the
24th - She is looking as usual, and seems
to have enjoyed her traveling and had a
good time without taking cold - She has probably
written you about all that - Sam is quite grown
up, and busy as he can be - Business hunts
him up - and he is very up to date - I think
he is working for the ~~Patna~~ Life Insurance Co -
has enough "literature" in his room to persuade
half Oakland to be insured, it pays very handsomely
when they get anyone to take out a Policy - he has
a partner much older than he -

We have had lots of fog lately - yesterday it was
very heavy - last night so thick that only one
boat was seen at a time from San Francisco
Mr Mark was afraid to come - until about
ten - The disaster to the San Rafael boat

made people timid about crossing - I mailed
you at paper with an account of the collision -
am glad I was not on it - Tonight is
Sunday night and it is just as heavy as fog
tomorrow at Emma's proposes going to
San Francisco - I guess if the fog don't lift
she'll be late to her Law School -

Mary and Ethel Olney were here this afternoon
sent their love to you and were looking
blooming - had been four times to the Opera
and were going time more this week - Mary
went Friday night to Aida and enjoyed it -
though going out uses him up - Sam don't seem
to care for Opera neither does Emma and I
never thought Mr North cared for music at all
Tonight Arthur North was here just arrived from
Windsor - he looks thin - but is well -

The Broadleys told the Olneys that they'd seen
you, and you were looking thin - now you
get more good food and eat it - I thought of
your thanks giving day, and hoped some kind
and would give you a meal of hot food.
Mrs Brown must have arrived in New
York in a great storm they heard there
last week - but she's all right and should
not be surprised if she got her luggage
mine I met Mr Brown in the Street full

of excitement about her coming soon - it
fortunate Mr Ripford was with her -
Marnie Barker is enjoying herself in Japan and
is going to Shanghai and perhaps to Hong Kong
she will be a great traveler - The Killebreds are
living in San Francisco this winter at the California
Hotel - keep a maid and give crowded receipts.
Mrs Barker is staying in San Francisco to go to the
Opera - so are all the good people of Oakland -
Mrs Killebreds is reported as having remarked -
Aunt really more as though she enjoyed Emma
and Pains short visit - Pains was to go back
for Thanks giving and stay to the Assembly Hall
Café was better, soon as they get their winter
clothing they'll go to Arboretum City for salt
bathing for the girls - the change will interest
them anyway - It is a very forward year all
ready the snow drops and bulb flowers are in
bloom and at Stockton the trees are budding -
We had for after this long fog - we'll have frost
sure - The streets are free of Christmas shoppers
and there are a great many people at
the streets here and in San Francisco, Mrs
Beard has bought a tract of land in
Berkeley north of the College building to
have a home for herself built - If I was
her I'd build no more houses - she has
as many already -

I wish I knew what to send you for Christmas.
your dear girl - it will soon be here -
I must go to bed - you buy a shorter skirt for
long day with a warm jacket or wrap and
a plentiful supply of hot rich food and you
will feel more energy for work - also don't
forget to give "Tubby" all he can consume
get a few dozen Quinine pills and take
them and keep away from London until
the small pox has gone - lots of cases there
reported in today's papers -
I am interested in your "nervosity" - it seems
to have died out here and I guess won't
bother you much longer - but it will not be
lost - lost of bread upon the water -
Emma bought me new clothes and has not a
decent waist to her name - this is my opinion
of her wardrobe - I am going to get one made as
I can't wear the store ones without taking them
all to pieces - dressmakers are so busy they
keep one week waiting - we are all well and
wish that you are - believe me
your loving
Ma

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