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Dear Dad.

You have been real extra good to me. I have two letters from you received this week, and have enjoyed them, though I fear they eat you much needed sleep. I really feel real fond of your "celebrity" clippings keep coming in. They really are fine - except that one that said you had taken your final honors and finished and were coming home - and that need not worry you - don't let it. I most sincerely hope it will not influence the Jury against you. Take it easy anyway. Dear you and enjoy it - as it was nothing against you - though very annoying it must be. It has its amusing side. I've met quite a number of reporters and if you just don't get them mad - you need not let them annoy you more than you wish. They're human. They come often after Mr. North. for immigration articles. It is sad that you took back that Nat. I know it was not too dreary for you. It sounded pretty what you wrote about it. However if you are satisfied with the one you have - you can get an extra fine one when you come home. So please get all the flannels you

need - stockings and anything else -
I fear the letter I mailed you this week
may have been burned - as there was a
collision of the East and West bound trains
and fire cars caught fire and the mails
were all burnt - the letter was small loss
but it may seem long to you if you don't
get it - Last night went with me to
San Francisco to the Opera - Die Meistersinger
he enjoyed it very carefully and criticized it
quite correctly - though everytime I looked at
him his eyes were closed - his way of absorbing
the music - he really knows considerable about
music - It was a very pretty Opera - and the
Orchestra is extra good - We left the house for
the half past six from Market St - waited,
and waited until 7 before any train came
and when we reached the docks the boat
had gone - so it was late when we got
there - the Overture he especially wished to
hear was new and most of the first act - they
commence at 7:45 sharp - The fog makes the
trains uncertain - we might have gone for the
6:15 narrow gauge - the Opera house was full and
a very pretty house - it was over at 12 and
we got the 12:25 boat - Ray was white as a
sheet today and unable to work in the
morning though he is pretty well tonight -

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This afternoon I went to San Francisco to buy
two Japanese bags for Emma's room and went
in to see Jessica Peipold for a few minutes
to tell her you had not won any new honors -
she was just lovely in a garnet silk waist -
sent her love to you - said, she'd written - her
parlors looked very pretty ready for dinner
company - I only staid a moment as I had to
catch the boat as the fog was thickening and
they only saw four boats - Last letter received
from Sam he was at Catalina Island
proposing to walk to the interior of the Island
as the stages were not making trips - he wrote
that he did not think we would like the
Island now as it was so filled with cheap
boarding houses and large Eucalyptus trees
should not be surprised to see him come in any
morning about - Pa is very busy writing letters for
Pam - he has a cold but it's not bad, he's taken a lot
of whiskey & quinine so it ought to see him -
Doubtless Emma would that Mr North had to
return to Washington without taking her to see
Aunt or Boston so Pam ^{was to take} took her on a
hurried trip bring her back to New York and
put her on train for Washington - Pam then
goes again to Aunt for Thanksgiving - it
will give him a rest-change - it seems to
please Aunt to have him - she is dear and

It is sad those girls ⁴ keep so sick - they lose
all the gayeties of life. There are lovely little
necessaries to dress in the stores I'd like
to buy for them - if I only knew if they are the
style in New Bedford. I don't believe Emma had
time in New York to buy anything in the way of
clothes for herself. The Bonn must be in New
York now as her steamer was due about that date.
If you ever see that man who peddles those small
statuettes in Paris, on the bridge near your house,
Arrey got his - to buy him one, to bring home and
roll it in your flannels (if you have any) so it
won't get broken - he brought two he seems to love.
But one was broken when he unpacked to his
sorrow - I just happened to think of it if you should
happen on the man - perhaps you'll model some your
self some day. Did not meet Sadie Whitney yet.
This is a shocking dirty letter. I can't seem to
control my impiments. Emma will be home
for Thanksgiving I expect - I wish they'd staid a
month longer - you draw all the money
you require - I don't expect you to live on New
Paper Linn or buy food and lodgings. Not of
clothes money - Oh! I nearly forgot - you are not
the only one who has articles in papers - Wednesday
evening Bulletin had a head of the paper two
columns of paper. Stars all around Article - Headed
"Salim! Professor in light at the Opera!"

"Armed in beespangled lights, with shining shield
and spear Professor Walter Huddlesone Graves!
the popular instructor in Latin at the Oakland
High School was "discovered" by his friends among
the supernumeraries in the chorus at Grand
Opera Les "in San Francisco" - then followed 16 more
lines - Mr Graves did not deny that he was there
but refused to discuss the action" - As says, he
thinks it was not dignified of Arthur to do it -
Lots of the students go on in the processions they
hear the Opera and enjoy the fun - it's harmless - I'd
mail you the paper - but am keeping it for Emma.
I hope you will go out all you can - we are all
well - hope you are - I remain
your loving
Ma

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