Merry Christmas -

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Oakland. California -

Dear Linder: -

This has been a beautiful day. Spent for the best of it driving - the Browns (Hart's former widow) out to see certain property they own - and incidentally taking in Berkeley - You will find blocks of new houses on both sides of the grounds. It is a shock - the steel mills which they are putting up. I noticed two extra large fully completed ones opposite Grace Cope's house that were not begun when we were last there - and that was not long ago -

Hart thinks you had better come home to take care of your

get along with now - admires you highly and is rather exaggerated in "adoring" things. Seems to be good-hearted however -

Yesterday after work was over - We walked to the top of Telegraph Hill - You know what an object of interest the earthquake has always been - One never would expect to find it such an exceedingly dilapidated ramshackle - a regular old tramp's retreat with rusty stovepipes coming out what once were windows, the boarding off in places - etc. The picturesque effect from the Bay is not felt when up there - but on the other hand - the view of the Bay

own reporters; - he thinks he has & has had enough to do to manage his own - They wanted him to steal your picture or at least persuade Fra to give it up. Qu resigned me but I told him he must see that I had no authority in the matter whatever - I'll left - sorrier - he said - for you than for the paper - You may have to pay to get it published hereafter - As to the objection that none of your pictures were admirably satisfactory - there are artists - in the staff who could have fixed one so that nothing more could be desired of

We met Maggie Hatton again on the boat last night - She is easy to

and Gate were beautiful—

Mama was so surprised and pleased to see Mrs Brown though for such a short time only— Mama has been evidently feeling queer this week— Went to S. F. three days in succession—

This will probably reach you at Christmas— I wish you a very merry one— to be getting somewhere or other— Perhaps you can invite some one to spend it with you— or better— will go visiting yourself for it— do have it at any rate— Merry Christmas with much love

Emma

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