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Dear Dad -

You are often in my thoughts - and I really cannot recall what I've talked to you in my mind and what I've actually written. Yours of the 31st is a very dear letter - you are a very good child to write your mother details. I like to know about what you buy for the Jennings - they are doing you good in showing you how rich people live and what they buy - not to mention the direction of your mind. I am glad your new suit is warm and hope your hat is becoming to you. There are lots of lovely hats here. I'd love to buy for you. You did not pay much for yours. so if it don't please you buy another for a Schuchman's present. Elma has a pretty new Sailor Suit - short Jacket and long skirt. all the nice dresses are long. If you want to comfort me - do buy yourself a new set of flannels. I know you need them. Your paper arrived all right. That article was copied all over this country and I guess is going on. It will do you no harm and is a good advertisement. It always delights me when anyone gives you a meal - so I thank Miss Cohen and wish you'd gone to Mrs Van Pelt's - if she had food - anyway she is good to know -

I am amused at the interest they take in the Opera now in San Francisco - Last week he did no work at Mr Mathews - was home - one afternoon he went to San Francisco - and returned with a large bunch of very handsome pink *Chrysanthemums* for me - he admired them greatly, said they were a Strawberry color - also he'd bought two Opera Tickets for Thursday night for the *Misericordia* - Wagner - he was real generous for they cost lots - though they are in the family circle lots of people buy 2 dollar single admissions and sit on the steps - they allow it - because the house is full - This week he is working for Mr Mathews again - Pa has a cold otherwise he is fat and well - Sam was in Jersey his last letter and there is not enough in Southern lead to keep him long - so I should not be surprised to see him home this week - though his ticket allows him to return December 4th -

I calculate that Emma must be in New York seeing Carr -

Saturday afternoon Agnes sister Mrs Steele called, she is very like Agnes in talk with a suggestion of Mrs Maybick added - if you can imagine that combination - she has Agnes nose, but a pretty complexion and gray hair - she is a cranny - her health is much improved since she arrived in Berkeley - she reports Benjie boy is a beautiful child two years old -

Martha is in Los Angeles very well and handsome.
Agnes is also well and very prosperous - I
suppose your sisters have informed you
that Agnes expects a new baby in December.
Mary will then be 18 months old. Mr Sherman
keeps to his bed and the family fear he has
lost his grip - he don't seem ill - only weak -
I love Mrs Sherman - she is a remarkably sweet
woman - she takes all the care of him - Don't you
ever give me away - if I tell you, that I asked
away why he did not give his flowers to his girl?
he said, no - no flowers - but, I would like to give
Addie some beer - I know a very mild kind she
likes - I told him - it would never do! - he must
not think of it - poor Addie is very thin and it
would do her good I'm no doubt - she never
complains - and is bright - too bad none of those
three ever married and both their brothers have
one of them - has his 2nd wife and child -
This is not much of a letter - but there is nothing
I know to write - Hoping your "project" will be
finished in time I remain

Your loving
bro

November 18, 1901

What shall I send you for Christmas?