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Dear Julia

It is some time since I have had the pleasure of hearing from you directly, but I know how fully your time is occupied and how many letters you are called upon to write. Your mother keeps me well advised regarding your movements and once or twice I have seen your name mentioned in the newspapers. A short time since as I was walking in San Francisco I was seized by the arm by Mr Clinton Day who engaged in a long talk about you. He desired to know when you would come to San Francisco and expressed the wish that

you would take up work in New York. I told him that I would inform you how alarmed he was over the prospect of having you for a competitor. He later grew interest in your progress and always later about you when we meet.

There is just a possibility that my speculations in regard to the Shasta Dam property may be realized. The property is now bonded and under consideration in New York and my correspondence there assures me that the deal will go through. If such is the case I will be able to further your plans.

Some business keeps me rather

active nowadays and I hope we will be able to build up a good business.
Gardner is now the local agents for the Aetna Life and takes to it like a duck to water. Avery appears to be contented & happy. Emma I presume has written to you about her trip East. Your mother I think is somewhat better than she was a few weeks ago. She was very much pleased with Mrs Brown's call upon her yesterday.
There are more expensive buildings of all kinds going up and being planned for San Francisco than I ever knew before. The demand for first class work was never better. It now looks as though California would go ahead rapidly.
This letter should reach you near Christmas and I wish you a merry one and a Happy New Year.
It will indeed be a happy one for me if it gives me the pleasure of seeing you again.
With much love
C. B. Morgan