Long of my remember of the form of the for my time has been to ocupied with ather Things that I have hardly had time to drite hovever if you had remained in harvay It would have been and at mer I haveset forgather you though in all this time. for often very often hun & Shought of my dear finishe Nell and under how the enjoyed his long way age over the Sen. diel you hell ever think of the many warm hearliet friends you left behind you of the one all alone in the west? muthinks you spent many hours thinking of absent friends Shore you had partiel with and The one you were to soon to meet am I not right

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Spriend bell no matter how many titles I hann't heard from howy Line you
you may assume.

Write me last. I presum thought the old I Ch Nell I would like to be you to while Cal is doing well." I may visit the East day and have you tell one all about your again another Summer though I don't lay formery and the land to which you have plans to far ahead - man appoints and your. I have envied you the pleas me tood disappoints - My life has you on of going to the land of Estel for I have ale in the fame old routine as when I would as wanted to yo but no fuch good furture you last. I left Oshkush last week shull will Ever be mine. hollie and I have built return again in the course of two week to take many his Chelles Lines you Sailed about- going mp the Thread of life again. I have thought to Revade - She was going to live with you of going to Minnesola this winter. but since and alien in the course of evends the got married I came home I have about made up my

mind to remain in Oshkish on account of mother her health being pour I don't like to To fur avay though that is new very far off. hay wrute me that your aunt Bennist had been up in the Country and hav the brilo - that they seemed happy and fail Shey were going to hell in a year I think you have left them in a good Home Mrs for hiller came up on the Bout with me - the is out here on a visit the is to leave for having to humor. do you permember our joing to the Frais about a year ago - I always laugh when I think of it. How of as are you from Sangran discohow I wish I could been the fate of my brother The went then to many years ago, hollin weath me that unch George said he she showed thend The winter in California I wonder if he will kathe She are " along. by Sheet-is nearly full and I must close, Elean and as loon as you receive this (if you ever do) for I am very anxious to hear from you how you like the country to te. deer hell if my good wishes

Sept 16,1866 From arkis Nellin Lo. Verrill Cars on City Meraela

Rural, Waupaca Co. Wis, Sept 16th, 66

My Dear Nell,

Your letter received so long ago should have been answered ere this, but my time has been so ocupied with other things that I have hardly had time to write however if you had remained in Norway It would have been ans at once.

I havent forgotten you though in all this time for often very often have I thought of my dear friend Nell and wondered how she enjoyed her long voyage over the Sea. did you Nell ever think of the many warm hearted friends you left behind you of the one all alone in the West? Methinks you spent many hours thinking of absent friends those you had parted with and the one you were so soon to meet. Am I not right

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I suppose ere this you have reached the place of your destination. Well Nell how do you like it -- your new home I mean and its surroundings are they pleasant remember you promised to write me all about it, ahem: I suppose I ought to put on my dignity for I expect that instead of writing Nellie Verrill -- it is Mrs Harry Mighels. dear me I wonder if it would ever make me dignified to assume the title of Mrs

I shall remember you as my dear little friend Nell no matter how many titles you may assume.

Oh Nell I would like to see you today and have you tell me all about your journey and the land to which you have gone. I have envied you the pleasure of going to the land of Gold for I have always wanted to go -- but no such good fortune will ever be mine. Mollie and I have built many air castles since you sailed about going to Nevada -- She was going to live with you and then in the course of events she got married

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I was to come to live with her to take care of -of the pet Lambs -- but now Nell dont
you think my air castle has fallen -- for now
she writes me that she wants me to promise to
come East -- not west to make her wedding
outfit and set her up at house keeping
I declare I never saw such a girl as Mollie
is. I suppose she has written you ere this
that John has bought out Mr Gruntal. I
should think he might do well there. I think
John is a good boy dont you.

I havent heard from Norway since you wrote me last -- "I presume though the old white cat is doing well." I may visit the East again another Summer -- though I dont lay, plans so far ahead -- man appoints and God disappoints -- My life has gone on in the same old routine as when I wrote you last. I left Oshkosh last week shall return again in the course of two weeks to take up the thread of life again. I have thought of going to Minnesota this winter. but since I came home I have about made up my

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mind to remain in Oshkosh on account of mother her health being poor -- I dont like to to far away though that is not very far off.

Kay wrote me that your Aunt Bennett had been up in the Country and saw the Girls -- that they seemed happy and said they were going to Nell in a year -- I think you have left them in a good Home

Mrs Joel Millet came up on the Boat with me -- she is out here on a visit she is to leave for Norway to morrow. do you remember our going to the Fair about a year ago -- I always laugh when I think of it.

How far are you from San Fran Sisco -how I wish I could learn the fate of my brother
who went there so many years ago. Mollie wrote
me that Uncle George said he she should spend
the winter in California I wonder if he will take
the "ark" along. My sheet is nearly full and
I must close. Please ans as soon as you
receive this (if you ever do) for I am very
anxious to hear from you -- how you like the
country &c &c. dear Nell if my good wishes

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could insure you happiness you would never have cause to regret the step which you have so lately taken but whatever be the result which may attend those wishes you have them. May you be happy even as happy as you deserve who are so instrumental in making others happy but I must close please ans very soon remember me to Mr Mighels And now dear Nell Good by that God will bless and care for you is the prayer of

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Miss Nellie L. Verrill Carson City Nevada