Portland, Oct. 7.1866. my Dear Harry four very Cheerful and cordial letter of Aug. ust 26th came duly to land and gave me much more pleasure, than I can express. I am heartily glad that all for good to you and tellie. I know how to appreciate your happy feelings, and have not the least doubt that the bonds of true affection will grow stronger and stronger and the happiness of united hearts will be sweeter and greater. I wish often that let might be near you, so as I have a real happy

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Portland, Oct. 7, 1866.

My Dear Harry --

Your very cheerful and cordial letter of August 26th came duly to hand and gave me much more pleasure than I can express. I am heartily glad that all things have worked together for good to you and Nellie. I know how to appreciate your happy feelings, and have not the least doubt that the bonds of true affection will grow stronger and stronger and the happiness of united hearts will be sweeter and greater. I wish often that we might be near you, so as to have a real happy

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family -- One of these days we hope that you and Nellie will come East, and then we'll have a great reunion and kill the fatted calf --

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likely to get just the right one, if I had not waited, and

now will be happy enough to make up for past delinquencies --

It must be very pleasant for you and Nellie both to have so nice a home. We came from Norway yesterday -- Everyone there seems to feel pleased with the good fortune that has overtaken you and my dear sister -- (I have just stopped to get a bite out of Hattie's apple and a taste of her lips.) Dr Gibson has frequently inquired after you -- He says his and your friend Ware at Washington wishes to know about you,

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and thinks of contributing to your paper --

When does your election come off? -- Does "My Policy" put your interests in any danger? -- I feel anxious to know how things are going -- Please remember me with best regards to Mr. Rhoades -- He deserves all our thanks for his kindness -- Kiss Nellie, the dear girl, for me and hug her as hard as you please. May the Good God bless and keep you both -- Sincerely

Your loving brother B.D. Verrill