

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 I might be near you, so as to have a real happy

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we hope that you and
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then we'll have a great
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calf -

My wife sits near me
writing to your wife - Think of
that, My Boy! A few months
since you and I were lovely
old bachelors - ignorant of the
pure happiness in store for us,
except in anticipation, which
you will agree was nothing
to be compared with the reality.
Doesn't it seem as if you
had lost a good share
of life's blessings by waiting
so long? - But I console
myself with the thought that
I should not have been

likely to get just the right one,
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It must be very pleasant
for you and Kellie 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
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of her lips -) Dr. Gilson has
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wishes to know about you,

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When does your election
come off? - Does "my Policy"
put your interests in any
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to know how things are going -
Please remember me with
best regards to Mr. Rhoades -
He deserves all our thanks
for his kindness - Kiss
Ellie, the dear girl, for me
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Your loving brother

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