

Carson. Nev. Aug 28/65

Dear Nellie:

If I had been certain that my memory served me correctly, I should have had engraven upon the back of this buckle "A birth day present to Miss Nellie L. Jemil upon her completion of her 21st year, Sept 10th 1865. From her friend H. R. Mc." But I was not certain of the day 'tho' I believe I have the age and month right. — And, to confess the truth, I failed to instruct the jeweler whom I commissioned to make the purchase for me in San Francisco, to have any inscription put upon it.

and there is no one here
who can do it properly.

This is a specimen of
genuine California jewelry -
the stone being rich gold
bearing quartz, and the
setting being the native gold
of the country. Although
not of marvellous value,
it is worth something as a
curiosity and is probably
the only ornament of its
kind in New England. There
are doubtless plenty of quartz
seals and rings, but I
don't believe there are a dozen
buckles of the sort anywhere
out of California and Nevada.

Pray accept this trinket,
Nellie, and consider it as a
birth day gift from

Your affectionate friend
Henry R. Dugfles.

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[Postmark:] CARSON CITY NEV.

Miss Nellie Verrill
Norway Village
Maine.