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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. Verrill upon her completion of her 21st year, Sept 10th 1865. From her friend H.R.M". 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 gentleman whom I commissioned to make the purchase for me in San Francisco, to leave any inscription put upon it --

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

This is a specimen of genuine California jewlery -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 Mighels.

[envelope]

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[Postmark:] CARSON CITY NEV.

Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine.