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#### Dear Nellie:

I take back all I said in my letter of day before yesterday about your neglect. Accept my most elaborate apologies. Your kind letter of August 11th came to hand this morning. On monday I received Mother's letter, yesterday I received one from a friend in Washington and this morning yours came. They were all brought by the same steamer; and I account for this difference in their time of arrival upon the hypothesis that as the San Francisco distributing

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office, they make up the mails for such letters as come to hand and send them off as fast as they can -- so as to get rid of the immense quantities of postal matter in the speediest way possible.

I assure you that the receipt and perusal of this good billet has cheered me wonderfully. I must acknowledge to a great feeling of disappointment when the other letters came and yours did not.

I am delighted as your approval of my "poem". I cannot say that I feel very sure of having my name "just along side" of any

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of the "great names". But my friend seemed pleased with my rather commonplace effort and so I felt -- not exactly "proud" of myself, as you kindly tell me you are of me -- but a sense of quiet pleasure at not having made an absolute failure. I am afraid I shall hardly reach Longfellow's high niche, -- this season.

I laughed heartily when I read your account of Mary Gosse falling in love with Wake Bryarly's name. For only last week, Wake, who is an old acquaintance, invited me to be present at his "tin wedding" -- the tenth anniversary of his wedding day! I could

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not attend, for he lives in Virginia City which is sixteen miles away, and I was very busy. Tell Mollie that Wake, although bearing a rather romantic name is by no means of a romantic nature -- "on the contrary, quite the reverse" -- he forgot his sentimentality forty years ago! What a stupid fellow I am not to have thought when I wrote to you on Sunday last that it was your 21st birth day and to congratulate you accordingly. I hope you have received my "peace offering" in commemoration of that important event. You shall "have a guardian," notwithstanding you are "free" if I have anything to say in the matter. And I hope I may able to verify what I declare and hope before the next anniversary

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of your birth. Have I not good reason to hope so, Nellie?

Confound that spider which robbed me of your own and Mary's pictures. I shall declare soon against every spider that I see, from this time on. My own picture with the "whiskers" should have been sent before this, but for the fact that our best photograph artist has gone away. When he comes back, I will sit or stand for either a head or a full length. Which do you prefer?

As I have already

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fully expressed myself upon the subject, you know how bitterly I felt the disappointment at not getting my accustomed letter from you in the expected time. Therefore am I wicked enough to entertain a wee bit of exultation at your expressions of impatience at not receiving a letter from me when Mother's and Mary's came. But I cannot account for the interuption unless I failed to mark my envelope "by Steamer". I think I made that omission once and told Lue to make the necessary explanations. Speaking of Lue, why don't she write! She owes me two letters, at least.

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I will obey you and write with increased regularity to mother. Indeed I believe I have only missed one mail since I left Norway.

I am glad I have so good a "record" as May to plead my cause. Dont forget to give her my love.

I am afraid the warm weather has not dealt kindly with you -- so comparatively thin are you because. Don't get sick darling.

My gracious! half past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and not one line of "copy" yet. I must stop this long winded letter and go to work "enlightening"

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the public."
I am delighted that you have proved yourself capable of contentment in a monotonous habit of life; for one of these days I shall have to test your stoicism in that direction; for Carson becomes very dull at times. However the society here -- in "our set" -- is very pleasant; and you can find many agreeable associates while I am at the office. How does that sound?

God bless you Nellie and keep you in health and happiness. Be certain that nothing short of an unforeseen or unavoidable accident shall ever deprive me of the pleasure of writing regularly or cause you to be disappointed in the receipt of letters.

Love to all. Ever thine affectionately

Henry R. Mighels

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Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine.