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#### Carson Oct 23d 1865

### Dear Nellie:

Your letters of Sept 23d and 27th reached me today. They came, like the last, by overland mail. It is safe to endorse your letters "per steamer", for in case of any interruption to the overland transit, they would be sent by the Isthmus at once. So long as the stages come regularly by way of the plains, I can see no objection to sending letters that way. I think a few days are gained when the mails are carried with regularity and there are no stoppages of the stages by Indians.

I am very much delighted that you got the buckle all safe and sound. Now that it has got

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securely into your possession, I will tell you that the only other buckle like it that is known to have got into the Eastern States, is one which was presented to Miss Adelaide Phillips, the distinguished contralto Opera singer. Just before she left San Francisco, some of her friends made her a present of a full set of quartz jewelry and the buckle was after the pattern of yours only not so handsome. I don't believe it will make you feel very badly to know that you own the most elegant piece of quartz jewelry ever made in San Francisco. It's a fact. When I come home, I will buy you the balance of the sett -- a breast pin and ear rings -- unless you would prefer that I should send them by

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Express. Say the word and they shall be sent.

Oh Nellie! I have quit chewing tobacco! Not a morsel of

the filthy weed have I put in my mouth for two long weeks. And I shall chew no more. Don't you think that I am possessed of wonderful resolution? But I smoke incessantly. I shall quit that habit too, for it keeps me very thin and sometimes makes me nervous. Oh I shall be a model of propriety and good habits when we meet again.

I am writing in such a hurry that I can't take the time to answer your letters in due form. But I remember you ask, in one of them if mother knows of our relations.

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I have avoided telling her anything of my sentiments toward you for the very reason that I knew it might prove embarrassing to you. But I guess that her woman's wit has led her to suspect that her son's good taste has manifested itself in the right direction at last.

I wish I could kiss you darling for beginning your last letter with "dear Harry". To read it makes my heart yearn toward you more ardently than ever.

I shall plant those apple seeds in the garden of my friend Governor Johnson, and they shall grow and form trees that shall furnish shade and fruit to me and my dear wife Nellie Verrill Mighels.

This letter, if it goes by steamer will leave San Francisco on the 3d day of November -- my thirty fifth birth day. What a terribly old chap I am getting to be. I send you a pamphlet written by my friend George Gorham. I think it is one of the ablest and clearest productions I ever read. I will write more fully before the streamer sails. Good night darling --

### Harry

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I won't close this without asking for your prayers for

my kindest remembrances to your brothers and their "sweethearts and wives". Kiss Lue for me and Gussy too. Ever thine Harry.

[newspaper clipping] The love of a pure and innocent female soul is often the guardian angel that guides a man's steps to the best actions of life.

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Love to May Gosse --

[envelope]

By Steamer

[postmark: CARSON CITY]

Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine.