

Carson March 11th 1886

Dear Nellie:

Your kind, affectionate letter of "Jan - 9th Feb 4th" in which you acknowledge the receipt of ^{the} Engagement ring came to hand day before yesterday. I am delighted to know that it reached you safely and that it pleases your family. Sue wrote to me that you had received it, and as her letter came overland, it got here some days in advance of your last; but when I answered her letter I said nothing about the ring, preferring to await your own good judgment with regard to it. I shall be glad to know if it fits the proper finger. If it does not, and some alteration is necessary to make it do so, it can easily be fixed by a jeweller. I judged it by the one which I took from you, and which I have never removed from the little finger of my

left hand, where I first placed it.

Nothing could flatter me more than the good opinion of me entertained and expressed by Hattie and Emma. The esteem of children is instinctive and correct, and as they are, (or soon will be, as I hope) my little sisters, their confidence and love is particularly dear to me.

You say Byron would like to know the difference between the cost of living here and in Maine. So far as this has reference to the children it makes no difference, for if they come with you, as I trust they may, my home, or rather, our home shall be their home, and they shall share whatever of good fortune may be bestowed upon me. As a matter of information however I will say that the prices of the necessaries of life are probably double what they are in Maine - perhaps more. But in house-keeping much of the expense attendant

upon boarding is avoided, of course - and I shall endeavour to have a house prepared for you as soon, or very soon after you arrive here. As I believe I have told you before, there is a very good school here - in fact three of them - two private and one public. Miss Clapp, who is the principal of the "Siena Seminary," as she rather pompously styles her one story school house, teaches the greater part of the children who are not in attendance upon the public school. Bessie Johnson goes there, and she seems to be leaving rapidly. The public school is not a very desirable place, being much crowded, and not particularly adapted to the advancement of its pupils.

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Convenient when he leaves here, or if not then, sometime while he is at the East, to furnish him with the requisite means to bear your expenses, I will give him a "power of attorney" to bring you and the children with him when he comes.

If I cannot do this, I will wait until Fall, and then try and induce Mark to leave his sweetest (infering from a slight hint of his that he is blessed with one) and come with you. All this is predicated upon the supposition that you and the boys would consent to Mr Rhodes' acting as your travelling companion.

All of mother's good advice to avoid haste and all your and my own desire to be prudent and not be in too much of a hurry is insufficient to overcome my great longing to have you with me. I

Know that my business would enable me to support us all, and I am unwilling to deny myself and yourself the happiness which I am sure would result from our speedy union. I know too that you would expect to find me a millionaire and that your presence will encourage my efforts to achieve success in business and the approval of my fellow men. Indeed, if I should feel so much more contented and "settled" if you were here, that my work would run much more smoothly than it does now.

I wrote to George last week or day or two ago and told him that it was very probable that I should send for "the gal I left behind me", sometime this summer, and that I might want to use his parlor to be married

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General Jackson and I conquered
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God bless you darling. Pray for me
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P.S. I expect to go to Virginia City tomorrow and will try and
have some pictures taken while there. These pictures go on a Friday
evening and to you a week. Write me when you see them if you
see them. Good night - Harry.

Carson Daily Appeal.

ROBINSON & MIGHELS.

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By Steamer

Miss Nellie Ferris

Norwayville

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By Steamer.

Miss Nellie Verrill

Norway Village

Maine.