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Carson March 11th 1866

Dear Nellie:

Your kind, affectionate letter of "Jan -- 22d 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. Lue 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 judgement 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 gauged it by the one which I took from you, and which I have never removed from the little finger of my

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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

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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 "Sierra 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 learning rapidly. The public school is not a very desirable place, being much crowded, and not particularly adapted to the advancement of its pupils.

In my last, I told you that Mr Rhoades, our State Treasurer will go East this summer, and that I think it likely he may call on you with a message from me, and an

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offer to act as your escort hitherwards. The facts are these: During the late session of the Legislature, a bill was passed which provided for the borrowing, by the State, of some large sums of money, by the negotiation of the State's bonds. The bill provides that the Treasurer shall first attempt to affect the loan in San Francisco. and if he fails so to do, then thus he shall have leave of absence from the State for four months, to enable him to transact that business in New York, or some other place in the Atlantic States. There is little probability of his being able to get the money in California, and he will no doubt have to go East. If he does make that trip, he will leave here about the 10th of April, and he will probably return some-

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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 Wash to leave his sweetheart (inferring 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 Rhoades' 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 to be in too much of a hurry is insufficient to overcome my great longing to have you with me. I

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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 won't 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, 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 Gorham a 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 get married

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in. How would that arrangement suit you?

I have received no reply from George as yet, but I am certain of receiving his assent to my propositions. He is more like a brother to me than any man living, and you cannot fail to like him and his good wife.

Yes, you may bring your "bloomers" and may go skating with Miss Nellie Pomroy and her brother, when I can't go with you.

Afraid of disappointing Mrs Johnson, are you? Well, I am glad you are to marry me and not that estimable lady. However, I guess she will like you, and if she don't, why I could get a divorce, you know! Nonsense, darling, anybody who can't love you is

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unworthy of my consideration and yours too. Anyhow, I never saw anybody half as loveable as you, and if other folks don't think the same way, it is the result of their lack of appreciation, that's all.

Thanks for your remembrance of me on the good 8th of January. General Jackson and I conquered our worst foes on that memorable day. I sometimes think that I won the greater victory; for I beat the enemy in his own Camp and drove him forever from my neighborhood. One of these days, when we can talk face to face, I will tell you how I came to the good resolution for which you

applaud me so much.

God bless you darling. Pray for me every night, and love me more and more every day. Love to all.

Ever lovingly Harry.

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P. S. I expect to go to Virginia City tomorrow and will try and have some pictures taken while there. Shall probably go on a fishing excursion and be gone for a week. Will write you all about it when I get back. Good night -- Harry.

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By Steamer.

Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine.