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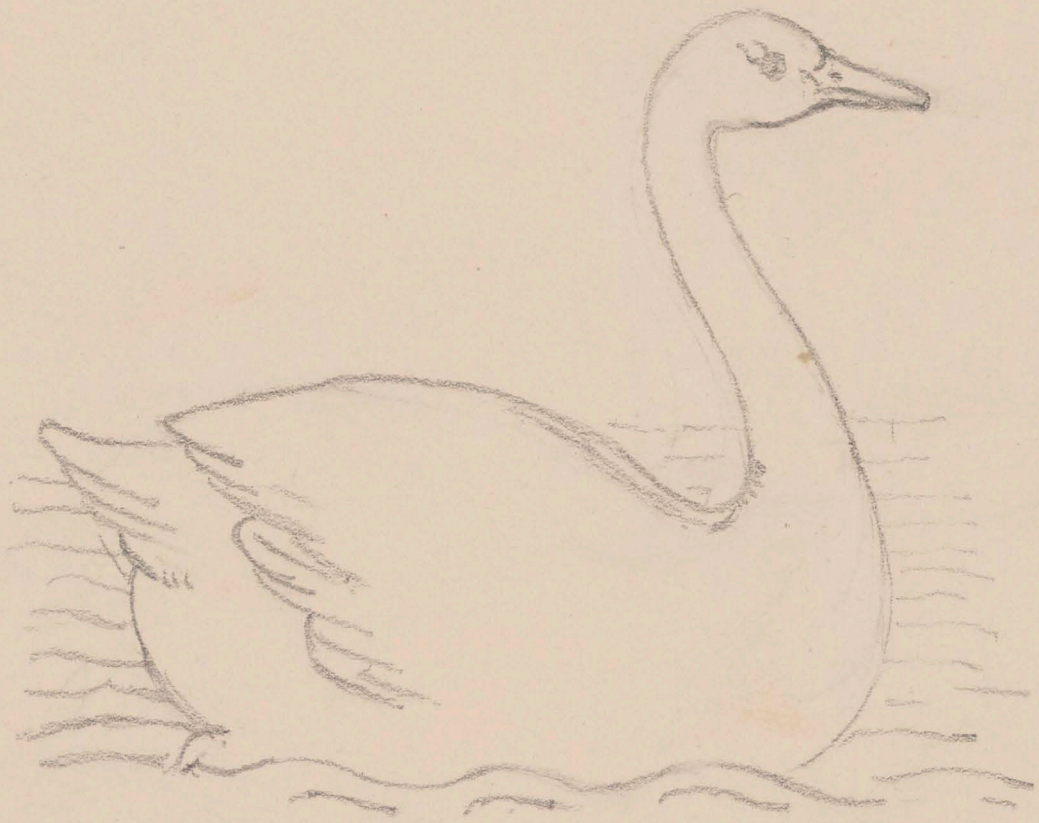
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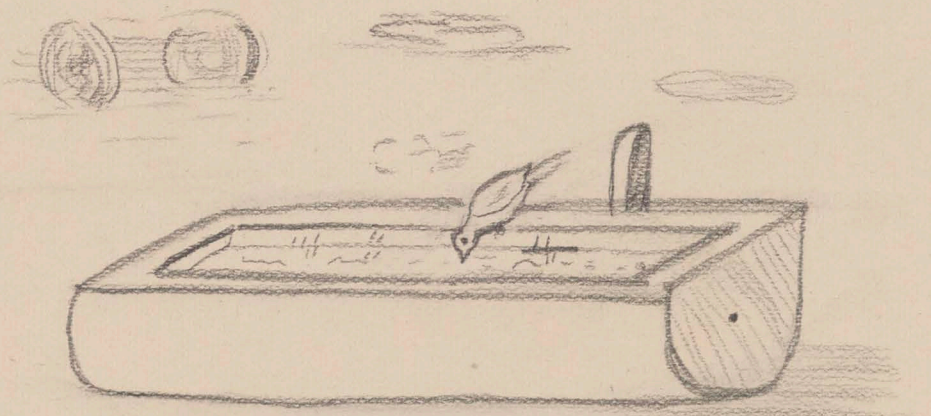
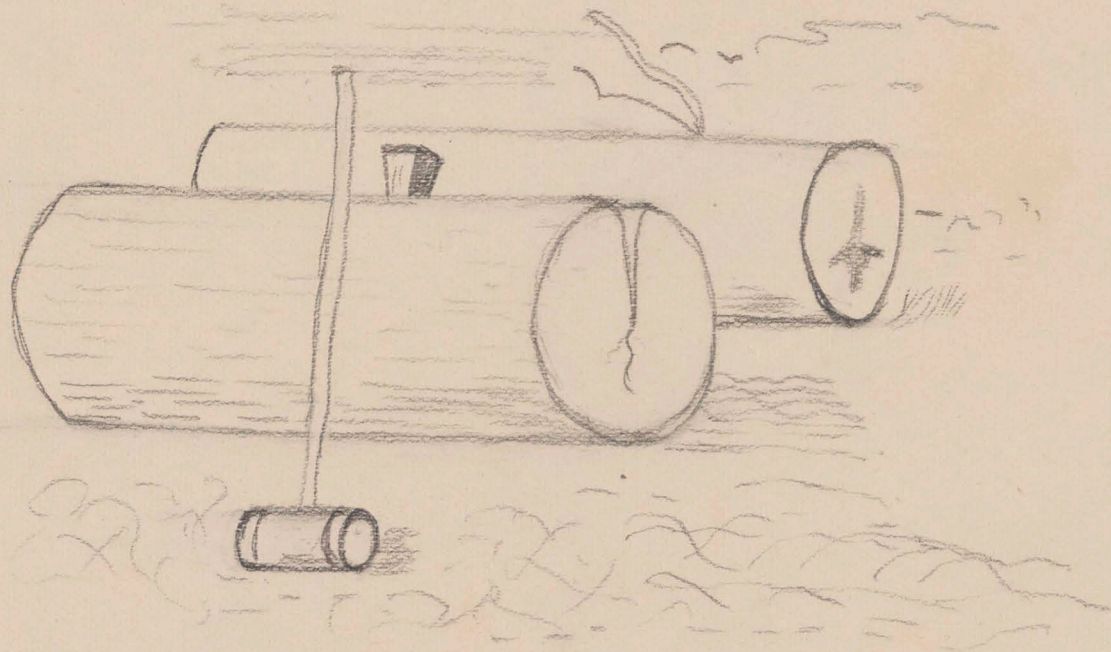
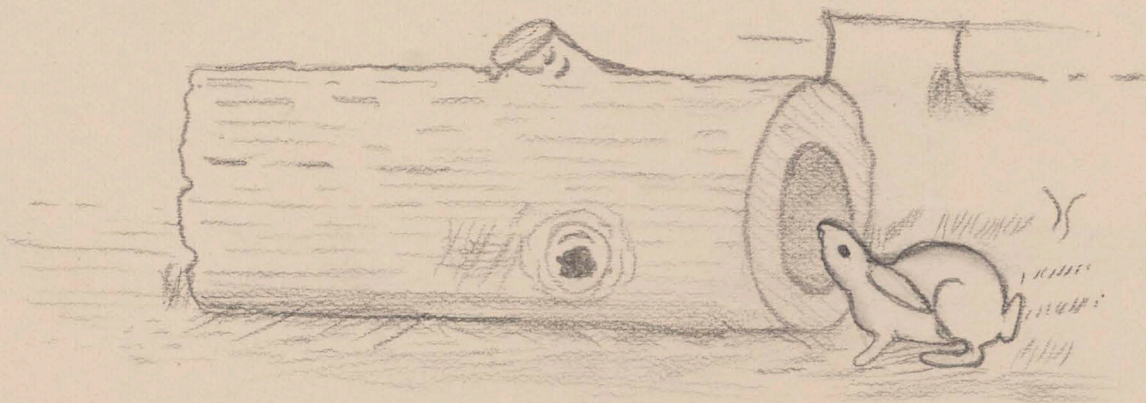


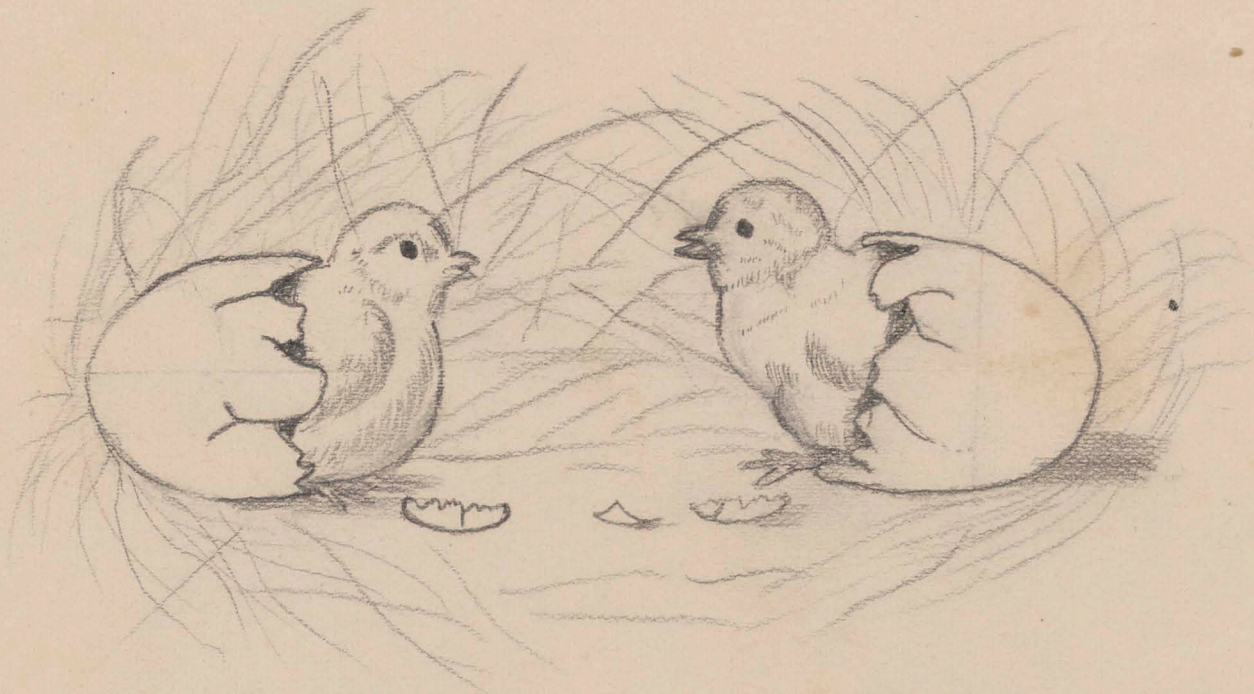
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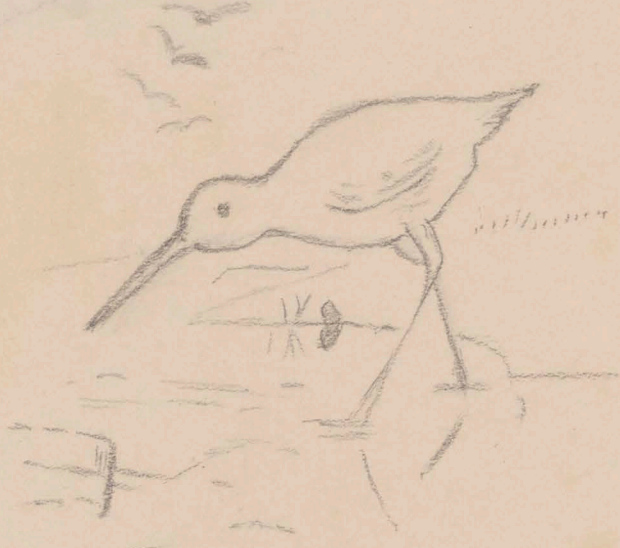
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Hannah was born Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>  
have been attending to pessumines  
eye. & worked on my Table  
Cloth until time 5 o'clock. Then went  
for a walk with the children & to  
the spring for a bath, after sup-  
per read until late & was up  
most of the night with pessumine  
Thu. 22. pessumines eye is bad  
this morning. I embroidered some  
this fore noon, after noon helped  
to pack the valises to go to  
Wells tomorrow & done various  
other little turns. have been up  
until 12 o'clock waiting on pessumine  
Fri. 23. We started to Town at  
7 o'clock. This morn. sat dinner  
at Willow Spring. & got to  
Wells at 12.30. <sup>th</sup> Telegraphed  
to Elko for Dr. Merigo he arriv-  
ed at 10 o'clock. tonight to see  
pessumine. it is half past One  
I will retire. Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> all the  
fore noon I attended to pessumine

after noon went out in Town  
to get some paper, & wrote  
several Letters Home to Texas.  
at six O'clock took Dinner at  
Mrs. Meigs. Those to Dinner were  
Mip Jones from California, Dr  
Meigs, & Mr McCullen, Mr Honey  
man & my-self after supper the  
Dr & I returned to the Hotel  
Mrs Hanks & Mrs Weyand came  
& sit til bed-time. Sun. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Jessemine was better this morn-  
so we started back to the AD  
Ranch early. Mr McCullen, Jesse-  
mine & my-self in the Buggy,  
Mr Homer, Charly Scott & my  
family in the Wack. The  
distance was 26 miles. We  
arrived at the Ranch at one  
O'clo. took a lunch on the  
road, after I spent in reading  
went to bathe & retired early  
after supper. Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Today

Hannah washed. I watched  
after the Children & Crocheted  
on my Tidie. at five  
went to Bathe, read until bed  
time. Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Today I have  
Washed on my Table Cloth  
all day until 5 O'clo. I took  
my book to read & sat on  
the front Gallery to watch Maud  
& Jessemine take a ride, when  
they returned Maud jumped  
from her horse & fell hurting  
her head badly. I picked her  
up unconscious & watched  
over her all night in that  
condition a lone kept with  
Hannah & 5 or six Cowboys.  
Wed. 28. all day I have done  
nothing but watch over and  
wait on Maud. Dr Meigs  
arrived today at 4 O'clock, whom  
I sent for last night: 80 miles  
a way & our nearest Physician.  
I have been up all night.

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> all day I have waited on Maud the Dr left this eve. I have been sitting up all night with her. Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Today I have spent waiting on Maud & watching after the other Children some, read some to Maud this after noon in Little Snow Drop. gave medicine until twelve tonight then retired as she is a great deal better. Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> today the Baby is not well have done little else but care for him & Maud. now it is 10 o'clock the Children all quiet I will retire.

Sunday, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1880.  
besides caring for the Children & doing various other little things I have written several Letters home, and

Mr Sparks who is now in Texas. & Maud is able to be up about the room. after supper I read a chapter to her in Snow-drop then all retired. Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Today the Baby is sick & cross I have attended to him & worked one flower on my Table Cloth. after supper. Baby & Benton are asleep. Maud Jessamine, Clarence & Hamner are playing Lotto while I am writing. Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> today Hannah washed. so it was my day to tend the Baby & see after the other Children. besides that I have done several other little errands & worked one bunch of Flowers on my Table Cloth. after supper & the little ones off to bed I read until 10 o'clock. Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Today Hannah has been quite sick. I have tended the Children done the house work & waited on her

until five o'clock I went for a bath  
after getting the children to bed &  
Hannah comfortable for the night.  
I have been reading a novel, entitled  
No. 99. Thu. 5<sup>th</sup> Hannah has been  
very sick all day. I have waited  
on her tended the children and  
done the house work. since supper  
have been reading No. 99. Fri. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Hannah is better today. besides attending  
to her, & looking after the children &  
the house work. I have worked one  
mote on my Table cover. since supper  
have finished reading No. 99.

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Today I have helped Hannah  
do the work. tended the baby. knoved  
a few pieces. done various other little  
things. & worked an hour on my Table  
cloth. after supper I spent the eve-  
ning with Haud. Jessemine  
& Al Nelson. ~~Sat~~ Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
today I have been reading and  
writing nearly all day. after noon

went for a walk with the children  
to the hot-spring to bathe after supper  
read until bed time. Monday 9<sup>th</sup>  
& was busy all the fore-  
noon. preparing to go to Wells this  
afternoon to meet Mr Sparks who  
I expect from Texas tomorrow. but  
he & Mr Meigs came in very  
unexpectedly at one o'clock. in  
the after noon I spent talking  
to them. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> today  
I have done nothing worth  
mentioning. as have been lying  
down most of the day as I was  
not feeling well. Wednesday Morn  
the 11<sup>th</sup> I was taken very sick  
& have not been able to write  
any until this evening. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
nothing has occurred during  
my seven days of sickness worth  
noting. yesterday I took a short  
ride with Mr McClellan & felt  
considerable better. today I have  
been reading all day. not able  
to do any thing else it has been

Raining all this afternoon  
& it is quite lonely. Mr Sparks  
& Miigo started to Trout Creek  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> & will not return for  
several days yet. Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Today

I have been lying down most all day  
& reading to Maud & Jessemine. &  
went for a short ride this evening.

Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Today have been reading  
& helping Maud & Jessemine cut &  
make Doll dresses. as I was not  
able to do anything else. it rained &  
we could not ride or bathe this  
evening. Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> Today I have

sewed some on my Table Cloth, read  
some stories to the children. in the  
eve. Mr McCullen took Maud,  
Jessemine, Benton & I for a ride  
after riding a mile we met Mr  
Sparks & Mr Miigo & came back  
with them. as far as the house where  
we left Mr Sparks & Miigo & we  
drove up the Juano road for

for three miles & got caught in  
a very hard rain returned at  
dark & found Mr Sparks & Miigo  
at supper. Chatted with them until  
Bed time. Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Today I have

been working on my Table Cloth  
& talking with Mr Sparks. This eve-  
ning went for my usual Bath at the hot  
Spring. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Today have

spent talking & reading with Mr  
Sparks & the children. & I clipped  
Mr Sparkes hair this evening.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mr Sparks & Miigo  
started to Goose Creek this morning  
I was busy getting lunch fixed & helping  
them off until late. Spent the rest  
of the day working on my Table  
cloth. in the evening went to bathe  
with the children. Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Today Hannah Washed & I have  
been busy watching the children  
& trying to work on my Table Cloth.  
at five o'clock we all went to Bathe.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Today Hannah has been  
crowing. I have taken care of the  
Baby, worked on my Table cloth some  
& spent the most of the after noon  
helping Maud & Jessemine make  
Doll clothes at five we went to  
bathe, then eat our supper & spent  
the evening singing, laughing, &  
talking with the children.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Today I have been  
busy sewing on buttons & packing  
Maud & Jessemines Trunks to go  
to Wells tomorrow to send them  
back to Cheyenne to school, at  
five o'clock P.M. I went with them  
to take their farewell Bath in the  
Hot Springs, for this summer.  
when we came back found Mr  
Sparks & Mr Mize here, & talked  
with them until bed time.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> This morning we rose  
early & all started to Wells, stoped  
at Down Creek to rest & eat our

Lunch at 12 A.M. arrived at Wells  
at 3 P.M. & stoped with Mrs Mize  
at ten P.M. we all went to  
the Train, to meet Mrs Conway, &  
who has been visiting in California  
& who will take Maud & Jessemine  
to Cheyenne with her, after chatting  
a few moments, we bade Mrs C.  
& the Girls good bye & returned  
to Mrs Mize & spent the night.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> This fore noon I  
spent talking with Mrs & Mrs Mize  
Mr Sparks & Miss Cherry Johnson.  
after noon Mr Sparks went to  
Tecoma, Thence to Cheyenne to  
be gone 10 or twelve days, I wrote  
several letters home, to Texas, &  
did some shopping, after supper  
I was very pleasantly entertained  
by Mrs Mize, Miss Johnson  
& Miss Gray, with singing &  
music on the Piano, & laughed &  
talked until late bed time.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> This morning I

Started back to the Hot-Spring  
Ranch. (or HD Ranch as it is  
commonly called) with my two  
little children + Hannah. + accomp-  
-anied by Mrs Migo + her two  
little Girls + Miss Johnson a  
Bright Brown eyed rosy Cheeked  
polly Girl of Pinetun. Summer.  
We Lunched at Quaking asp  
springs. + reached the HD at 4 P.M.  
a distance of 28 miles. We went +  
bathed. eat our supper. + retired  
early as all were tired.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> after breakfast Mrs M.  
Miss Cherry + I went for a walk  
+ to bathe. the rest of the day we  
sewed laughed + talked until five.  
went to bathe eat our suppers +  
Dang. + laughed + talked until  
bed time.

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> This  
morning it was so cold to be out-  
doors. raining + snowing a little.

We sit a round the fire sewed  
laughed + talked until five P.M.  
went for a walk + Bathed. eat  
suppers. + talked + read til bed time

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Today We have sat a round the  
fire sewing laughing + talking at  
five Miss Cherry + I went for a walk  
+ down to Bath. Mrs Migo look  
care of the children as Hannah  
was not well. The Boyo came this  
eve + we danced until 11 P.M.  
+ all had a good time.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> after Breakfast I  
spent an hour reading in the  
hammock. while the rest had  
gone to Bath. worked on my  
Table Cloth the rest of the day  
until five went to Bath eat supper.  
+ all danced until Ten P.M.

Friday 3<sup>d</sup> Today We have been  
sewing most of the time. took a  
long walk at five P.M. through  
the meadow + went to Bath.

eat supper & Danced until Ten  
& all had a nice time.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> after breakfast  
we went for a walk down  
the creek. Laughed & Talked  
until noon, eat dinner & Mrs  
Migo & Miss Cherry accompanied  
by Mr McCluskey started to  
their home at Wells, & I finished  
working my Table Cloth, eat  
supper & read until bed time.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> I have spent  
today Reading & writing, after  
supper Brother Clay came &  
we talked until late.

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> today I have been  
working on my Poppins, this  
evening took a walk with Clay  
& Benton, we played Cards  
until bed time.

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Clay went away  
this morning, I have been working  
on my Poppins all day.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> until noon I worked  
on my Poppins, after noon made  
a couple of Aprons for  
the Cook, & Packed my Valise  
to go to Wells tomorrow to meet  
Mr Sparks.

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> this morning I started  
to the Wells. We camped at noon  
at Town Creek Spring, for dinner  
arrived at Wells at 2 P.M. and  
stayed at Mrs Migo. Spent  
a very pleasant eve - with she  
& Cherry, until time to retire.

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> Today I went out  
chopping, wrote several letters  
to G. & helped Mrs Migo  
get things in readiness  
for the party tonight, at 9 O'Clock  
the guests gathered in, to the no.  
of 28. Couple. We all danced  
& had a splendid supper,  
we danced until 11 O'Clock  
in the morning when the  
crowd dispersed & Mrs



Mings & I retired.

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> This Morning

Mr Sparks & Mings arrived on the 7 O'clock Train from Cheyenne, after Breakfast in company with Mr Sparks I went back to the H D Ranch arrived here at 4 P.M. Tidied

up my room, eat Supper & retired early. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

after Breakfast I helped with the morning work spent several hours reading & talking with Mr Sparks, & went with him for a walk to the hot Spring, helped prepare Supper for Mrs

Hop & Brooke who arrived this eve. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> I was busy all morning helping Mr Sparks & Hoop off to Goose Creek the rest of the day worked on my Hopkins, after Supper wrote some letters home.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Today I have worked on my Hopkins all day, it has been storming all day so we could not get out.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> I finished working my last Hopkin this fore noon, after noon made my self a silk dusting cap, & went for a walk with the Children, after Supper played cards with Hannah & Charley until bed time.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Today I have been Batching & darning & reading, this eve - went with Hannah and the Children for a walk & to Bath.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Today I have worked some on my Lidie made a couple of Pillow slips on my fingers, & went for a long walk with Hannah, Benton, and brother, & to the hot Spring to Bath, & read until bed time.

Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Today have been sewing  
on Buttons, worked on my  
Lidia and various other little  
things to numerous to mention  
& went for a walk with the Chil-  
dren & to Bath.

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>

Today I have been reading  
& writing all day, & went for  
a walk this eve. with Hannah  
& the Children. after supper  
& the Children to Bed I read  
& talked with Hannah, and  
we feel quite lonely as there  
is no one on the Ranch  
except my self, Hannah, & the two  
Children & the Cook, Jake Pitson.

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> Today Hannah  
washed & I had to take care of the  
Children, besides I have made  
three Pillow slips on my fingers.  
& done several other things.

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup>

Today I have been remodeling  
~~and~~ and making over  
my blue dress. went for a walk  
with the Children to the Cold Spring.

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Today I have  
cared for the Baby while Hannah  
troned, and made two Pillow  
slips, & spent an hour reading.

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> This morning  
we went with Mr Sparks to  
the Nine Mile Spring & spent  
the day in camp & took dinner  
with Uncle John & the Cow boy.  
returned home at 7 o'clock P.M.

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> This morning I com-  
menced ~~with~~ making and  
Crazy silk Quilt. have done  
nothing else but work on it all  
day. & talked with Mr Sparks until  
bed time. Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> Today  
I have sewed constantly on Quilt  
Quilt. went for a short walk with  
the Children this eve.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> I have been writing all day. Letters home. Mr Sparks started to Salt Lake today & we are all alone again. have been reading since supper.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> I have made Brother a Mareno Dress today on my fingers. since supper have been reading the News papers.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> I sat up all night - Last night with Brother he was very sick with Dysentery. & it was a very cold night & plenty of Ice this morn. & P. have done nothing today but care for him & work a little on my crochet. after supper <sup>Mr Sparks came</sup> <sup>from hills</sup>

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> after Breakfast I cleaned up my room & wrote a couple of letters. this after noon I have been busy packing & getting things ready to go to the Shoeshone Falls tomorrow. since supper

have written a letter home to Father & one to Ammie Logman.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> This morning after Breakfast Mr Sparks & P. with the Children & Hannah, & Jake Ritson. Started to Rancho Granda on Goose Creek a distance of 48 miles. stoped at noon for lunch on Rock Springs creek. arrived at Rancho Granda at 7 P.M.

Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> - This I spent the fore noon with Hannah & the Children fishing in big Goose Creek. this after noon rambling a bolt over the Hills looking for nice stones. & went fishing for an hour with Benton. talked until Bed time with Mr Sparks & Pete Myers.

Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Benton has been quite sick today. I have done nothing but wait on him all day. Until 4 O'clock I took a walk to the River & fished a while. while absent Mr John Shaw & Mr Cook came. Talked with Mr Sp & them until late bed time.

Sunday 3<sup>d</sup>.

This morning Mr Sparks & Mr Shaw went horse back I went in the Buggy with Mr Cook Hannah Benton & Brother & Jake in the back. all started to Mr Shaws on Trapper Creek a distance of 35 miles. We stoped at our Horse Shoe Ranch for dinner arrived at Mr Shaws at 6 P.M.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

after spending a very pleasant night at Mr Shaws.

we started at 8 O'clock to ~~the~~  
~~Shoe Shoe Falls~~ Rock Creek

Idaho a distance of 35 mi  
stop at Eagle Spring for  
dinner stoped at Rock Creek Town  
for an hour & went on to Shoe  
Shoe Falls the same we a dista  
nce of 12 miles from Rock Creek.  
arrived there at sun down  
left our conveyances at the  
top of the Hill & walked down  
the hill the distance of a  
mile to the Hotel. stayed all  
night.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>.

This morning we arose early  
Mr Sparks & I spent the fore  
noon looking at the sights  
& sound the Falls which  
were beautiful. after noon  
we drove back to Rock Creek.  
Spent a couple of hours with  
Mrs Stricker & went from  
there to Mr Coxes that night  
by eight O'clock. a distance of 30 mi.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

This morning we went from our Ranch at Cores over to the Point Ranch a distance of 24 miles. remained here the rest of the day & tonight it has been very cold but sunny & we have stayed in doors most of the day.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

This morning we left the Point & started for Mr Dwights a distance of 38 miles. Stopped on Salmon River & cooked and eat our dinner have had a lovely day & traveled over beautiful Country on our way met 75 Indians on a hunt for Deer, arrived at Dwights at 5 o'clock. Mr Sparks went on to the H. Ranch. & the rest of us stayed all night.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Last night - my Baby was taken very sick about 7 o'clock

Mrs Dwight & I and Hannah sat up with him all night. This morning I started at 7 o'clock to the H. or home Ranch a distance of 24 miles with him Mr Tex drove the Team for me. the rest of the day I have waited on the baby. <sup>snow</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>, <sup>snow</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, <sup>snow</sup> 13<sup>th</sup>, <sup>snow</sup> 14<sup>th</sup>, <sup>snow</sup> 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> ~~th~~ for ~~seven~~ days & have not wrote a word.

The Baby & Benton have been very sick all this time. had Dr Prigo from Elko with them for two days & nights. he pronounces it - Cancer of the Mouth & Throat.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> This fore noon I packed my Trunks & sent them to Gown, after noon took a walk to the River with Benton

the first day he has been out.  
& spent the evening talking  
with Messrs. Sparks and  
Timmin.

Wednesday, 20th

Today it has been  
cold but bright. have done  
nothing worth mentioning.  
took a walk with the children  
to the meadow to gather Rose  
Berries.

Thursday, 21st

Today it has been snowing all  
day & very cold have done  
nothing but sit around the  
fire & read & talk, and look  
after Benton & Brother

Friday, 22nd

This fore noon it has been  
cold & snowing. My cook  
is sick so I helped Hannah  
get dinner, after noon I washed  
the childrens heads & packed  
my valisee, this eve Mr Sparks  
returned from Vinyard.

Saturday 23<sup>d</sup>

This morning at 10 O'clock  
~~we~~ I bid Adm to the Cold  
Hd. Ranch. & started for Wells Nev.  
in company with Mr Sparks, Mr Timmin  
Mr Brooks the children & Hannah.  
it has been a bright day, but the ground  
covered with snow. Most of the way,  
we eat our lunch near Town Creek  
arrived at Wells at 4 P.M. Stopped at  
Phinks. & spent the rest of the day packing  
my trunks, after supper Mrs Briggs Miss  
Johnson Miss Gray Mrs Hanko Miss  
Gibb. & called, & spent a very pleasant  
evening with them, & bade them good  
bye at 12 O'clock We took the Train  
for Ogden Utah. Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup>  
This morning we arrived at Ogden at  
8 O'clock, eat our breakfast & took the  
D. & G. Train to Salt Lake. To visit  
Thomas Sparks & family, arrived there  
at 12 O'clock, & spent the rest of the day  
in conversation with the family.

Monday, 25.

This morning Mr Sparks started back to Nev. I have spent a very pleasant day with Alice & family. took a walk this afternoon in the flower Garden with Alice, Sallie, & <sup>the</sup> children.

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> I have felt very badly all day. & have not been out today. but spent a very pleasant day with the family.

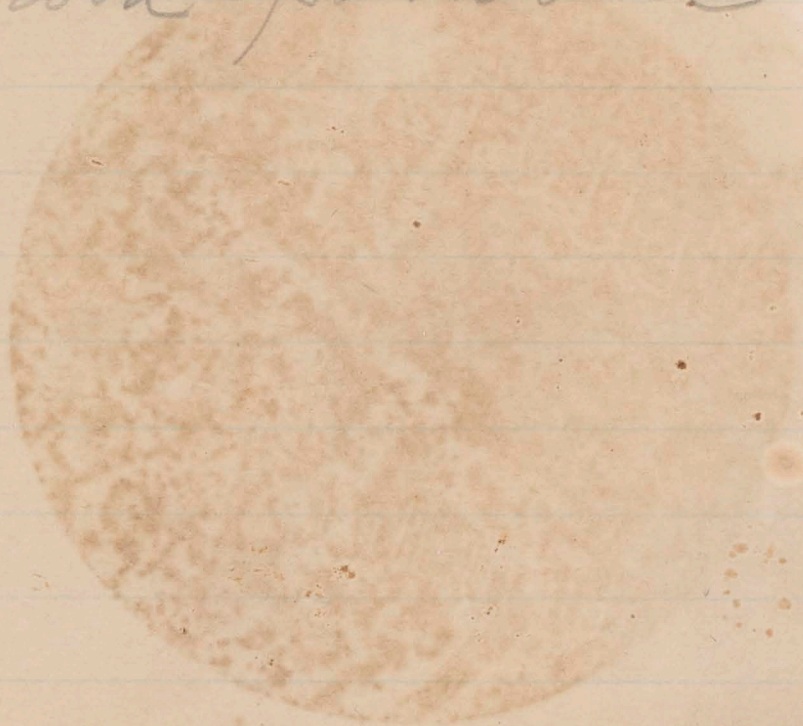
Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup>

I have been very sick most of the day. Alice & I went shopping this afternoon. & talked very late after supper.

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup>

This morning I left Salt Lake City at 8 o'clock. arrived at Ogden checked my trunks & took the A.P. Train for Cheyenne.

Part of Rosa Sparks old  
Diary.





Dear Mrs. Sparks:

I hope you are in Carson  
sometime this next week, my sister  
and brother-in-law will be visiting us  
from the 14<sup>th</sup> until the 20<sup>th</sup> and I  
want so much to present them to  
to you and Governor Sparks.

Sincerely  
Rose V. S. Barry.

For Monday evening, Feb. twenty-sixth, nineteen six  
From eight o'clock until twelve.

Somewhat back from Carson street  
Stands an old-fashioned Governor's seat  
Across its antique portico  
Tall poplar trees their shadows throw;  
While from this station in the hall  
A host and hostess welcome all.

Mardi Gras - ha-ha!

Ha-ha - Mardi Gras.

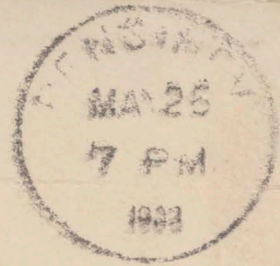
In this mansion used to be  
Free-hearted hospitality,  
While great fires up the chimney roared;  
The stranger feasted at the board;  
And now like in the days of yore,  
They'll gather in a crowd once more.

Don't you know - ha-ha!

It is - Mardi Gras?

It will be a "Mozart Ball"  
That is given in this hall,  
You will see the ladies there,  
With beauty patches and white hair,  
Dressed like Mozart's sister dear,  
For Beauty's sake, and good cheer.  
'Cause you know - ha-ha!  
It is - Uardi Gras.

Out upon the night shall swell  
Sounds of music we know well,  
Vienna's masters great and old,  
For us this sweetness shall unfold,  
Will you attend this "Mozart Ball"?  
The Berriys want you most of all.  
Uardi Gras - ha-ha!  
Ha-ha - Uardi Gras.



Mrs. John Sparks,  
Reno,  
Nevada.

Mrs. John Sparks.

Denton:

This bill passed the house today. Is now up to the Gov. Congratulations.

Runnford

Senate Bill



No. 75

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOLMES,

MARCH 2, 1909.

Rules suspended, reading so far had considered first reading, rules further suspended, read second time by title, and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

## AN ACT

FOR THE RELIEF OF MRS. NANCY ELEANOR SPARKS, WIDOW OF THE LATE GOVERNOR, JOHN SPARKS, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT TO HER OF AN AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE BALANCE OF SALARY WHICH THE SAID GOVERNOR, JOHN SPARKS, WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED TO RECEIVE HAD HE LIVED UNTIL THE END OF HIS TERM.

WHEREAS, The late Governor of Nevada, the Honorable John Sparks, earned the respect, gratitude and affection of the people of the State of Nevada, by his manly qualities, his devotion to duty, his earnest labors for the rights of all classes and his regard for the good name of the State; and

WHEREAS, The said John Sparks invested his fortune in beneficial enterprises

STATE OF NEVADA  
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA



Denton Sparks  
Reno, Nevada.

6 which were expected to aid in the upbuilding of the community and the develop-  
7 ment of its latent wealth, but which failed of realization; and

8 WHEREAS, The said John Sparks contracted by exposure in the discharge of his  
9 duty at a critical time in the history of our State, the illness which caused his death;  
10 therefore

*The People of the State of Nevada, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of money which would have been paid as salary to the  
2 said John Sparks as Governor of the State of Nevada for the remainder of his term,  
3 had he lived, to wit, the sum of \$10,430.15, shall be paid to Mrs. Nancy Eleanor  
4 Sparks of Reno, Nevada, the widow of the said Governor John Sparks, deceased,  
5 out of the moneys not otherwise appropriated, for her use and benefit.

SEC. 2. The State Controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his  
2 warrant for the sum named in this Act, and the State Treasurer is hereby ordered  
3 to pay the same.

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RENO, NEV.  
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M. B. ASTON  
GOLDFIELD, NEVADA

September 19, 1912.

Mrs. John Sparks,  
Reno, Nevada.

My dear Mrs. Sparks:-

Since returning from Reno I have been very busy counting up the liabilities of the Storm Cloud Mining Company. So I will write you regarding it along the lines we talked.

Last year and for three years before I carried practically the whole load, and it bent my back. Last year I personally paid the amount for you. I am out now about \$8000.00. This is the best proof that I regard it as a good proposition. It would require a volume to give you all the details. But I will make a brief statement that will convince you of its merits if you have faith in my judgment and integrity.

We have expended about \$30,000.00 for work and improvements, and in addition have increased the acreage three fold. We now have 12 claims and fractions or about 205 acres as compared with the 68 acres originally incorporated. With three times the number of acres and with all the work done, I feel that it is worth much more than formerly when we sold the stock at 50 cents per share. The prospect of an early rail-road adds much to the value. In time it is certain to win, I feel sure. Otherwise I would not have advanced the money I have to protect all the stockholders. We now have about 3000 feet of work done, mostly tunnels, with shops, buildings, steel, material, etc., etc. I mean to stick to it.

Now, it will require at least one man there all the time to protect our plant, and this should cost about \$150.00 per month with the supplies. Also, it will be necessary to back the suit now under way in N.C. to collect the amount due the company by Mr. Duke-- amounting with interest and all to nearly \$10,000.00, which will place us in good shape. Most likely we shall have to send witnesses there and take an attorney.

#2.

And this will take money. In short, our expenses are unavoidable, and it nearly all hits me in spite of what I have advanced to date. Hence, I shall have to call on all the stockholders to help out. While the amount is great for me alone to bear, it will be small if each bears his part.

You have 25,000 shares. If you will pay in to the company One cent per share or \$250.00 in all, it will help mightily. I will then give you credit for \$500.00, or for the last year's amount as well as this, and issue you 2500 shares of Treasury stock to pay you for the amount you pay in. This will make you 27,500 shares in all. You can pay this amount all at once or part at a time, so that we shall know it is coming in to help meet the expenses we are forced to incur to save the property. If I had money as formerly, I would certainly not allow you to pay one cent. But I am loaded down with obligations until I cannot carry more burdens.

Think this over and let me know what you can and will do as soon as possible, as I must determine about the expense of the suit. I trust you will fully understand the situation and realize my position in the entire matter.

With kindest regards for yourself and the entire family, I am

Yours sincerely,

*W. B. Aston*



all that are marked to firm are  
important papers.

Clifton \$80.00 for fitting up  
office in Town. my own money.  
\$100.00 to firm Texas an  
200. to Benton Texas an

Yellow Poppay 2d  
grown in Cloister  
Melrose Abbey



Yellow Lilly 2d  
grown in Cloister  
Melrose Abbey

yellow Poppy +  
yellow Lilly seed  
from  
Melrose Abby;

March 31, 1896



U.S.M.S. "NEW YORK"

Thursday Morning.

My Dear little Brother  
You shall pass the

Isles Apr 2. Tomorrow Morning  
When they will telegraph  
back to New York that you  
have passed and the  
papers Wednesday Morning  
will have it in them.

You have had a wonderfully  
calm passage for this  
time in the year, almost  
like summer. The second  
day was stormier than I  
have ever seen it - and

Every person nearly - was  
sea sick. I have before  
seen people hanging over  
the railing - as I have often  
heard of - but I'll tell you  
there were many of them  
Thursday night. I was  
a little sea sick - only  
because I went down  
into my hot - state room  
& got warm and pretty  
soon I was "doing the  
grand act" I could not  
help thinking how Papa  
would have suffered.  
People all around my  
st. room were suffering very  
much and making it  
known too. Mrs. Martin was  
sea sick and her little baby


is still I see with Bronchitis  
2. day people are ~~settled~~  
sitting out in the Sun shine  
and doalting about and  
last night the Phosphoric -  
I dont know that I have  
spelled it correctly - show  
in the doores and was  
beautiful - You know the  
Phosphoric is a little  
thing in the doater that only  
comes up at night that  
shines & or glows like a  
glow fly and makes the  
doater look as if it had  
little stars in it.

Do you have a fine table - if I  
can I shall send you  
a dinner card for dinner  
to night - just to let you

see how it is served  
we are given just 20  
many minutes in which  
to ~~eat~~ eat.

The people on board have  
not been at all sociable  
because they are nearly  
all theatrical people  
There is even a prize  
fight on board and  
to night we are going to  
have a concert and these  
people are going to sing  
and act for us - I shall  
tell you about it some  
time - I am simply rolling  
about from one end of the  
deck to the other. the room  
I am in is the library and  
very handsome and lots of

books to read.

There are  lots of children  
on board but not altogether  
many people.

U.S.M.S. "NEW YORK"

Yesterday we had a fire  
practice. That is the sailors  
and men of the ship had  
to stand in order, ready for  
work in case of fire and  
the men were let loose  
and life boats were covered  
and I don't think any  
one would drown in  
case of fire. because you  
know it takes a ship a  
long time to burn. people  
are every day this morning.  
I wish one of your boys were  
along with me. we would  
have a good time. I have  
two Englishmen friends

one has just lost his wife  
and the other is dead in  
love with a Boston girl &  
you may tell Papa dear  
that he need not worry  
about my falling in love on  
the steamer.

We have passed several  
boats.

We arrive tomorrow  
some time in the afternoon  
and I take the boat ~~and~~  
across the British Channel  
to Harve and then only  
three hours to Paris. when  
I shall send you a Cabesane.

Goodbye dear little  
boys. be sure and write  
me often -

With a great deal of love  
to all  
Your sister -

- 1 Tea Pot hard wood core
- 1 Coffee Pot
- 1 Sugar Bowl
- 1 Water Bowl
- 1 Cream Pitcher.

Case

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|--------------------|---|
| 5 Napkin Rings -   | } 1/2 doz Forks<br>1/2 doz Table Spoons<br>1/2 doz Pearl Handled Knives |
| 1 Salad Fork       |   |
| 1 Butter Knife     |   |
| 3 Individual Salt  |   |
| 1 Large Salad Fork |   |
| 1 " " Spoon        | } Set.  |

- 1 Silver Handled Carving Set.
- 1 Small " " " " (Without Steel)
- 6 Silver Table Spoons
- 1/2 doz " Fruit Knives
- 1 Silver Berry Spoon (Gold Bowl).
- 1 " Pickle Fork.
- 1 doz Silver Tea Spoons (Mexican)
- 1 Silver Bread Knife.
- 1 pair Pointing Shears.



1 Cream Ladle in case,

1 doz, knives & forks,

1 doz coffee spoons

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Receipt for keeping eggs.

~~One~~ <sup>small</sup> One quart of unslacked lime (to be slacked before using) <sup>to this</sup>  
Add One quart <sup>small</sup> Epsom salt. to this  
add five gallons water, let stand over night. <sup>+ drain off</sup> This will  
preserve Twenty five Dozen. eggs

Nora Sparks

Alice Sparks Receipt for packing  
eggs. will keep for one year.

ALICE SPARKS



Governor Sparks

March First, 1905.

"  
To the rulers of every  
land! God bless and  
guide them ever!"

Alamo Ranch to Farmers + Merchants  
Bank 23<sup>d</sup> day of Feb. at the hour of 2. P.M. 1909.  
at the Alamo Residence.

~~H~~ Benton and I signed  
the Deed over to Bank on <sup>said</sup> Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Nancy Elvora Sparks.



Mrs. Sparks

March First 1905

"Here's to the friends who wish  
us well,  
So fill to the brim and toast them,  
And if there be those who wish us  
ill,  
Why, now is our chance to roast  
them."





By Aunt Hannah G. Knight.

# The Christians Bank

The Christians never failing  
bank

I have A never failing bank  
A more than golden Store  
No earthly bank is Half  
so rich  
How can I then be poor

Sometimes my Banker  
Smiling says  
Why dont you ofner come  
And when you bring A  
little note  
why not A larger Sum  
Why live so miserly and  
poor  
Your bank contains A  
plenty note  
Why draw A single dollar  
When you may have A  
twenty

Its interest is so large  
and free  
And hundred fold per cent  
Enough to live on all through  
life  
A plenty to be lent

The more we give the ~~more~~  
we lend  
yet still we have the more  
Our bank ~~can~~ can not  
exhausted be  
it is A boundless Store

The wars can not  
impoverish us  
Our treasure lies Above  
Our banker is the friend  
of peace +  
A God of perfect Love

When the world my heart  
is rending with it heaviest:  
Storms of care  
my glad thoughts to heaven  
ascending  
finds a refuge from despair

Faiths bright vision shall  
sustain me  
till lifes pilgrimage is past  
cares may vex and  
troubles pain me I shall  
reach my home at last

Yea twenty thousand ten  
times told  
Are but a trifling sum  
So what your Father hath  
laid up  
Secure in Crist His Son

Your bank will ever be  
Secure  
Tis in a living Rock  
Satan with all his hellish  
power  
cannot the door unlock

Should all the banks of  
Britton break  
the bank of England  
Smash  
bring in your notes to  
#sons bank  
You surely get your  
Cash

Juice Jelly

- 2 lbs. sugar  
1 pint of wine - pale sherry or white.  
1 " cold water.  
1 package Cox's gelatine  
juice of 2 lemons and grated rind  
of one.  
1/2 quart boiling water.  
1 good pinch of cinnamon.

Soak the gelatine in cold water over hour. Add to this the sugar, lemon and cinnamon; pour over all a quart of boiling water, and stir until the gelatine is thoroughly dissolved. Put in the wine, strain through a flannel bag, without squeezing; wet your mould with cold water and set in a cool place.

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Dated

*Lovelocks Nev 7*

To

*Mrs John Sparks*

*Care John Pothoff*

*Redwood Nev*

*I will be home eight  
thirty tonight*

*Geo Sparks*

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Council Bluffs, Ia.  
Omaha, Neb.  
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## Cod fish in Cream.

pick the fish, being careful to get out all bones. wash it in little cold water & squeeze it out. then put on fire in cold water enough to cover it nicely. let it come to a scald but not boil. if very salt pour off all the water, if not leave a little on - add milk or part cream, when comes to a boil, stir in thickening of flour & water (or milk) take from stove soon as cooked in. then add one or two eggs beaten to stiff ~~foam~~ & piece of butter if fish is picked over night for breakfast, it will not need the water to scald in - but put it

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right in the milk -

Hope this will be satisfactory. (not let me know - & will try again) I like it best - to pick & use at once -

Yours -

Mrs Locke

This will cost you

\$99.50

2400  
300  
2700

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500  
0  
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Sparks missing papers and letters

~~important papers~~

Mrs Nora Sparks keep papers + letters,

