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Letter from Peter H. Burnett to Louie Strentzel Muir, 1882 Oct 23.

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San Francisco,
610 Jones Street,
Oct. 23, 1882.

Mrs. Louis Stentzell Meir-

My dear Madame

The
present of a box of choice grapes
you kindly sent me arrived on
Saturday last, for which let me
return you my appreciative
acknowledgements. I abun-
dantly saw several bunches of very small, beau-
tiful, and delicious blue grapes
among the others, which I had
never seen before. My grand chil-
dren came to see me yesterday, and
enjoyed the fruit.

My sister, Mrs. E. A. Cain, is
now at my house, and will
remain during the winter. She
is now 69, and in good health.

I have just had the great
pleasure of seeing a cousin and

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Mrs. Louis Stentzell Meir-

to Louise
Peter Stentzell

his lady from Texas. I had not
seen him for fifty-one or two years,
and had never met her before. His
name is William P. Hardeman. His
father, my uncle Thomas Jones
Hardeman, moved with his family
to Texas in 1835, when my cousin
was a youth. He is now 66. I saw
him last in Hardeman County,
Tennessee, in 1851. Our uncle Baily
Hardeman was Secretary of the
Treasury in Texas under President
Burnet. Uncle Blackstone Hard-
man, also lived and died in that
State. I think your parents will
be apt to remember the Harde-
mans.

My children and grandchil-
dren are in good health with a
few exceptions. Her about 18 mos.
Ada C. Ryland has suffered from
some disease, which not only gives her

pain, but affects her sight, so that
she has to wear glasses, and can only
read about five minutes. She is thus
unable to keep up with the current
news of the day from reading, and has
to depend upon conversation for her
knowledge of passing events. To one of
her active and fine intellect, it is a
great deprivation. Her sister Harwa is
now under medical treatment for
herderess of hearing, which makes her
uneasy in the company of others.
My son, John W. Burnett's youngest daugh-
ter, a little girl 4 years old, is very
backward about talking. She is a
most beautiful child, and her parents
are fearful she will never be bright.

Give my kindest regards to
your husband father and mother and
call and see me when you visit the City.

Yours truly
Peter H. Burnett