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Aunt Annie wrote a long letter from Portage telling of your visit. All well there.

Mother was very sick in bed for a week, & is still very weak and pale. She worries more & more about the burial place for Father.

My eyes have pained me so much that I have scarcely glanced at the papers & magazines since you went away. My eyelid is better but still trembles every few minutes. I have had very little rest so far, such a load and variety of things have come along to be attended to, bills had to be paid including one from the University Club of \$93.⁰⁰ I am pleased

Martinez, California
June 15, 1893

My dear husband,

Your lovely letter of June 7th reached here the day before (yesterday), and Wanda wrote to you the same afternoon; she wrote today also, and now little Helen is trying to tell you that she wants to go to meet you in New York next September. Since you wrote of wanting us all to see the Columbian wonders and illuminations, she has talked every day about

to say though that several people paid money to us.

Of course several other people have wanted to borrow money. Several lots were on Delinquent Tax list, & I had to look over the deeds & mortgages several times. Silvey's mortgage was defective, but he offered the 2 lots on the hill for a reasonable figure so I have agreed to buy them, they are well situated on the main street.

The cherries were very large & beautiful, & there were more of them than any body thought. Prices were good. All the trees & vines look well.

I am inclined to doubt that rheumatism story! Raffetto's Strawberries were fine for a month

traveling), asking us what will make her "grow the fatter" so she will soon be strong, & able to travel anywhere with Papa!

The dear child is really growing rapidly, and plays out in the garden most of the day, for the weather is delightful, cool and bright, and the mosquitos have departed. The "June hot spell" lasted only three days here, but thermometer was 97° the last afternoon. Helen looked very white and languid for a while, but soon a fresh breeze blew from the bay & then she was as sprightly as ever

Next day was cold, only 64° . That same hot day, Dr. Button took his wife and babies out to the ranch for a picnic! & the mosquitos were dreadful; they were all sick that night - the family I mean, & Mrs. C. thought nothing could be more awful than that ranch! Of course the Doctor never thought to take them down to that cool Jasmine-shaded veranda, where Aunt Ette swings in a new hammock every afternoon.

David & Ette come here every Sunday, & we see Margaret & Mary very often, all well.

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and what delicious, spicy strawberries Mrs. Ames gave us yesterday. Mr. Swett was not far wrong in praising that place so highly.

Nearly all the Royal Ann will be shipped tomorrow.

I sent the 3 Mammoth tusks, the boat & other articles to the Sierra Club, & Arthur went on the steamer with them. Elliott McAllister wrote very pleasantly with thanks.

I shall hope to hear very soon an account of your Boston Journey. How I wish we could all have been with you.

My eye is tired, so goodbye
Lovingly Yours,
Louie Muir

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