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[First draft of letter, in note-book]

Dec. 27, '04.

Mrs. Chas. H. Allen,
San Jose, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Allen:

I am very glad to get your kind letter full of good news of all the Allen family. Had I not been tied up and almost smothered up with work useful and useless I should have been with you oftentimes as in the days of lang syne. I have not written a word for the press about my big trip to Russia, the Caucasus, Siberia, Manchuria, Korea, Japan, China, India, Egypt, Australia, New Zealand, Timor, the Philippines, etc., but when I do I'll let you know.

I'm now trying to write a little book on re[semite] which I promised the Cent[ury] Co. long ago, but make slow grinding gl[acier] progress on account of endless interruptions, and I don't see how I can find time for magazine articles, at least for a year or two. You may not have seen my last book, so I'm sending a copy with this mail.

I think it was in 1864 that women were admitted to the Wis. University, but I can't be sure.

I haven't a copy of the dog story to send you, but will try to get one. It was published in the Century Sep. 1897.

I shall always be glad to hear from you, and praying Heaven to comfort you, I am, with best wishes for the New Year,

Ever faithfully yours,

J.M.

Have been delighted hearing from time to time [that] Jessie was better. I haven't seen Dora since she was a baby. How quick girls grow. Both of ours are woman, Wanda within a year of graduation from the State Univ. Here is Helen's photo. Wanda will send hers.

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[December 27, 1904]

Dear sister Sarah:

Thank you for the first-rate book you sent me. I've already finished reading it. I'm sending you to-day \$5 for Anna to buy a book, or anything she likes best for herself.

We were all glad you got to your new home safely, and hope you will enjoy good health and a truly happy New Year. We are all about as usual, and I am, with love to you and Anna and the children,

Ever affectionately your brother,

J. M.

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[First draft of letter, in note-book]

[Robert Underwood Johnson]

Dec. 27, '04.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

May I trouble you to send me 2 more copies of the
Cent[ury] of Sep. 1897? It seems to me the dog story would sell well
as a little book, judging by the many questions I have to answer about
it.

Yo[semite] recession seems promising, though Hearst's paper
here is fighting it with damnably perverted energy and skill. Here is a
specimen of what appears in every day's Ex[aminer].

[Johnson]

How are you all coming on. I see Owen/has written another book.
Good luck to him and to you all.

With best New Year's wishes, I am,

Faithfully yours,

J. M.

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