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RANCHO DE MARTINEZ

Choice Fruits

THOS. R. HANNA - MARTINEZ, CAL.

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Dear Papa:

Your nice letter of July 29th came a few minutes ago and I am so glad to hear from you. We are well, all three of us, and enjoying the change and the good fruit, tho both Buel and I are beginning to feel shut in by the hills and so many trees. But it is doing us good, and the weather keeps warm and sunny, and not a bit like the foggy days of June a year ago. We eat and sleep splendidly and I have felt no hint of cold or old trouble and am confident that I am as sound as any one. How I wish you could see our little boy with his pink cheeks and bright eyes and ready smile. Ione is here for the week, and is charmed with Muir and likes to carry him around and talk to him. Wanda is pretty well. The two boys are well and lively and little John thinks the baby is lovely. He told Wanda that Muir was his baby, that Aunt Helen was taking care of it for him. I have put up some fruit to take home to the desert, and enjoy the work.

I am glad the Yosemite book is so nearly off your hands, and better still that you are standing the hard work so well and can keep comfortable. And so you start on your long journey on the 15th, God keep you safe. May you keep well and enjoy this great new part of the world as much as you did New Zealand with its wonderful forests. Write when you can, and give me your first address as soon as you know what it will be. I will write once more before you sail.

Lovingly always

Helen.

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