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Martinez, Cal. August 31, 1911.

Dear Papa:-

Since my last letter to you I have been in Los Angeles so that is why I havent answered your letter before this. I got the one inclosing your picture, you in dignified robes, which I think is splendid, and also the letter written just before sailing. I wish we could have helped you, but anyway I hope you are having a fine voyage and feel rested after all your hard work. Congratulations on the Yosemite book, when is it to come out? Buel and I think of you every day and wonder where you are and if you are all right. I do hope you meet nice interesting people for your traveling companions, and that you keep well.

We are back here at Wanda,s for a little while longer, and then we will be in a home of our own. We have bought a pretty little bungalow in Hollywood, and will live there this winter at least. We have wanted a home of our own ever since we were married, and we dont want to go back to Daggett. Buel has been looking for a good cattle ranch, but so far we have found nothing we liked that was also within our means. So ~~then~~^{then} we found this new bungalow that suits us, and we will live three there till we find some other place we would rather live. Besides being a lovely ~~little~~ little home for us, it is also a good investment. I will stay here till it is entirely finished, and we can move right in. This will be in a few weeks. Buel goes down there Sunday. We can have our paintings there, and our books , and it is a nice place to live.

The baby is thriving and seems to have a very happy disposition and is always ready to smile and laugh. Every one thinks he is a wonder of goodness and smartness, and he is such a pretty lettle boy and has such sweet little ways. He is now seven months old. I am feeling fine and in

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grand good spirits. I dont notice the change in climate at all nor the changes in the weather, but still I am careful, and am also very careful about the baby.

Wanda says she is going to write to you. I dont know why Tom has not sent you the names of his friends in Parma, for he said he was going to. He has not had very good luck with his pears and I think feels rather blue. However he is going to rent the Valona ranch for six years and has great hopes there. He and Buel have gone down to Valona today. Wanda is in Berkeley today. Both the little boys are well and still speak of Grandpa. They love my baby and Strentzel can wheel him around the yard in the go-cart. Sometimes in the evening I take the boys and we wheel the baby up tp the old house. They always call it Grandpa's house. Buel and I were in your study yesterday. Everything looks natural, just as you left it.

The peaches are gone now, but we had a feast of them when we were here before, for they were at their best then. I have canned a lot of fruit and will ship t it to our home in Hollywood so we can have it this winter.

When I go back to Los Angeles I am going to see Mrs. Jones and Mrs Sellers, if she is still in Pasadena. We met Col. Hooker's son this last time, but he is not like the dear old Colonel. I saw Dr. Allan and he inquired very kindly for you and is interested in your trip.

Do write whenever you can, I am so anxious to hear again and know how you are. As soon as I get another address I will write promptly.

With love from all of us

Your daughter who loves you.

Hehn