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San Francisco, Cal.

August 19th 1896

to my dearest sister:-

Your most welcome letter received by me to day tho' received at home yesterday the eighteenth. We were delighted to receive it. Indeed we were.

The first thing I want to say is for you to thank Frauolina for taking such good care of my "little" sister while away in the country. My but don't I wish I could be there with the rest of your friends and enjoy a little of the good times you tell me about.

You must have a "scrumptious" idea. I had wondered why we didn't get a letter before your departure with the Hansens for the various places you have been to, telling us of your intentions and arrangements and etc. But I suppose now we will have to wait. I mean get tired waiting for it to get here. He wonders where our regular weekly letter was in some days passed without one, but I suppose now we can explain the negligence as being due to excitement and arranging to go away on this trip.

I am glad you have gone to such a delightful spot, where you will no doubt build up and get yourself thoroughly rested and well before the opening of next year's college course.

"wonder what fine prices" and what fine board

I wish it just too lovely for any-thing to have everything (country) you want? at fresh and nice.

Talk about being in a flower. (See string!!) When you and Mary come back you should get your pictures taken and send them to me.

It is too bad you have had disagreeable weather. Don't it make you feel awfully impatient when it rains thus keeping you in a ^{suppression} the air & climate up there is simply gorgeous. We have over a jar full. I eat the flowers all ok. Thanks for them.

(See string!) It must be a very small place if it would take such a large mass to find it. I guess it must seem more like an ^{estate} than a typical German town.

Do you get some cute pictures of May and Jack eh? Well - did you recognize the little picture I enclosed in my last letter? It took me - in fact I didn't - couldn't recognize her - I won't tell you who it is - Ma told me. See what change a year and a half will do. I didn't know till I was told.

Indeed Mrs. Kanaber is good to take such an interest. She has my best & most ^{heartfelt} thanks. All her ^{kind} thoughtfulness is thoroughly & sincerely appreciated by me. Her best regards to the Baners (Wobbling pair)

It is not generally known it is not supposed to be - but May Dalton expects to be married within a month or near over talking to Ma about being at home from us.

Had expect me trying to get a new position. She is in Camp Art store now but does not like it.

Mona Dalton is just crazy - mad. I think she fixes up expecting father to call & then no one comes.

She advises May to live nearer her home. It is just like pulling teeth to get Ben's father down to see them. The poor girl is wild.

The other day she fixed things all up, changed things about expecting company & none came. What did she do but chased up stairs & actually called all the folks (girls) down & they came expecting trouble & when they got down they asked "Well what is the matter?" "Can't you see" says Mona. I've fixed up for about the hundredth time & nobody comes in & I just determined someone would see how the place looked.

May intends to live near home as she can & I don't blame her either for the location in the most desirable one.

Did Ma tell you of the glorious blackberries we have growing in the yard? Yes they are most delicious just like wild only larger & firmer. We have had more than enough for all use this season & the season is far from over yet. Lo! you all know how to play fortunes. So you. Why don't you learn how to study or read the horoscope by the study of the planets.

I am reading Quide's "Moths" now also Ignatius Donnelly's "Great Cryptogram" a study

of the origin of the Shakespearean works
and an exhaustive treatise & arguments
historical &c in favor of Bacon as being
the true Shakespeare and not Shakespeare

Say girls do you remember ever getting
any letter from me containing sketches
of my quarters & the arrangements of the
contents. I don't remember you remark-
ing anything about it.

You just let me be glad the people are
all out of the house. Ma looks much
better now & has no extra care.

You let the garnes will find time
out to their sorrow too.

You may be sure we will be over
there just as soon as we can
and then what a happy time it will
be.

You have received ma's pictures
by now I suppose.

They are only proofs not re-touched yet
samples you know. Don't show them don't
cut ones to any one ~~now~~ ^{now} be sure & don't
do that. You will understand why on
seeing it. They haven't been touched up
you know.

How is it we never hear of the Shermans
and Buschi & the others you first met over there
you never speak of them now.

You should visit the Shermans more
often they will speak highly of you over here
& perhaps be useful to you when you come home
to convertize. The idea of not being able to
convertize. ^{phen} You will succeed now for

Lovingly Brothers Tho' Regards to
Ma's Mother & all the rest - Instructions.