

San Francisco

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My dear little sister: -

Your flying note  
came to me yesterday -  
I started to write  
last night - but thou-  
ght I would wait untill  
this evening and pen  
you a little birthday  
note - This is your  
birthday and who would  
have thought that you  
would have spent, or  
are spending it at the  
Countess's Home away  
up in the highlands I  
presume - By this time  
you have been there  
nigh onto three weeks  
and I suppose you  
will soon be flying  
back to Berlin to attend  
the marriage of your friends  
and away again to the



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you that you are away  
from this cold dismal  
city - as this is the  
time of the blustering  
winds you know -  
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darling little mother  
could be with you  
and comfort and assist  
you. By the time  
you will have received  
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suitable This days  
proceedings exhausted  
the 3600 veniemen  
summoned <sup>as</sup> to trial  
jurors now the Judge  
ordered the Sheriff to go  
forth among the people  
and select 75 more men  
for tomorrow's doings  
Perhaps I will get one  
out of this batch <sup>and</sup>  
perhaps not — but I  
hope so, so that things  
will hustle along and  
so things will be more  
interesting than here-  
to-fore. Enough of the  
Case —  
How do you like your  
visit — I suppose  
there is no use in  
asking that of questions  
as before you get thro  
men & did not find one note we will have



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received one from you  
telling us, all the news  
and how you are getting  
along

Mrs Busch was  
very kind indeed in  
the manner in which  
she said her adios to  
you. I am real sorry  
to know that her  
daughter is no better  
but hope that that  
burden will be lifted  
soon and that her  
daughter will become  
fully well of her  
illness. There is  
nothing new - Mr J. H.  
Crosett asked to be  
remembered to you  
He is still out on the  
survey of the S. F. & San  
Joaquin Valley R.R. which  
is laying its tracks now  
very fast out of Stockton



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They have their Engine  
& a number of Cars on  
hand all ready. It is  
going to be a fine road  
and going to knock spots  
out of the S.P.

So Mr. S. gave a good  
account. If we did he?  
Well that is encouraging.  
You must not think of  
the affair for a moment  
as everything goes along  
swimmingly.

I have nothing to say  
about anyone save F.L.  
who had been to see me  
a number of times since  
I wrote you last —

~~Oh By the way did you  
receive a letter from me  
on Tuesday paper? For  
never mentioned it.~~

Don't you keep all your  
accounts in the diary, there  
is places you know. Do you  
draw your money as you  
receive the drafts? You should  
immediately deposit it again  
in some bank and not keep



it about you at the house. Have  
a bank acct. & keep a book  
you know all about it -

By it you will save coin  
& trouble. too see  
all at present. - Oh I  
have painted & frescoed the  
room I occupy nicely - It  
represents a balcony and  
all around the sides about  
3' high is a pink dado with  
a cardinal base about 8"  
then above the 3' dado is a  
3" cardinal band and  
surmounting this to or are  
a number of columns  
Doric style on sq. bases  
also of cardinal the  
back ground between  
the columns & below the  
arches connecting tops of column  
is a sky blue & pink & red  
clouded on upper part - above  
this is a heavy cornice like

