

Nevada 18th June 1856.

Dear Charley

As I told you in my last, I have enjoyed to remain here doing nothing, until we hear from England whether I am wanted any more or not. So I have at least 3 months before me. Lavinia is leaving for San Francisco, the amusements of that place being more congenial to his tastes. As to myself, I prefer the quiet of this place to San Fran. besides being near my family. We have left our house, and yesterday got by anchesi Carriage horse furniture & everything we had. I have moved to this house, where I have a very nice room and board with Mr & Mrs Young. They are a very nice young couple, she plays & so very well. Her brother & another young married couple live with us and make up a very pleasant party. Mr Young is an intimate friend of Em's and has a favorable idea of making a match between her & her brother, who is a very agreeable & intelligent man, a lawyer & newspaper editor. However he begins to see

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which way the cat jumps and
will have to give up her pet rope.
Having nowhere to keep him, I sold my
bear on leaving the house. I had
got him so tame as to lead him about
by his chain, but had one or two
hard fights with him; so it is perhaps
as well to have got rid of him
before I got hurt. I am sorry to
leave our house, but it would be very
lonely to stay there all alone. I expect
to be very comfortable here and to be
able to pass the time very agreeably.
Mrs Young is very agreeable, is always
willing to sing for us and generally
has the nicest people in town about
her. They are American Catholics. But
of course one of my liberal principles
does not mind that. Last Sunday I
rode over to see Em. at Grass Valley, where
she is staying & went with the ladies to
hear High Mass and Confirmation. It
was a great force, without the redeeming
feature of beauty. We nearly got
suffocated with the crowd & heat.
Thermometer 104° in the shade. 130° in sun
and were very glad to get out of it.
The ladies had along

letter from Aunt Mary, & Jessie lately.
They were all well & happy. I abashed today
letter from Aunt Bessy, Alice & Fanny. They
seem to be anxious respecting dividends.
I am very sorry they should be disappointed.
You talk in your last of having your
eyes cured as well as Matthews. What is
the matter with them? I never heard of it.
I am sorry your Russian friend has left
as you seem to regret him. Since my
last letter I stayed 306 days at San
Francisco to see the end of the excitement.
I saw the Loner hung, but the excitement
is far from ended yet. The government
party (gamblers & scoundrels) are trying to
arrest and are getting stronger every day
but I do not think they will be able
to do anything though being mostly
desperate men. They may cause some
bloodshed. Since my return we have
had 4 men shot here 2 by a ^{acquaintance} friend
mine in self defence. Coming back
we stayed at Benicia (30 miles up the bay)
from there we (Lane, I & Booker the Attache)
rode over to Napa & the Sulphur Springs
We had a beautiful ride 45 miles through
a splendid valley. On the way we
saw a Camp meeting - Clergymen
stay a week at a ^{camp} camp out and
then is also ^{at} ^{foot}

