

San Francisco
Feb, 12th, 1875

Dear Sister

Your must forgive me for being so negligent - I have been in this city about five weeks and intend to remain until April.

I might have visited you this winter but I thought of the cold weather so turned west. The climate here is all that could be desired, flowers are in blossom and grass green - I wish you were located here this is bound to be the second city on the on the Continent - The Asiatic Trade - The emmence production of bullion and grain of this coast will within twenty years make this the wealthiest and most elegant city in America - We started up our mill about Christmas made a short unsatisfactory run - out of \$100.00 ore we got only \$33.00 per ton - The weather turned very cold 20 deg. below zero so we shut down - We have employed a first class amalgamator and I suppose the Mill will start up today or tomorrow. We are epecting good results - I was suprised and pleased to receive the photograph - I can hardly realize that I am Uncle to so handsome a young Miss. By George I can't hardly realize is the fact is I cant - I hope you will pardon my ignorance, but I really don't know how many children you have got - Your picture is up at Conucopia, I am sorry that I have not got it with me - but I promise to carry out your wishes the first oportunity.

Write soon and direct to Cosmopolitan Hotel San Francisco
Give my love to your progeny and remember
me to John.

As ever Frank