

From: Ellen Maria Goff, Stockton, California

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To: Alice Maria Watrous, East Berkeley, California, care S. D. Waterman

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Stockton June 9, 1892

Dear Alice:

Your last was received Monday afternoon, and I will now proceed to give you my weekly report.

The graining was finished and varnished Monday night. The grainer and Mr Woodward both think they have made a good job of it but I don't know how you will like it. Mr Woodward is now putting on the last coat on the outside of the house. The house will be rather lighter than it was before it is about the same color only a little lighter shade and the trimming is much lighter. Your father thinks there is hardly enough contrast in it, but I think with the roof light it looks fully as well.

We went down town yesterday afternoon to select the paper. We had decided on the parlors and were looking at some for the bedroom when we noticed a thunder storm coming suddenly up, so we left that and hurried home, telling them to send their man up in the morning and that we would come in again and finish. The man came about half an hour ago and has just commenced to prepare the walls. I will send you a sample if he gets it cut up before this is sealed; it is not like any I sent before and I think with the ceiling paper and border will make pretty rooms. The heavier paper does not seem to be much used here. They did not show us any when we got this and we have been told that it is more difficult to hang than this. I don't think anyone would notice the difference on the wall. I did not know but your uncle Frank's room were all the same quality.

I think you will have to let your birthday go till you come home. I would not like to buy you any beads any way unless you should select them.

Emma Jane wants you to pay the Doctor two dollars that she owes him. She is not coming down any more at present.

Let me know how much money you will need to settle up and get home.

Frank has been blackberrying twice and we have made a little jam.

From your mother

E. M. Watrous