

From: Ellen Maria Goff , Stockton, California

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To: Alice Maria Watrous, Berkeley, California

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Dear Alice:

Your last was received Monday morning, and now it is Thursday again, and I must send you another one of my literary productions. I shall begin pretty soon to count how many more I shall have to write.

Emma J. said last night that she was going to the City on this morning's train. I don't know whether she intended to go to Berkeley or not.

I have been ripping my black silk and will have it ready to send by her the next time she goes. I will make the skirt and have Mrs Spohr make the waist as we intended with the purple silk. I will send all the last basque I had, and part of the old one and she must get it out as best she can.

Aunt and George have not returned yet: they took Forrest with them.

Everything is quiet here, no news in particular. We have not sold no land yet.

We had an election Tuesday and they did not give your father a position at the polls this year. He said he was very sorry about it for he wanted the seven dollars. I told him that they probably thought he was not capable of earning it.

They are building a cottage on the corner lot in the block opposite us.

I have forgotten whether I told you in my last that Charley Wells was married to his cousin.

Well I think I will cut this letter a little short, and not exhaust my brain too much for I must try and write another letter to day to your aunt Mary Jane, so good bye for a week.

from your mother,

E. M. Watrous

PS. If you conclude that you can wear your cream silk at commencement let me know and I will send it.