

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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Dear Alice:

Well it is Thursday again and we are still in a mess. I thought we would be through with the bathroom last Monday night but Mr S- is still here at work; think he will be through to night. It has seemed to be a long job and your father has got very impatient over it. He took a bath last night and says that it made him sick; that water does not agree with him. I hardly think I shall do anything more to the inside of the house after the kitchen and bathroom are painted and things put to rights in them, till you come home. We may have the outside of the house painted before. We have been discussing the subject of colors; your father wants it painted as near like it was before as we can get it.

Frank is still working for Gilbert, but he is about through with him. Ben went to Oakdale Tuesday to put up some work expects to be gone till Saturday or Sunday. Emma J. is here; she is not well today.

Mr Abbott and Frank came last night and Mrs Abbott went home with them this morning. They were in here a little while this morning before they started. I had not seen Frank before for nearly nine years, and if I had met him any where else would not have known him. They are getting along very slowly with the new house, and if they go into it by the 1st of June they will do pretty well.

The buggy is done and at the stable; has not been brought home because the yard is wet. I have not been off the place since the 2nd of March and then I only rode down town in the street car and right home again, so it will seem quite a treat to me when I can ride once more.

From your mother

E. M. Watrous.