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My Dear Cousin

Somebody is in jail; (and it must be I am the one) that we do not hear from each other often. With the cares and pleasures of our own homes, I had like to have said quiescent, we do not forget the kindly interest we have in each other happily, but present duties, and the joy we have in our own homes is and should be first in our hearts. You would hardly know the little ones you saw at my house Cousin Mary. The eldest Alice Maud has been for two years past a teacher in our grammar department of graded school near home. She says sometimes laughing, "I may go out to Col. by my papa, and call upon your cousin Mary Chase Morse" Medd boy is learning a machinist trade and bids fair to be a first class workman. Second boy John Alden 16 has passed examinations for entering Amherst College. But he will work one to two years before

entering college. He is in the mill working at
paper making. Emily Robertson the 2^d girl is
in the last year of High School. Josie the baby
of 12 is like boys in general. play first, books
and work last. — — — — —

My wife and I speak of you quite often, and
hope yourself and husband are well and
happy among the orange groves of San Diego. We
would like to exchange a few months
of our New England Winter for your perpet-
ual Summer. But you know the compen-
sations of our rugged New Engⁿ soil and
climate. As one of our school boys said of
N. H. when required to name its most valu-
able exports. Men and women sir!

You wrote us that you and Mr. Morse
had visited New Hampshire. Your mother
never felt like leaving the old home and
friends I suppose. The journey and change
of climate would have been a great risk at
her age. The shadows are lengthening with
me cousin Mary. If I can see something

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day by day, or year by year, ^{to} help those I love, and make them happier and better I feel that I shall not have lived in vain. Then we all have a common duty to our country, to society, and first and last to Our Lord & Parents. I notice by the paper you mailed us, your husband was very much interested in bee keeping and exporting honey east. I hope it has proved of valuable industry as you anticipated. Your Southern Pacific R.R. I have no doubt will be built, and be great good to Southern California. Perhaps in the course of ten years, round trip tickets via Hubert, Col and Southern Road will make it so easy and pleasant we shall see each other home, not with the eye of faith alone, as at present. Speed the day when it may be so.

A word personal of my business here, our mill was destroyed by fire last Feb, we have rebuilt and enlarged it very much, and have now one the best mills in New England.

We are keeping Christmas to day, Miss not
receiving. It is past six P.M. in office. Annie
will begin to think where is Jos. why not home
to tea. Please remember me kindly to
your husband. And say I would very glad
to see him in I am in with you. When
you ever visit New England or the East
again do try and make us a visit.
My wife and I would be very much
pleas'd to see you here. Don't be too
busy now to answer this soon.

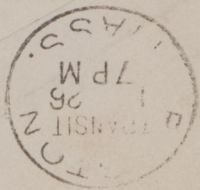
With love and good wishes of

Your cousin

Joseph Phillips.



Mrs. Mary C. Morse
San Diego,
Calif.



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My Dear Cousin,

My wife and children thought this A.M. my local acquaintance must be very limited, when in dividing up a dozen photos I said I wanted "one for the Pacific States" and I hand it to you on acct more of its general correctness, than style of the artist or subject. As it will be "Christmas Post" I will only hope it has been a very pleasant one for you and Mr. Morse. When the Southern Pacific is completed to San Diego I want to call

upon you, and spend a
month in looking at
some of the grand scenery
of your State - My family
are well, one daughter a
teacher, my second daugh-
ter is at Frammingham
Normal School - One son
a machinist, the second one
in college at Amherst.
The youngest (my namesake)
was 13 years of age last
month - The days are
at their shortest in Mass.
Mrs. P. united in kindest
regards, we would be very
glad to see you and Mr.
Morse at our home in
Tanton Sincerely yours,
Cousin Mary Joseph Philbrick