

San Francisco Feb 16. 1856.

Dear Mrs Morse,

I received your short letter about four weeks ago, I was glad to hear from you, I should have written last mail but did not have time I find plenty to do if I do board. I have quite a pleasant boarding place about a mile and a quarter from the city it is a very pleasant walk, and I go in to the city quite often,

We are having very pleasant warm weather but I do not think the climate near so good as San Diego, we had a dreadful Earthquake on Thursday morning we were all frightened enough I was glad enough I was not in the city as there was great danger of the brick buildings falling. you will see an account of it in the papers.

I have seen Mrs Strouse twice since I have been here, I spent one day there when I first came up, and I was there one evening this week she has a little girl three weeks old to-morrow. it is a pretty little thing but has not been well it is better now, and Mrs S is very well.

Grace has been quite sick the last week she has had a fever three or four days and arrived here, I have not returned the call yet.

I believe I forgot to tell you that Mrs Jones and her father called on me the next day after I arrived here.

now she has the canker in her mouth, which makes her very cross and troublesome, she is better and I hope will be well in a few days.

I have not got any letters from home by the last mail as the steamer stopped at San Diego by the last letters I had from home report all well.

I want some of the things that I left in San Diego very much, there are some of the things that I do not want at all, I wish you would send my mantle as I want it very much, and I wish Mr Morse would see about sending the other things for if we wait for Mr Lighter I do not think we will ever get them, if you or Mr Morse has any thing to do with packing up the things there are several that I do not want, among them you need not send but one pair of pants the striped blue and white ones and that old pair of <sup>I do not want</sup> comfort, and any thing else that you think I will not want, make the package as small as you can.

Give my love to Mrs Stevens and all inquiring friends, write when you can, I hope you are getting along well, and if you can keep Martha, I should think you could get along very well, please excuse mistakes as I have written this in a great hurry. yours with much love, Mary D. Poole.  
I have been very well since I have been here and have gained some flesh.

Mrs Lydia A. Morse  
San Diego

Mrs. Morse

San Francisco March 28. 1866

Dear friend

As the Steamer leaves for San Diego to-morrow I thought I would write you a few lines to send.

I received the boxes by the last boat, but with only part of the things that I sent, I suppose that Mr Leighton has taken them to use himself or has given them away, there are five pairs of Blankets that have never been accounted for, if he had sent my fine white ones I would not have cared for the others, then there is a white quill- two pairs of sheets and one pair of pillow cases, that I would like, I will write to him to give them to you and you can use them if you want them till I send for them, I am determined he shall not have them if I can help it.

I always thought he was as mean as could be and now I despise him if I ever see him I shall give him a peice of my mind, I think after taking three months to pack up a small box

He might have put in all the things that belonged to me, I am willing he should have one pair of sheets. I think I have done enough for his ~~lazy~~ bones.

We are very much obliged to you and your husband for all you have done for us and I think you have done all in your power with your present state of health.

The Mail Steamer arrived this morning, and I have just got my letters from home, my friends are all well and write that they have had a very hard winter with much snow. Judge & Jackson Ames and wife arrived today so I suppose you will see them in San Diego soon.

Charles received a letter from Mr Morse by the Sea Bird and I suppose he will write him by this mail, he has seen Mr Franklin, and Crosswhait, they report San Diego the same old place.

We are having very pleasant weather very clear and warm, we have had a few summer days, and I despise them nothing but wind and fog.

Do write me how you get along and all about A.D. I have not decided

what to do this summer, I want to go home and Lydia wants me to come very much.

Give my love to all inquiring friends. Mr Struss goes down on this steamer so he will tell you all about his wife and baby. If you get the things from Mr Leighton I will try to get somebody to bring them up that is coming so it costs a great deal for freight.

Do write as often as you can as I am always glad to hear from San Diego, remember me to Mr Stevens in particular.

yours in haste, Mrs Poole.

Miss Poole

Benicia May 30. 1868

Dear Mrs Morse.

It is a long time since I wrote to you, but I have been very busy getting moved and settled, I hope it is the last move I shall make before going home.

I congratulate you on the addition to your family, and I want you to write me as soon as you can, tell me how you got along, who took care of you &c.

You must try and come up and see me this summer and make a visit with the baby, it will be a change though where I live is like "New Town," (San Diego) very quiet - indeed, we have a <sup>very</sup> little cottage of four rooms, but I think we can manage to accommodate all our friends that will come and see us. What do you hear from home now? and do you think of going home this summer. I am quite well contented

there, but I want to go home more than ever  
but as Charles is at home all the time I  
try to be contented. I had a letter from  
home last week they were all well.

Grace is getting along finely she runs any-  
where and can say almost anything I think  
the pure air of Benicia agrees with her,  
and she likes to run out. She runs away  
after her papa, every chance she gets.

Mrs Mason lived very near us  
when we first came up, but she has moved  
about half a mile from here, she has another  
son born the same day yours was.

I have nothing very interesting to  
write I have not seen the great town  
of Benicia <sup>yet.</sup>, as we live a mile and one half  
from there, and I have been so busy and  
no way to get the baby down. So write  
soon and let me know all the San Diego  
news, How is Mrs Stevens, I often think  
of her. Give my love to her when you see  
her, and all other inquiring friends.

yours in haste  
Mary A. Poole



Mrs Lydia A. Morse

San Diego

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Geo. B. Cook

Benicia Oct 19. 1866

Dear Mrs Morse

It is really a long time since I wrote to you, but I have had so much to do that I have found no time to write, I now have an excellent girl that does all my work, and I find more time to write and sew than I have had, we tried two months before we got one as all the girls dislike leaving San Francisco to go into the country. I have a great deal of sewing to do just now as I am trying to catch up with our friend Mrs W of San Diego. but I believe I cant quite do it.

I am quite well if I do not have to work too hard,

I was quite surprised to hear that you were so sick when your boy was born and to think you should have the same trouble that I had. all I hope is, that I will not have such a time again, but of course I cannot help thinking of it,

Grace is growing fast and is no longer a baby. she can say anything,

and makes some very funny speeches I can tell you.

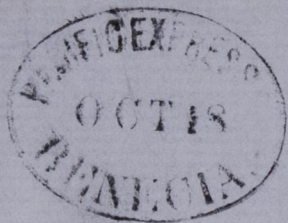
I want very much to hear from you and how the baby is getting along, but I began to think I never would hear again unless I wrote.

What news do you get from home? I did not get any letters by the last mail and I was looking for some anxiously, for we expected to hear of the arrival of Grace's likeness, and we wanted to know how they liked it.

We do not hear anything from Bill but we supposed he must have gone out of town, as we have received papers and books from San Diego (I suppose your good husband sent them) that we have never got before, and I suppose he appropriated them to his own use.

Lieut-Derby and wife <sup>and child</sup> arrived from Oregon yesterday and I expect they will go to the states immediately if she is able to go, though I heard some time ago that she was very stout again. What a great country California is.

Do write soon and let me know how you are getting along, I will try and write often in future, remember me to your husband and all inquiring friends  
Yours in haste  
M. A. Poole



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