



Mrs Mary C. Morse
San Diego
California

at the Hotel in Concord
She is a very pretty girl, and I
hope she has married well,
I think those five were
my handsome, one of our
neighbors boys started
for Montana a short
time ago. He has gone
on a sheep ranch
herding sheep like
very much. His mother
was about crazy when
he went. He has had
the western fever ever
since he was old enough
to know about it. I have
written this in a hurry
and it will puzzle you
to read it. Love our
love to Mr Morse
as often as you can.
Yours Affectionately
Anna

Manchester June 17th 1883
Dear Aunt.

I did surely think
you had forgotten us. Of course I do
not expect to hear from you as often
as grandmother did, for she was always
wondering if you did not write just such
a time. I am very glad to hear from you,
but sorry to hear Mr Morse's back has
given out. He must be careful and not
work too hard. I am glad you are
going to have a rest camping out
How Charlie and I would enjoy it.
There is a party of us going up the
river Fourth of July we always have
a splendid time. We have every
kind of a thing to eat you could

think of. Mother will go probably this time. They are going to have quite a celebration here have raised two thousand dollars for it. I suppose you had rather raise money for railroads it would be more profitable I think. I wish you might get the railroad you want so to make business good. Charlie has gone to work at carpenters work. one of our neighbors wanted him to help him he likes it quite well. He admits that if he had worked where he was working a great while longer it would have killed him and I told him so then, I do not think his lung will be so well again. when he gets cold it seems to fill up. I have not seen Mrs Shepard since her husband died. but went and spent the day with Mrs Greeley and she thinks if she does not lay it to heart too much she will make a

pretty gay widow. She had a thousand dollars life insurance and over a thousand from the Odd Fellows so it leaves her comfortably off. She can let the most or all her house if she chooses and that will bring her in something. She has got the mortgage to pay I do not know how much it is. She will probably marry again before many years. Mrs Greeley's health is very poor. I think she has failed ~~a good~~ very much this year. She goes out and does some of her work. She says if she does not feel better this summer than she did last. They will take their meals out I would any way if I was in her place. Lizzie Clapp has died since I wrote of consumption. She was at the woman's aid Hospital quite a while and died there. Mrs Ingersoll came up and made me a visit; stayed four days. Mr Ingersoll came up to go home

I have had
a new Downum
wrap cost - 15
dollars will
send a price
of it - 2 1/2 dollars
a yard 50 inches
wide took two
yards but the
trimming and
making is what
costs. I will send
a price of my
silk dress for
\$1.50 a yard.

with her. She says she is feeling better
but I call her pretty slim now. I do not
think she ever will be well. She can
not endure anything hard can not walk
or ride but a short distance without
being tired out. I think I told you about her
sickness. She had the lung fever, and it
left her left lung hardend. She is
taking medicine that she thinks is
helping her, has to be just as careful as
a baby about taking cold. If nothing
happens we shall go to the beach and
I want mother to go with us but she
says she had rather go to the mountain.
She knows already at Warner that wants
her to come up but I tell her if I am
well she can go to both places. She went
to Concord and stayed 10 days. L. is
working here and boarding to Lizzies. Al
Flagg is married, had got quite a nice



Mary C. Morse.
San Diego.
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SAN DIEGO,

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CALIFORNIA

Manchester Feb 10th 1884.

Dear Aunt,

I received your letter and was glad to hear you got the things. I did not make the tabs, a lady who lives opposite us made them and gave me. If she had not have got married and moved away I think I should have learned. She made a number and sold them. I do not expect you to send me presents for every thing is so high there. It would be too bad for you to do it. We will save every thing for you when you come on which I hope will be soon. There is going to be a very cheap excursion to San ^{my} Francisco this summer if it ^{was} only

coming this way it would be a
nice chance for you to come on.
Perhaps they will have one start
from your place sometime. You
must be doing some business out
there when you can afford another
new hotel. I am very glad to hear
that there is another if they
can only have it filled so as to
make it pay. any one would
want plenty of money to stay
there long. It does seem strange
to me to hear about dancing out
doors in winter. It has been very
cold here but not as cold as it
has been some winters. We have
not had as much snow as we
generally do. but it has been more
icy our hill now is one sheet of
ice not safe to ride or walk

but it is splended coasting for
those that have got the courage
to try it I have not. I shall be glad
when it is gone. They ran into my
dog and almost broke his leg. It
was done most four weeks ago and
he can hardly step on it yet. He
hates the sight of them barks every
time he see a sled. Two weeks
ago we were called to the funeral
of Charlie's sisters husband Mr
Reynolds they lived in East Dought^{and}
Mass. He died of heart disease.
His heart weighed 32 ounces. they
had an examination after he died.
The fell very bad being left all
alone. She had two children but
they are both dead. She is left
comfortably off, enough to last her
if she is careful. He has spent
a great deal of money doctoring. He had

lead disease over and liked to have
died never has been entirely well since
but the last one finished him. Mrs
Shepard does live in her house. She lets
all but two rooms to a man and his wife
she takes her meals out and is growing
very fleshy so Mrs Greeley told me.
Mrs Greeley has moved in the house
with Louisa I think it is much better
for her. She is full better this winter
than she has been for a long time
I spent the day with her I do not
know but what I told you. I took
your letter and read to her but
never thought of the paper. I received
it all right but did not think to
mention it in my letter. I think it
was very interesting I showed it to
a great many they thought it very
nice. We talk of going to Concord as
soon as the sleighing is better then
I shall find out all about Leyman
You ought to have some of the rains
they are having in Ohio they would
be glad to get rid of them every thing

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is flooded. I hope you will have
enough so things wont suffer. I should
think it would take all you could
earn to pay your water bill. We pay
~~eleven~~ ^{four} dollars a year and we think
that is abominable you have got to pay
what they ask or go without water.
Charlie has not worked any to speak
of all winter there is nothing to do
without he goes out of town and
he hates to do that, business is
rather dull now and will be
probably untill after election.

There is no business for a man to go
into for the city is overrun with
stores now not making but very little
all ruining each other. quite a number
have failed, they are cutting down
in the mills so the girls will not
buy so much. I should think it
would pay any one to let some
out there even if it was not for

only a short time. I think I would
if I was there and had a house
large enough, Daniel Hoare aunt
Maria's husband has let his place
and come up here and gone to
work in the dye house where he
used to years ago. He was so
lone some after she died he
could not stay on his place.
Charlie and I and mother went
to a party to one of our neighbors
back one carried cake or something
they had tables set and had supper
there was a bunch and I should
think we had a nice time. I wore
my silk. silks are very cheap
now I wish you were here and
had a good fat pocket book. you
could get a good many things very
cheap perhaps they will be so when you
come on I must close we'll send love Anna

At the Church

Come over if you want
me to go to ride

Mrs. Mary C. Morse.

San Diego.

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MANCHESTER
Manchester May 13th 1884

Dear Aunt.

I had about given up the idea of ever hearing from you again. I should have felt a little worried if I had known you were going to have a flood, that will soon dry up. I hope it will not injure the crops. We have had very wet season here. we hardly saw the sun through the month of April. the wind was out east about all the time. It has been a great deal all winter. It is very unhealthy. Charlie has had a cold about all winter. had a very hard one this spring and has not got over it yet. I cannot call it that the axe shop did it

for he has not worked in it for more than a year. He has not had any work all winter. He has been painting the house and fixing around. Now he is planting his garden. He has bought a house lot and talks of building a house on it. That will keep him busy for a while of course he will have to have help I think it is too bad about the water doing so much damage to the railroad. It must be quite a loss to the place not having the visitors come. There is always some thing to bother every where. I never heard you say any thing about those flies troubling you before. is it some thing new. every thing looks nice and green here now. Our rose bushes are just leaving out wout blossom untill sometime

in June. It has been very cold here to day. I should not think strange if we had a frost to night. if we do it will injure the fruit trees for they are all budded. I suppose you have got chickens. I have two here seting hope to have some shall set more here soon. Charlie thinks it paye. Our hens have laid well all winter have sold a good many dozen. What a nice time you will have camping and the journey going will be delightful. I wish we could go with you I enjoy it so much I am glad you can go. it will do you both good. I think you had better journey this way soon and camp on Wilson Hill a while. Aunt they never going to have the fare cheaper. I should like to come out there and see

you all and see the country. I do not much expect to without we get richer than we are now. Mother says she would never go without she went to stay. I have not heard from Lyman since I wrote you we were intending to go up and see him but have not had a chance. He was taking care of cattle a few miles out of Concord this winter dont know whether he is there now or not. I expect Lizzie has had her 14th child some time ago. They sent for mother to come up and take care of her she did not go for she was not able. we have not heard a word since. I suppose she did not like it. Jennie was then a ^hwife. She lives in Franklin I guess they are doing well there. I have not seen Mrs Greeley for a long time been looking for her up Mr Greeley's health is very poor. I think she will out live him. Marietta is very fleshy since her husband died she call e it bloat. I guess

she will not die. she lets her
~~her~~ house all but two rooms
those she has for her self and
takes her meals has a very
easy time that will suit her.
I suppose business is not very
driving in San Diego I wish
you could get the other rail
road that would make things
lively. I wish we could all come
there to live. Charlie's throat troubles
him a great deal and I worry about
it. the climate is so that it takes a
strong person to stand it but I suppose
we shall have to a while. Aunt you
never coming on to see us again. I
suppose you do not feel quite as
anxious now gran mother is gone. We
should be very glad to see you both
and hope it will not be long before

we shall see you. Are they doing
any thing about the new railroad.
I hope to hear they are. I presume
we shall go up to Concord and see
where Lyman is. Mother sees Mrs
Payne every Sunday night to the
spiritual meeting. Her husband
went to Dakota and did not like
the climate so has come back. They
sold their ranch in Los Angeles
the climate did not agree with
Mrs Payne. She liked San Diego
and I think they would have stayed
there if he could have had business.
She wished to be remembered to you.
I shall have to close this letter for I want
to send it this morning. Our love to both.
write before you go camping

Annie