

old house had an outside hall which enclosed
the parlor and billiard-room! Well this has been
preserved and is added in the present house (which
has but one room of the old one) the billiard
room - now the parlor, and only room on the ground
floor carpeted - The others being all parquet,
of dark and light-colored wood. This extensive
enclosure, surrounds the billiard room the
dining room - the stairways hall - the parlor
and ball room. and all these communicate
with it, and with each other, with sliding
and double doors so that you go about
as you would under a grove of trees -
yet each can be cut off! The house is not
any thing as large as stated! He may
have had eighty persons sleep there, but not
in eighty bed-rooms. but misarranged in
stumbleabout like - in the halls and billiard
room on mattresses on the floor - and by using
the servants-rooms - More than that number he

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Dear Mauna.

It is now Thursday night, and I have not
written this week. - not since Friday or Saturday. (I
had Henry write a note Saturday - or did I do so -
on one Monday). I am now to tell you what we
have been doing which has interrupted my usual
regular course of sending you a pretty letter daily.
Saturday we were invited to drive down to Belmont
to stay over till Monday at Mr. Sharnis. Ralston's
Successor! He came into the court of the Palace
Hotel in his four in hand, but driven by a
coachman - about four o'clock. The party
consisted of Mr. Sharnis. Martinetti Guest. Mr.
Fisher - a Scotchman - a Mr. Freeman from Los
Angeles. Henry and Self. It was the old
road down. The house more in fine condition
and the drive pleasant. We had dinner and

billiards. and some music. Mr. Sharn's eldest daughter has married a Mr. Newlands. and they with Mr Newlands mother and cousin formed the household. - No, I forgot to mention Miss Newlands a young lady of Betty's age and size and who makes some pretension to singing!

Mrs Newlands spoke of knowing you as Helen Burke. That her husband Dr Newlands was formerly your mother's family physician at Woodside! She is a bright intelligent person. Sly and quick. with a young figure and iron-grey hair, but a most terrible bore! She could not keep quiet or allow you to do so! She wished to be most especially remembered to you! Her son - Mr. Sharn's son in law - cousin to the Newlands at West Point who married a Kellogg - is a young lawyer of promise and good standing and his wife a nice little happy person who seems to want for nothing. Mary had a pleasant time playing billiards and

singing - for he makes no bones of doing all he can - under pressure - He is a great favorite - and justly so for he is bright. and agreeable and good! The party sat up late - Mary and I soon followed the ladies - a little after 12 the others sat up till near morning - The next day we went over the grounds and house! I could not attempt to describe the intricate No one ever built such a house! and such a house could only have been built by Prolator! and built as he built it! Learning down and adding - with no plan in advance but making the house somewhat as your father used to make his machines, make one and ^{break it} break it up wholly, or in part, and change it so as finally, to get what he wanted! Yet with all its faults. and unnecessary and waste work - it is a delightful house, and we admirably suited to the use for which it was designed! You recall the

one from dear Leamette
dear soul. I meant about him in
the car. and my mind was filled
with him all the trip back from
Los Angeles!

Henry, as usual, is at the Theatre
I have invited him to come a week
He is pleased with the invitation of
the Editor to write editorials for the
Alta!!!

Good night dear Emma
is waiting for my letter for the
Mail - Much love to dear Kelly
and send to yourself from Henry
and your dear husband
Love

sent up to town by special train! It was
impossible to go on the same without being
constantly reminded of Ralston! Every thing
was so characteristic of him! His career con-
tinues to be discussed here. but by most of those
whom I have heard speak of him he has
been condemned in his management of
the Bank as being without excuse, &c. &c.

We went to see Mr. Ralston's home. which is
on the opposite side of the Valley in a
more sheltered place - Henry called it the
Trianon!! It is a very pretty home quite
a palace in fact, and fully and hand-
somely furnished with all she wanted to
take from the Belvedere and Town houses.
She is east. now - We were shown on the
home by the servants, and had a long
talk with Miss Fry the same who was
with Ralston when we were here before.
She gave us many details about the
Ralston matter and Mr. R! and of

the generosity of Sharon to her sister Pauline's
death! She says Mr. R. cannot yet realize
the change made in her affairs by her
husband's death!

We drove back the same way we went down.
I went at once to the office. for we had but
a short day in town, having to go to
Los Angeles to assist in driving the last
Spoke in the rail-road connecting San-
Francisco with Los Angeles! I sent with this
two news-slips giving an account of
the affair. The Company was very civil
to us and gave us a drawing-room to
ourselves. - I mean the little-room at the end
of the sleeping-car! Henry had the
Whelan - Part of the Alta newspaper, with
whom he is much pleased and he enjoyed
the trip very much. We had an excellent
supper and then went to bed (10.00) and
passed the San Joaquin plain during the night.

The little map in the news slip will show you our
route - we went new, but not to - Visalia!
We reached the mountains early in the morning
drove the last Spoke in the early afternoon and
got to Los Angeles at 5. Had the banquet
and speeches from 8 till 11. and then
a dance - but the speeches were so long
that most of the ladies went home before
they were got done talking. - Banning
made a characteristic speech all about
us - and I certainly had the honors -
Much to Henry's delight. - Such fun
and such matinees! I never saw -
We started back about 2. o'clock at night
and got back to San Francisco last night
at midnight! - Worked and got to bed
and a good sleep. Henry till 10. am.

Then Garvey brought me your three letters
written when Kelly was at Berkeley -
Sending me one from Dr. Putbridge and