Mokelumne Jan 11th 1852 Monday

Dear Sister

Oh! is not now ready. Jane is married you may imagine surprise, and I have I not cause to be happy? Certainly there are more with whom I have cause to be thankful than many others. Now for my business. I have had an application to teach music & if a class of four can be raised have concluded to teach. Will not I be full of business? To-day I have been varnishing the frames I got in New York for my paintings preparatory to putting them on. The old clock has been cleaned & goes well. That & the bureau are both in our sitting room and hourly remind me of those lost ones who formerly used them. True, I need nothing of the kind to remind me of departed friends, for "how how can I forget". But their relative value is enhanced, Oh how greatly, in my estimation since those loved ones are no more and they seem like relics snatched from the fell destroyer. It strikes nine again & as my eyes are rather weak I must lay this aside once more. So good night.

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it agrees with me well. My journey east did me good I think. My babe is six weeks old and I am better than I have been in six years, that is, when he will allow me to rest at night. He is healthy & grows finely but is very wakeful & cross at times, at other times very good. Mary is well & grows fast, is a great chatterbox & follows her father all about. Amos is well. He talks of going in Co. with a man in the nursery business but has not decided. I have had application to teach music & if a class of four can be raised have concluded to teach. Will not I be full of business? To-day I have been varnishing the frames I got in New York for my paintings preparatory to putting them on. The old clock has been cleaned & goes well. That & the bureau are both in our sitting room and hourly remind me of those lost ones who formerly used them. True, I need nothing of the kind to remind me of departed friends, for "how how can I forget". But their relative value is enhanced, Oh how greatly, in my estimation since those loved ones are no more and they seem like relics snatched from the fell destroyer. It strikes nine again & as my eyes are rather weak I must lay this aside once more. So good night.

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I have made three calls this afternoon t
me. A lady gave her a kitten and she ca
far richer than many of those do who
in California. She has been quite unwel
past but is better today. We cannot decid
for the boy. I want Amos to name him
him Dan Tucker. I dont know but the
name will do but I object to the last.
I have this afternoon decided against gi
this winter. Mis Hatch teacher of the dele
wished me to take a class, but not bec
it, I did not think it would pay to k
fire & pay extra for help as I must n

Hark! the whistle. The cars are coming
riens of them from our windows every
is on the other side of the river. It dire
our house. About half a mile distan
to Aurora 7 miles south of this.

We have had a beautiful autumn.
till last Saturday. Snow an inch or
morning. Some of it still visible.

Parties, concerts, and all kinds of le
this fall. Abundance of amusement for

The baby is waking & I must close
Amos unites in regards to you & your fam
Come do come & see us. Adieu. From

Your Sincere