

Letter #7

Hangtown Aug 10th 1852

Dear Mother & all,

Date:

8/10/1852

Place:

Hangtown

From: Ann

To: Mother &
all

At last our long journey is most over & I am at Mary Ann's enjoying myself finely. Mr. Harker keeps a large hotel here, the best that is known about. they are doing a large business. They are making money very fast, I know. if we could make half they do I should think we were rich. They took in a partner a week before we came but would have waited for us had they known we were coming. Private / had we taken it and done as well as they are doing in 3 years we could go home with 30 or 40 000. but I dont want it. a large share of the profits come from liquors and Sunday custom. They work like slaves on Sunday. never have time to go to church or even rest. (dont mention it out of the house) There are openings here for making fortunes in a few years but it is liquor and Sunday business, and we choose to be poorer rather than enter it. Mary Ann's health is better than it has been for years. She says she works harder here than ever before in her life. We came here the 6th but I was very tired and had washing and some sowing to do, & the mail would not leave San Francisco till the 15th therefore I did not write. I am in a great hurry to get down to the bay and get letters from home. it is a long time since I have heard a word. you must write long letters & give all the particulars. Parker & Chit started this morning with the stock down to the bay and I shall stay here till Parker finds a home for me. he will be gone 2 weeks or more. I am well but very tired. Chit has excellent health. he says if he was at home he could walk to Sunbury in the morning before breakfast and not feel it, and he could too. The children are quite well & as fat as they can be. Parker is well except a sore mouth. Green and Jim left us at Carson valley & went a nearer route to the mines. We came over the mountains alone and would and would have had more money, much less work, trouble, & annoyance had we started from home and come all the way so. Noyce was so insulting mean, & lazy. Parker told him he would not travel with him. no danger of him in California. he cant be worse than he is any way. Parker says all that hinders him from being a perfect desperado is want of courage. Jim is the laziest creature you ever saw, perfectly destitute of principle & gambled on the road. if he aint a ruined boy now it wont take much to finish him. Green run out before he left & we had them to wait on. the trip over the mountains was hard on Parker & Chit but would have been harder had the others been with us. I must stop now but will write by the next steamer. We did not starve as we sold 50 dollars worth of provisions before we crossed the mountains. we had milk every day, & when we got through our cow gave a gallon twice a day. We were offered a 1,50 dollars for here but would not take, & the same for the wagon. We have a wagon, 2 cows, a yoke of oxen & Chit's horse.

Any quantity of love Grandmothers Fathers Mothers Brothers, Sisters, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins, Neighbors & every body. Write often & long
Aunt Ann & Aunt Delia will get the next letter.

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continued

*I want to help Mary Ann, now but will write a long letter soon.
Good bye. good bye. God keep & bless you all.*

*Ever your affectionate
Ann.*

A kiss for dear Willie.

*P.S. dont mention how Harker is making. Mary Ann has written home and
is very anxious to get an answer. She dont want her folks to know how they
are making now. A.*