

Your husband
Hall.

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#17 Bryant St.

My dear Lou,

Your interesting letter of the 24th ult. received last Friday just as we were getting ready to go to Petaluma to remain a few days with Mrs Hopkins. Petaluma is a small town situated in Sonoma county 36½ miles north of San Francisco on the San Francisco and Northern Pacific R.R. with a Pop. of 5000. Approached by boat as far as Tiburon, 6 miles from San Francisco; and thence by R.R. 30½ miles. Sonoma valley is the great grain producing valley of Cal. Fruits, such as pears, peaches, apples and cherries are

grows abundantly. The Petaluma
canning is one of the best al-
though not of the largest and
thousands of lbs of fruit are
canned annually. In the fruit
season when large quantities
of fruit are received requiring
immediate canning the employees
are locked in to prevent their
leaving at night before all the
fruit is canned as many, al-
though paid well for extra
hours might leave early, causing
a heavy loss to the canner.

There are 3 main stores for bus-
iness; and a few large stores
which seem to have plenty
of business as well as many
smaller ones. Mr Hopkins
is a successful dealer in
lumber, and on the end of his

lumber shed, fronting the street,
at the right of the entrance is
a plank of redwood, 5 ft-6 in
wide, 3 in thick, and about 15 ft-
long; sawed from a log about
88 in in diameter. They live in
quite good style in their own
house; somewhat recently built;
a large cottage of 8 rooms
with an ell. The house is
38 ft-6 in, by about 48 ft-; with
front and back parlor and
dining room on the right of
the hall which runs through
the center of the house termi-
nating in a bedroom, and on
the left of the hall a sitting-
room and two chambers. The
ell is about 15 x 25 containing
the kitchen, bathroom and c. c.
etc.

The house is 12 ft. stud with gas throughout lighted by electricity; water from an artesian well elevated by a windmill.

There are no set basins in rooms.

Hot and cold water in kitchen and bathroom. The house is about 5 ft from the ground, allowing room for a basement containing the furnace by which the house is heated. The town has a water supply and good sewerage as well as gas.

They do not keep a girl but occasionally have a woman come in and assist with the kitchen work. Mrs Hopkins has her own horse and carriage and the daughter, Miss Lulu the same. They have a well equipped barn and keep a Jersey cow and chickens. Miss Lulu is a very good pianist

and has a varied and quite large collection of music. Mrs Hopkins is reserved in manner; her voice and manner of speaking reminds one of Mrs Van Hazz; but in looks she is like the Raymonds. Mr Hopkins is short, dark with dark eyes and very cordial in manner. He remained until Tuesday and enjoyed our visit very much. In Petaluma there are some Chinese and they live in a portion of the town called Chinatown - there are less than 500 and perhaps more than that in the harvest season.

I dined at Mrs Worths on Thanksgiving day, a quiet pleasant

time - unlike our home Thanksgiving.
Mrs North gave me her invitation
more than a week before which
I accepted at the time she gave
it forcing me to decline an
invitation to dine with Mrs
Jewell and the Flaggs which
came the day before almost too
late had I no other invitation.
However there seems to have been
some good reason for it.

I am sorry Mrs Adams came
with me now that business
matters detain the rest of her
family in Fond-du-Lac. Her
household goods arrived Monday
and she is now house hunting
having decided to remain in
San Francisco. It seemed to
be the best she could do and
I think will prove a good

move in the end. Perhaps I
have not been able to go quite
as freely from place to place
as I could had I been alone
but as it is almost passed it
is perhaps as well. There is
no doubt plenty of land but
prices are too much inflated.

We are not born to Lwinmore
yet, it is a good fruit country
but said to be extremely warm
in summer. I received proof
and acknowledged it in a
previous letter. It gives me
pleasure to know the children
do not forget me - am glad
their remembrance of me is
pleasant. Your note of Nov.
27th with picture of the baby
received with pleasure. I am
sorry Lawrence has again been

troubled with bronchial asthma.
Hope Ruthie avoided having a
sick time. I am waiting anx-
iously to hear. It would
seem to be a good idea for
you to make a sitting room
of the library as you could
then avoid being obliged to
sit in your chamber at night.

I'm going by boat to Tiburon
our passage an island on the
left, Alcatraz; and two on
the right, Goat and Angel.
And in the distance off to the
left the Golden Gate is to be
seen. Last Thursday evening
went to Chinatown with an
warder of which I will speak
in my next.

With love to all and
much love for Mama, Lawrence
Ruth and Frank I am