

77 Shaw, 1887
Mrs. Crane,
Capt. J. C. Crane,
Presidio of San Francisco
California.

He had been completely at a loss about it, as the package was not postmarked, the address unexpressed, and hence a sign or hint about it as to who might be the sender. Merci

for your congratulations. You should see the little man, for he is a buster from Buster-bill. Only five and a half months old, he weighs twenty-five pounds and stands six feet five on his pretty front legs.

Everyone admits that he is the biggest, healthiest, smartest, best tempered and most

Fort Shaw, Montana,
March 20th, 1887.

My dear Little Crane:
Your long, pleasant, friendly letter was, I assure you, most gladly received, and my admirable habit of procrastination is the only peg upon which I may honestly hang an excuse for my delay in replying. You know what a lazy animal I am, and, so, for the sake of our old, warm friendship will forgive me I am sure.

Thank you heartily for your
kind invitation to visit you.

There are few things in
the world that would give
me as much real pleasure
and, by-the-by, one of
those things is to see you
both under our pine and
fig-tree. We were delighted
to learn from your letter
to Marion that you pur-
posed to visit Montana
this summer, and sin-
cerely hope that you will
carry out the plan.

Remember, dear girl,
that one of your uncles is
with us and that a million
welcome to hearts and

hearts awaits you and
your lord. Let me know
in time to have an am-
bulance at Helena for you,
and make your arrange-
ments so that you can
give me a nice long visit.

By Jon! the thought of
seeing you both again
warms the cockles of my
heart. We were awfully
sorry to hear of the "old
man's" illness and hope
he has entirely recovered
long ere this. I have
rarely seen Marion so
pleased as she was to
find that Mr. Doane
sent her the invitation.

lovable baby ever seen.

He really is a little darling,
and wins all hearts.

Miriam will write to you
soon and, doubtless, will
tell you of his manifold
perfections far better than
I can. I never supposed
that a baby could be so
smart and cunning, or
that I could be so drawn
and worship such a
small god; but, bless you!
I am as a dog in the
mud him as over his mother
who is swelled up with
pride and vainglory to
an extent that is alarming.

You poor little girl! What a
a parrot and monkey
have you and "Fatty" must
have had prancing about
Arizona. I don't wonder
you are glad to get home.
We have had rather a fine
winter and a very cold
one, but Calvary Spring has
apparently arrived, for the
weather is delicious, and
after Lent I presume we
shall make up and have
our usual hops, dances
and "dick". This is a
pleasant garrison, and
during Marin's illness the
ladies were perfectly devoted
to her. Oh I tell you
that we named the baby

Marion Ogilvie after his
"Mar"? His Opomono and
relations gave him quite
a lot of silver and he in-
herited some odds and
ends. We enclosed a
note for "El Capitán" and
wrote with me in
warmest love and all
friendly greetings to you
both. Believe me
ever and always most
affectionately and faithfully
yours,
Wm. G. P. Ketchum

Many thanks, dear Mr
Doane, for your timely,
thoughtful remembrance.

I was particularly pleas-
ed to learn that my
charming inkstand
was your gift, as we
had purchased our pens
over it considerably, the
package it came in
was not postmarked,
contained no other re-
marks as to the donor,
and had evidently been
opened, Mary's letter
was a great pleasure to

Mi, and I shall write
to her very soon, to
you are coming to
Montana this summer,
How nice! We shall soon
inquire you if you do
not make us a long
visit, and I cannot tell
you how happy we shall
be to have you with
us, we shall get and
spoil my beautiful
dog to your hearts
content, and Mr French
says he is going to
teach the dancing to all
your Uncle James, I
am heartily wif to hear

that you have been by, and hope
this will find you quite well and
strong again, with lots of love
& pray and yourself and hoping
soon to see you both, please me
from always's affectionately,
Margaret French,

Trud Howard M.S.

Mrs G.L. Brown,

Nov 21/84

12th Aug 87

My dearest wife

Today I saw Mrs Carey who
tells me you are at the Sea Side House
I had forgotten what it was. Digger had
engaged rooms at - Telegraph Hotel
from Gen Kellan that Warner is retired
which makes Haskin Major of the 1st -
And gives Nichols his Captaincy to retire
on - He goes on 14th which will make
Merrill a Captain and put Kellan at
the head of the list of Deuts - A General
Rising is in consequence - I got
your Hair front today and will try and
get it in the afternoon Mail tomorrow
Do you will get it tomorrow night -
Have not been in town - her expect to
go until you return unless obliged to -
The Whistlers expect to go to Candy soon.
Nobody has been ordered yet - The
Orders will have to come from Washington
in order to see Milase. Every body

going to the cheap theatres - I had
today an invitation from Chace to
go on a boat excursion outside the
State tomorrow - of course declined.
Lavin is to go to Santa Barbara
with the Band to a RR Jubilee
(free of course) - The line is to be in
to Santa Barbara in a few days.
Babies all well - Have not been
to see Mrs Jackson - They will be
here yet - Several days - and
I dread to go there alone.

The Retiring Board passed a letter
to the Com for Retirement yesterday -
One leg off - Smashed against a
tree - in line of duty. Old Nichols
is jubilant - and has less concern of what
he wants than ever. The Shaptons
are fixing up their house and have
no idea of coming here at present (So
reported) I heard today that Capt
Rence has been relieved at San Carlos
and is coming here - Went - know

Whitworth is reliable. That is the
latter part of it - He has been
released. It will be impossible
for me to come down - on account
of Money business. I cannot do it.
Stay as long as you choose and have
a good time - but dont make it too
long - I should think Dizzie would
be tired of it - and prefer to stay a
while with us here before she goes
to Yosemite -

Got letters today from Popper,
Father and Sister. The addresses
were correct - as I had them. turned
in his money to Carey - and sent off
accounts - then of - would have gotten
your hair done but did not have
a quack in the house till today -
when Hager paid in \$50 = He would
not listen to anything for the chickens
will be discharged tomorrow.
Have all the recruits at work.
Straightening up about the Hog Pens

and Shablos - there are fifteen
of them - in my troop for Nations and
they do considerable work - No
news from the local Court - and
Lynch has not been released yet.

Regards to all friends -

Samuel is working on the Kid's
Leather Bag - a ~~thousand~~ thousand thanks for my dear
one - G. L. Burlingame