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Daggett, Calif.  
Feb. 22 - 08

Dear Papa -

I got the box of good things yesterday and we are all enjoying them - Mary is happy over the two pretty boxes of Lowney's chocolates, and Dix is delighted with the cigars, and thanks you. When the box was first opened the fragrance of the two big fine fine apples made me jump up and down - it was so good, and we are all having a feast. Don't worry about the apricots - the figs

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are so good they make up for  
their loss.

Your letter reached me this  
afternoon. I have been afraid you  
were not well. I'm so sorry you  
and Nanda have had that  
miscarriage again. It must  
be doubly homesome for you in  
that big empty house. Take good  
care of yourself and come back  
to this grand country as soon as  
you can. There is no Gippe here,  
and I care more and more for  
this big glorious country. It keeps  
away from people - it is the

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great open sage country that I  
love. Last night we had a  
little sprinkle, but this morning  
is bright and sunshiny and  
I am enjoying the glorious air.  
The weather has been pretty  
good since I wrote last. I'm  
glad you having some good  
sunshine in the valley after  
the constant fog and drizzle.

Miss Brodt has invited an  
old maid friend of hers from  
Oakland to come and visit  
her here for about two weeks.  
I think this Miss Cooper is coming

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about the first of March.

We are all well and happy. I keep fat and comfortable and don't worry about anything. Just enjoy this desert of mine, and my horse and dog, my guitar and my letters, so I am very happy.

A few days ago I rode up on the slope south of the ranch and made friends with a dear little burrowing owl. I got up within ten feet of him and whistled ~~to~~ and he blinked and walked around looking to me - so funny I could hardly keep from laughing.

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I'm going up there some sunny day with my camera to take his picture as he bows to me.

I had a nice long letter from Dr. McManis the other day, also a funny book. I'm going to write and tell him how nicely I'm getting along.

Please send back that Calkins letter to me - I think I ought to answer it.

I'm very glad the ranch is all right, and everything looking cheerful. Take good care of yourself and write soon. Always yours  
Helen

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