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My dear Sister

Your very welcome letter was received on my arrival home last Friday and it is useless for me to add that I was glad to hear from you after so long a lapse of time and to hear of the good health of yourself and family. I am glad to note that we are in the enjoyment of good health peace and prosperity surrounded by every luxury and comfort the heart can wish for. Our new home is grand and all I wish for is that all our kin were as well off as we in this respect. It has cost lots of coin I have paid out all told 6600⁰⁰ dollars up to date. I had the misfortune last Feb to lose my best house in Fresno by fire altho