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Cedar Co
Iowa*

17th Jan 1871

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Colorado at Sea 1470 Miles
from San Francisco

Nov 8th 1872

My dear Stubbs

I did not write
before leaving S.F. as I preferred
sending to you and all an assurance
of my well being up to the very latest
date, we sailed Nov 1st at 12 o'clock
sharp and I felt as Byron did
when he wrote

Here's a tear for those I love

A smile for those I hate

And whatever Sky's above

Here's a heart for any fate

I have not felt so much like
staying in the U.S. as I did that morning
I had been treated with great kindness
by the Officers of the Company but one
and all agreed that China was the place
where I was needed most, I done my
utmost to stay in Japan all to no pur-
-pose, I saw a letter of yours inquiring
for me and you ought to have received
my letter on the day it was dated as
I posted one to you on the 21st Oct
I suppose you have it. I wrote

to Ward 2 days later, We have 47
passengers in the Cabin & 190 Chinese
Stowage. A Japanese prince and Suite
2 princesses who came to the U.S.
with Mrs de Long in the Spring. 5 English
Men going around the world. 1 Russian
Baron who has 4 V's 2 X's 3 T's & 4 Y's in spelling
his name. 4 Missionaries going to
India the balance sail from "The
Land" so far we have got along nicely
which considering the mixture I think
everything is lovely. My next will be
dated from the "Fragrant Isle" Jan 12/75
and please god I will shake your
old paw June 76. I hope this will
reach you when you are all gathered
about the stove I try to picture it
Ward holding my sweetheart Frank half
asleep Willie all attention hoping
that some adventure would be related
more in sewing. I can't imagine
what Sister will be doing well God
bless you all and good bye

Yours truly

G. W. Baffey