Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan
April 21st, 1878.

Dear Sirley,

Having dreamed last Thursday night of the arrival of a mail, we strongly expected it on Friday, but were very disappointed. Among several letters was one of March 4th, bringing me the first intelligence of Carrie. Marriage for the letter that you spoke of from Martha has not been received. The mail in which your letter came got ahead of the other, although it left San Francisco a fortnight later. It came on the Oceanic; the preceding mail brought by the Chinese has not yet been received. The delay is probable in Japan, until having Montrose been sent overland from Tokio.
While the other came in, I think, it is a wish, indeed, that I could have been present at Sam's wedding. I don't see why he does not write me; I have not received a letter from him for a very long time, though I have written him several. Perhaps it ought not to expect a man when about to get married or even during the first few months of married life to find time to attend to his correspondence; but I hope Annie will keep him up to his duties hereafter. I shall write him tomorrow. I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of the town report, please accept my thanks. The college report, which I sent you, was written almost entirely before I arrived here and was sent from the hotel early last spring. But the publication was...
delayed in Ohio for a long time. The picture of the barn was taken from a drawing and the mountains appear to be nearer it than they really are. That is a driveway leading from the main floor, which you refer to as behind the barn, I think.

The snow in the open fields about here is now all gone, but there is yet very much upon the mountain. Yesterday, I commenced plowing up on the farm. I am going to raise a large variety of vegetables and crops this year, and also to try a number of experiments. I am going to build an addition to the barn 60x35 feet in size, a model dairy for the manufacture of butter and cheese, and a house. Plans for these I am now thinking of and pre-
Hearing, which work in addition to teaching and supervising farm operations, will, I thank, keep me out of mischief. Prof. Weller wrote from Toledo yesterday to assure me that he will probably reach home about a fortnight before you see this. I hope that you will be able to see him, but if you do go to St. Peter you will not be likely to do so. I am glad that the things which I have sent you and only wish that I were situated in an older city where I could at small cost procure many novel and characteristic things. Here we can buy very few curios of much value. I must close this account here as I have written several other letters this evening. Goodnight.

Brother Will