

to Nora from Jay
Handy

further than that for the
last five years I have
written on an average
about one letter per month
to my sister and some
two or three letters a year
to other friends although
my sister does not aspire
to be an intellectual giantess
I have learned from her
a great many usefull things
but not through our correspondance
and let me say right here
that the shortness of our
acquaintance accounts for
nothing and that I have the
same kindly feeling for
you now that I had then
with the natural increase
that time will sometimes
bring at the time I last
wrote to you I was not in

the best of moods to make
plans what I want you to
understand I will say that every
thing of value that I possess
is in mining property here
which I am at this time trying
to develop and at the time I
wrote you two of the principles
mines in this part of the country
had just closed down
which caused a general
depression in the mining
industry and the value of silver
& lead was continually declining
and when silver & lead wont pay
the mines on Wood River are
of little value and knowing
that my financial prospects
depended on this country for
some time to come I was
naturally somewhat inclined
to feel discouraged

Even far
those who
are a
friend
of those
who fall
would wish
to be with
you
Sincerely

H. P. S.
Joe
Pemb.

That ten thousand beauties
are drawn with every
prise the fields of science
and invention are filled
with hungry hosts waiting
and hoping for distinction
it seems to me that a
man's life might be
spent in a quiet way
with more happiness to
himself and more
good to his fellow men
than to enter this rabble
with the prospect of a
defeat nothing ventured
nothing won is a proverb that
has stood the storms
for ages but a better one
is nothing ventured nothing
lost & there is not much joy

and often your
hope and your
I think of my friends
Believe I take
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Miss N. E. Crockett
I received
your letter a few days
since I was a little
affraid that Santa Claus
had carried you away
and given you to some
one but I suppose he
is not scattering broad
cast articles of so much
value in these hard times
had I known of the last
one of those great events
you spoke of I would
have held a private
celebration part the
hat and drank many
more returns in a glass

of pure water the
holidays and even sanctuaries
with his reindeer team
would have been forgotten
for the time I fear you
Loganites are not very
good saints or the Lord
would send you some
snow or receive a pentecost
showers almost every day
I was up to Chailey yesterday
and was highly entertained
by some young Ladies
on the Mountain side riding
on snow shoes it is my
private opinion that women
should learn by instinct
instead of Experience that
snow shoes and Roller
skates should be
avoided of course they
had my sympathy but

even with that consolation
their misfortune were hard
to bear
what best fits a man for
governing others is to be
able to govern himself
and I did not inherit that
ability and have never been
able to acquire it to
any extent it seems that
those who have not genius
or the luck of having been
born under propitious
stars most always fail
in every sphere men are
trying to carve out for
them selves fame and
position but one thing
well done is as much
as mortal man can well
do life is mostly a lottery
and the record shows