

"Southern Cross"

South Atlantic Lat 41° Long $87^{\circ} 00'$

My Dear Hannah

I suppose you will expect a letter from me, on our arrival at S^t Francis. So, best; I should be busy and neglect to write from thence; I will have a note in readiness —

I hardly know what to write to you, now I have begun — I suppose you would like to know how we prosper on our voyage; and how Lucy enjoys a life on the ocean. As to the first I can answer only "so so" However we have no cause to complain. As we are fully up to the average of passages thus far

As to Lucy, she enjoys going
to sea tip top. Says she was
never so happy before.

For a few days she was quite
seasick but after a week or
so she got braced over
that, and has not since been
troubled with that disease.

We have real jolly times
together I tell you. She feels
as much at home on ship
board, as can be; and she
minds no more about a gale
than the saltiest tar aboard.

We've got 3 first rate
passengers on board - and
we have nice times, we have
prayers every evening, and
services Sunday generally.

We have any quantity of amuse-
ments and time flies as
merrily as a fine morning.

I long to get in to
St Francisco for I want
to hear from you and
all our friends at home

How I would love to
see you my dear & loving
Niece, I saw you

I, too short a time when
at your home last winter
that it seems like a dream
I hope some time or
other to be able to leave
the ship and stay on
shore long enough to make
you all a good visit

However till then I must
try to be contented with
slight glimpses of you, at
odd chances

We have got safely
around the Horn Cape and
are now trying to get up

the Pacific, with but
in different success

Farewell now Be a good
Girl and remember your
distant uncle; whom I'll
always carry fond remembrance
of you in his heart

With kindest regards
all yours
B. J. F. Lewis