

December 27th 1890

Walter,

Dean of the Botanical Chapter,
explorer of Conway, and the heights
of New Hampshire, dweller in darkest
Suffolk, all hail and greeting! Peace unto
you - and much fat cattle, milk, wine,
and the fermented juice of the grape! May
your posterity be as the sands of the sea
in number, yea, as to multitude, like the
owles of Nocturnum! Many and hearty

thanks for your counterfeit presentment,
so horridly like myself when in rig, as my
Hessed Two-Thunder, implies. Do you know
I have an idea! If ever I get out a new
edition of my Guide, as I sometimes threaten,
I think I shall put this photog of yourself
as frontispiece, introduction, and preface.
You face beams like the disk of the
moon in Ramadan. As an old German
here used to say "Neeer saw I in Providence
so face happy, damn!" By the by, and a-

² propoz, my wife, her Assistant, and myself, are this winter studying German, ab initio. I too, took up my French again, but I have only scraps of time to put into it, and my photoplane is no longer active, or my tissue meristematie, Surig?

Petit Bruleux, who is a "hunter", has me down for a course of twelve lessons in his new University extension scheme. I begin at Pawtucket early in January, and am promised \$100 for my efforts. Of course you have heard of the, so far, unexplained, disappearance of our Professor Bancroft. It is a most unmeaning thing. Dead or alive, his exit is weird. Some unpleasantness supposed to be at bottom of it all. "The Crime is a little murder" but — You know the rest of it. Overhaul your collection, and when found make a note on. As Horace Walpole says - "Give human nature scope, it can still be infinitely abominable".

The appointment of Morse to Columbia is great. My colleague Bennett is beginning a big work here, an economic exhibit showing of all woods, fruits, seeds, fishes, products, he can raise. The Prof

Ha! ha! English Heredity,

Looks no ~~hope~~ ^{up}. We are filling our small
 quarters so full, that we will have to
 have new and ample ~~quarters~~ ^{apartments}, speed
 their coming - while yet I breathe the ¹⁸⁹
 phlogisticated air! If you have any
 syzygic products, or can actuate any
 Philanthropist to send us such, we will
 set you debtors. Best regards Rhodora-
 Ann max, you are sending coats (ex-
 cellent, however) to Newcastle, he can, in
 Kingston, beat all New Hampshire or
 there. My "swell" Christmas gift, was
 sent by Col. L. R. Bliss, W. S. A., from
 Fort Bayard, New Mex. It is a stalwart
 cone of *Cereus giganteus*, surmounted
 with an elegant carved handle of the
 new mineral Rieselite. Now I have it,
 as Punch says, "I hope I may live up to
 it". He had, on Xmas-eve, a beautiful
 tree, over which I saw the angelic
 choir swarmed with delight, in their
 praise from Hosanna and Hallelujah
 And to see the children? Such looks!
 There was a large family party, and
 the presents were numerous and costly.

4. My wife took me by surprise by
some elegant photops of herself, and I
think you will allow she is ornamented,
Little Whit has lost the main part
of his glorious mop, but he is a dear
old hearty still. As to May, she is the
sweetest, cuddliest, snug-up-cuddiest,
loveliest, little mädchen in all this
Union! You should see her with her
fourteen dollies! But I leave that to
another core for any ~~man~~? Pax to you
and a Happy New Year, increased pay,
and diminished work, expanded fligt-
acteries, coupons innumerable, and diges-
tion equal to even New Hampshire
emergencies - to you in 1891!

I send you a bit of "rod", "Nohe
Fehren say hand" - like the Marchioness
with her lemon feet, and almost will
you see the high ways and byways that
you love - or ought to.

I have a charmingly big mind to
run down and see you next week, but
^{they} muse nearly close - and may misarry -
I wish ever -
W. Whitman Bailey



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