

OFFICE OF  
INSPECTOR OF MACHINERY FOR U. S. NAVY  
UNION IRON WORKS,  
San Francisco, Cal.

February 13<sup>th</sup> 1901.

I also forgot  
to say that  
Gibson has just  
gone to Manila  
to command his  
battleship  
Kentucky

My dear friend:

I have your letter  
of October last and also your  
note of introduction for Mr Walter  
Beatty at hand as well as a  
number of Australian papers  
which I thank you for for I  
find them interesting.

I must tell you about Mr.  
Beatty and his visit here.  
On his arrival he sent me your  
letter with a note signed by  
his secretary to which I replied  
expressing my pleasure at the  
prospect of meeting one of your  
friends and mentioned that  
perhaps he would like to visit  
this works to which we replied

I have you for his photo group when I forget to print

that he had been a dealer &  
felt an interest in such matters.  
On his day next for his visit I received  
a note requesting a postponement  
to which I replied & since  
then I have not seen or heard  
from him. I am sure that I saw  
he had joined a new Company  
and gone East as published in one  
of the papers. I had of course  
no home to invite him to as  
I live in a boarding house  
good enough in its way but  
not a home. I give this  
Explanation in order that you  
may understand why I did not  
meet him for I repeated him to  
call after I had expressed my  
desire to see him.

Since my last we have had  
our Presidential Election and  
Mr Kinley will soon be many

wish for his second term. I am  
glad to see very encouraging  
signs that the Philippine  
question will soon reach  
a satisfactory solution and  
that country be started on a  
stable settlement. I was never  
in favor of taking the islands  
as a conquest, but I cannot  
see how we could in honor  
have done different than we  
have and I feel sure time  
will show our course has  
been a wise one.

I have followed the Government  
of the Commonwealth of Australia  
with a great deal of interest  
particularly the Constitution  
adopted, it in many ways  
resembles our own but in  
several respects contains  
improvements, for instance in  
the enlarged powers of the Parliament  
to regulate taxation, marriage

and divorce cases and in his  
popular election of Senators.

When I return I have in mind a  
good deal of travel which  
includes a trip to Australia  
and the Philippines to note  
the changes since I last saw  
them and I will then hope  
to see more of Australia than I  
did in 1875-6. My work goes  
on in a smooth satisfactory way  
here. The battle ship "Wisconsin" has  
been finished and commenced.

The Mastopedo boat destroyer and the  
harbor defense monitor, also the two  
submarine boats will all be finished  
in a few months. Contracts for  
two large ships have been recently  
added to my work. They will combine  
many features of a battle ship with those  
of an armored cruiser, in speed,  
endurance, battery and defense.

This is but a short letter but I hasten  
to send it by the steamer that leaves  
tomorrow. With kind regards  
to Mrs. Clark & the boys I am  
Very sincerely yours  
H. N. Stevens

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well and that the "Wisconsin" is finished. I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well and that the "Wisconsin" is finished.

I also forgot  
to say that  
Stouton has just  
gone to Manila  
to command his  
battalion  
Kentucky

My dear Pa

I must see you in photo group when I get to  
of Co. Co. Co.  
posts of the  
Beauty art  
numbers of  
which I had  
birds were  
I must let  
you see  
letter with  
his receipt  
I'm writing  
Prospect of  
Draught  
perhaps he  
will write