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

October 23rd 1901.

My dear friend:

Your last
letter of June 7th was duly
received and I was glad to hear
of your welfare once more.
I watched with much interest
the accession of his majesty
of the Federal Government for
his Australian States, and always
read his correspondents'
letters when I see in his
New York papers I take.
I look for a very bright
future for Australia under
his federation, and it will
be interesting to watch how
the various problems that
present themselves are solved.

In August last I obtained a
leave of absence to visit my
home in Massachusetts from
which I had been absent
four years, my Mother now
a woman well advanced in
years was particularly anxious
for me to come, and I
enjoyed the visit very
much but I was astonished
to find that my nephews &
nieces who I had left as
little children had grown
to be large ones, so
rapidly do changes
come to them at their
age that I actually would
have failed to recognize
them had I met them on

The street unexpectedly.
The Eastern States never looked
wonderous than my did
this summer for then had
been frequent rains so
his country was fresh and green
& then his mother was well
all the time. I began my
mournment of my stay, except
for an accident caused by
broken whiffletrees while
going up a steep hill, which
allowed me to start carriage
to run down hill, blew around
upset, and fell on my left
hand, giving it a bad bruise
though no bones were broken
or joints dislocated. This
was 7 weeks ago and my hand
though nearly well still
to be bandaged, & carried in
a sling. It is doing nicely

however and will soon be
all right again. On my
way East I stopped 3 days
at his Penn American
Exhibition at Buffalo and
was greatly interested and
was well worth a visit,
the electrical part in par-
ticular was very fine and
was his distinctive feature.
The unlimited supply from
Niagara Falls made its
demonstrations use available
in a way not possible at
any other place. The
water power development ^{there}
amounts at present to over
70000 horsepower, and will
^{converted into electricity}
in the near future be doubled
for which a use is already
in sight, for when you

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Remember that within a
radius of 500 miles
the circle with Niagara
as a center contains
over 40 000 000 people
and all the largest cities of
the United States and Canada,
you will see that the devel-
opment of electric transmission
has not just begun. The
U. S. & Canada have
consented that ultimately
500 000 horsepower may
be generated from the water
at the falls; already two
companies are delivering
electricity into San Francisco
from the water power of the

Sierra Nevada Mountains
165 miles away and this
on a commercial basis, these
facts will give you some
idea of his development
that has taken place here
and his future outlook;
already a large number
of factories have sprung
up around the Niagara
power house, and Buffalo
is a liberal user of his current,
that transmits to New York
Washington, and Boston on the
East and Chicago on the
West will be found profitable
I have no doubt we will
see in the near future.
After a visit at my home in
Pittsfield Mass^s. of 3 weeks I
went to New York & stayed
there 8 days before starting

again for San Francisco,
I had not seen him for 5
years and was much
interested in seeing all his
Changes that have taken
place in that time. I enjoyed
his dignified, his manners,
he and was very when I
had to start for his next year.
My whole trip was a very
enjoyable one and I am
very glad I went.

We have been reminded the
death of President McKinley
a man beloved for his pleasant
facilities, and respected as a
chief executive for his
diligent administration
during his last 4 1/2 years.
which will stand as one of
the most successful we have
had. I send you in this small
Gene Meyer's, our true

Memorandum of Remembrance, was written
by the late President also of his
new measure - President Rowland,
It also contains a speech by each
delivered at a few days before
his tragedy, these compressed into
his fact that his new President
has stated that he will seek to
continue his policy & his judgements
more than declaration of ^{his} first
intent at his present time. President
McKinley was here at his launching of
his battle ship Ohio on May 20th
and I stood close to him as he made
a very fine speech to his assembled
workmen and was very proud
to feel I had voted for such a
man for President. I am a
great admirer of President Rowland
and sincerely believe he will
give an excellent administration.
With kind regards to Mrs. Clark
& the boys I am,
Yours truly,
James James Jones

H. N. Stevenson

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I intended to mention in
my letter that I have taken
his liberty to give your name
to a young American
now in Tasmania,
Mr. Charles Kirchen a
Mining Engineer from the
great Copper mines of
Michigan. He has been
connected with the Tasmanian
Smelting Co. at Teekam, but
is now I believe at Kelly
Basin with the North & Gill
Smelting Co. I do not know
Mr. Kirchen personally but
do know his Brother very
well as we have lived
together in his family house

Here in San Francisco for a
 long time, and until recently
 when he left to take a
 position as Managing
 Engineer of a large Copper
 Smelting plant in Northern
 California. If his father is
 Jesmanian is anything like
 his one here you will find
 him a very agreeable person to
 know, and I thought it
 would be pleasant for him to
 meet someone who had some
 mutual friends, and I hope
 that in some travels you
 may meet him.

H. N. Stearns

I also enclose a set of four
 American Stamps for your boys
 collections if they have one, or
 for some of your friends who do.