Off Woodyard Channel
Oct. 26th, 1901

UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP KENTUCKY.

My dear Elsie—

It was with great pleasure that I found my head upon the waters “come back to roost” rewarded. Admiral Peary told me of your very kind inquiries about me but could tell me very little of you personally do I sent my address—

shaped at the shape of a book and how find you by that much a little effort of mine in the shape of a brief was sent. And an answering to your letter to receive a corner

Tendence which never should have ceased.

I have not been as fortunate as you for it has been many years at
most dating back to my last visit
without that I have heard of you—
and you can imagine the pleasure that followed when I heard of you and your success in life and how you are still remembered as a past and present friend.

But I must hear more of you and yours and I hope in your answer to this that you will tell me about your personal life. Greetings—your family and your wife. I congratulate you upon your elevation to the bench and I trust that now Australia has become a united Commonwealth that your career will be transferred to the wider sphere there created—

This will, in all probability, be my last chance as Commanding Officer and possibly my last letter.
service afloat so that I hope upon your next visit to America you will meet and our families learn to know each other. My commercial feeling — always liking rebels at the wandering life I have led and the constant uprooting that has followed first a working years ought to bring me the compensation of a life sufficiently stationary to have my friends about me as a free movement that will enable me to see chance when I come. The thought that brought your letter brought me from another world to a Realm of human feelings, another world. Though you are married 20 years ago in Sydney, but who has been enabled by a lucky chance to visit me in New York.
Of the old soldiers I have seen less of Nevinson and Nevinson-Thurley of the others — Schneider is Governor of Guam, Pillbury who, whom I am more particularly intimate with, is about going to sea, while Hunter and Little are great friends as both are both in Newport where I have been serving of late for a short time as President of the Naval War College, a sort of normal staff school.

We left Manila the latter part of August for the North and at present there seems no immediate prospect of returning. My ship has become the flagship of the junior squadron commanded by Rear Admiral Kings, so it is more than ever difficult to foretell its movements. Just now
We are bound for Hong Kong and thence after a short stay to be a further but uncertain. Mandalay is confirmed January 1 February presents its best season to the world but I cannot say that we will share it this year. There is fairly good hotel accommodation in Mandalay at the moment and it would be perfectly safe for you to go there in the months named with your daughter and if I should be ordered there for the winter you will find me calling or writing for you to come. I cannot say that Mandalay is very interesting except somewhat as to its social life and the novel (rare) colonial experiment we are dealing with. We have some ex-outstanding men in China there but...
they have a large problem: to make
American and Anglo-Saxon settle
hens let the Malays who are
dominate there. We cannot make
these Anglo-Saxons what they
will make of our people, I can
only wonder. My desire is that
the war come and the sphere being
assumed the has made me
somewhat of a devotee independent
rather than a positivist one, but whatever I am I must
say I frankly regret our acquisi-
tion of the Philippines, I
would have been happy to have
exchanged them for your west
Pacific islands and their we-
would have been worse by centuries.
t continuations, with similar currents and complementary markets. Is it healthy that we have been this way? It certainly was not premeditation.

I should like to hear from you concerning the new Commonwealthwealth. I am sure you feel that it is a long step in the right direction, perhaps it is sufficiently long and fully and light. I am sure if it is wanting in either quality the thirty Efforts of Australians will make it so. We were among the horrible things to have come to Australia and as you may believe it would have been a particularly happy opportunity if we could...
have done -

The photographs and daughters
have not as yet been received
but they will I am sure soon
appear being always always
sent here packed by letters.

And now let me tell you
the story of advancing years
and tell you something of
myself and my family. I was
as you may recollect married
three of my daughters by my first
wife was married somewhat
over a year ago to a young lieutenant
in the navy and I am now
what they call - a grand-father
a young one of course - and a
very small grand-daughter — but never
theless the fact - as a fact — remains
Undoubtedly. I have two other children - the elder - my only boy is at United States Battleship Kentucky.

Cotney and graduates next June at the age of twenty and enters the following autumn the law school.

for we want him to follow your footsteps rather than mine. My third child and second daughter is how bust thumbs and is bringing out all her books and her tastes.

My wife has had added to her many more duties, the Care of an invalid mother. Who died about 1 1/2 years ago, so when I was ordered to sea about eight months ago we broke up housekeeping and the mother in the apartments in New York City, where I showed her how in the early part of 1903. The education...
And one of the children have prevented her from coming here. Any of my Curries and still keep her at home, so I suspect that my travelling days may not be entirely over when my active service comes to a close.

I wish I could let you any flattering but I have not any. Trust however later the first sort opportunity I have some Latin for you and other friends.

I am very sorry to hear of Mr. Wacker's death. I always remember with great pleasure his just and impartialCourtesy. I suppose some of the Boscows must close the air Tasmania as well as Melbourne. Mr. Webster is still
Once upon one Circular hit, the
Bishops and the Commonwealth
Charges and I measure the
Ministry would hang no familiarity
Name. I am above it. It's not
What. She does Tasmania play
in the new Commonwealth. Is
She a state - state or a commoner
like those of Canada - how
much I would like upon to
the subject and move these
reconstructions which are coming
The plenenaist of my life. If
Any of the ocorceans, Chairmans &
Thailand, are still there & that
remember me, please come very my
warrant regard. Tell me where
Keep you write about yourself
And your family and Winter
for them and for yourself because its warmest seems issues and believe me
most cordially.

Henry

Charles T. Stockton