

Santa Cruz  
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My dear Mr Bigelow

I venture not-  
withstanding your  
long silence to address  
you and ask of you  
the friendly office of  
receiving my son when  
he on his arrival  
in New York. He will  
sail from San Francisco  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept. in  
the Nicaragua Steamer  
I think at present, but

possibly in the Pan-  
ama Line, of the same  
date. My choice of the  
route will be governed  
by the health reports  
at the time of his de-  
parture.

If you will be  
kind eno. to see that  
he lands safely and gets  
safely off for Milton, my  
friend Mess Ballock  
will receive him and  
dispose of his further  
welfare.

When he is gone I

shall be alone and  
shall follow in the  
spring. The death of my  
daughter has so changed  
both my present and fu-  
ture that I know not  
where or when I shall  
again have a home

The remainder of me  
that is left you will  
see in April or May  
next. I sent the MS  
of the book which Mrs  
Hallock mentioned to  
you to Appletons and  
Mr Godwin, having ar-  
rangements with them a

other publishers to him  
I should feel obliged  
if while it is passing  
thru the press you could  
announce it or pub-  
lish one or two short ex-  
tracts, from the proofs.

I do not ask your favor-  
able notice only some  
notice - only a word to  
let readers know that  
a book is coming that  
they may look for it. My ex-  
pectations are quite hum-  
ble and wd be still more so  
but for the interest in the  
country and the fact that  
no woman has described  
its life. As Ever Yours Truly  
E W Hamburn