

Leadville, Nov 2/80

My Dear Cousin,

Yours of October  
twenty first, - received a day  
or two ago. You must not leave  
up any more letters, you have  
written to me - I might get of-  
fended - I feel as <sup>if</sup> I can write  
with perfect freedom to you  
and you ought to feel the  
same to me. You do have  
a hard time and I feel sorry  
to wish something would  
happen to make your life  
happier and better your con-  
dition financially. I am  
glad, you are going to have  
a white family in the yard  
to hope, they will do well for  
you and you will be  
pleased with them. - Uncle

Jamies and Billie Johnston  
came together Sunday  
morning. Uncle J. left Monday  
evening. He was in fine spirits  
and looked better than when  
here last. He is going to attend  
the chemical lectures at the  
Boston school of Technology  
this winter - he seems bound  
to learn all about dentistry.  
Billie was absent just one  
month - left his mother and  
sisters in Dubuque - he only  
staid two days in Danport.  
sayo, he never saw Graybe  
Grant - look as well - weighs  
one hundred or fifty pounds.  
he is not as tall as Uncle  
Jamies - is still keeping hotel.  
Billie thinks <sup>Adelle</sup> prettier than mine  
Annie Monday. I have heard  
him say, he would like  
to go to Philadelphia when  
he left Leadville but I do not

believe, he thinks of going  
anywhere as long as both  
Jamies remains in business  
here, and that is very much  
longer - he thinks every year  
he will not stay another but  
as long as his business pro-  
sper, he will be reluctant to  
leave. He expects to be mar-  
ried about the middle of  
January and if I keep well  
I shall remain with him  
until then and go to Danport.  
They will probably go to San-  
Francisco and be about a  
month - Miss Mary has gone  
to New York, to get her business  
and attend her course wed-  
ding - she has a sister and  
an Aunt; living in New  
York. Sister & Bessie left  
a week ago, for Danport -  
sister expects to go to Alabama  
in December and will not

will ever do anything more  
for us - I reckon. He is worth  
seven or eight hundred thousand  
and dollars and will give  
most of it to his wife. He is  
still eager <sup>or</sup> anxious to make  
money. This is a bright;  
pleasant-day for election.  
Both parties had torchlight-  
processions last night - & for  
Garfield will be elected.

My foot is still swollen and  
a little <sup>my</sup> but I can walk, right  
well - have to continue my  
medicines, salicylate of soda,  
to keep it from getting worse  
& am afraid, I shall not  
get rid of it entirely until  
warmer weather comes - I am  
fused very much, last week  
with cold in my head but  
was better of that, now.  
We had less days of cold,  
stormy weather in October

The snow was deep and  
slighly good - is bright  
and pleasant - now  
but would not be compared  
to our snow any day.  
we hear from Mattie oc-  
casionally - she is still at  
Bailey Springs, gaining and  
improving. May go to Pa's to  
spend the rest of this winter  
or may make a visit to  
Jacet Thompson, in Memphis.  
Ma' mitto, she is getting fat  
and Pa' continues feeble -  
they are looking to Billie's  
coming, with much pleas-  
ure - six years have passed  
since I was home.

With love and best wishes

Your Aff. Al. Cousin,  
B. C. Bayland.