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Paradise, Cal Jan 20<sup>th</sup> '20

Dear brother George,

I think it is about a year since I wrote to you or had a letter from you. Well how are you getting along and what are you doing now. Is the shipbuilding still going on. The Agitators and I. W. W. have about played the dickens with it out this way. I have been pretty busy this winter with orchard work and fixing my house over I have had a carpenter about two months and he will get through in about two weeks now. Lumber is out of sight here common rough lumber \$52 per thousand and any kind of finishing or clean lumber from \$90 to \$125. I got a letter from Ms [Gorch?] a short time ago and she tells me quite a number of the old timers had passed away.

Do you ever go down to the beach now, and how do automobiles work on the beach at low tide. We are having the warmest winter for many years. The Almonds are in bloom a mile below us, and another warm day or two and they will all be in bloom around here and that means no crop next fall, as the later frosts will get them. We have had scarcely any rain as yet, and unless we got a lot of rain soon it will be a dry year. I have been pruning my trees this past week and just go in my shirt sleeves and then I am too warm. How are all the boys doing now and does Clem still live in Kennebunkport now. How is Carrie, Gertie, and Alice? Give my love to them.

Is Irving Pitts still in K. He was only a short distance from my place but I never saw him. I must have worked with a crowd of men where he was one of them several years ago, but I did not know it at the time. It was on a bridge above Sterling. It burned down, and the RR Co got everybody they could to go and help repair it as they could not get any logs to the mill till it was finished. It was called the Gallagher Bridge and was near where Geo C Perkins had his mine. We got your Christmas things all right and thank you very much. I miss Dad quite a bit as he was a good writer and wrote about every two weeks. I got a letter from Frank right after he died and I wrote him and answered a lot of questions he asked but I have never heard from him since. I don't think Dad had much left as he gave Frank quite a lot and of course he got what was left. Well George are you ever coming to Cal. We will be glad to see you. Try and write occasionally We all send best love to you all

Your Brother W.S. Clark