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Letter written to
Mrs. Kelly
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Dear Mrs. Kelly:

I have received some letters from your mother, but she only mentioned that her children were all married. I have wondered about the two kids; your sister Ora and Eloise Wilson. Where is Charley? There were three children when I left so that three must have come along afterward. I remember Charley collected for me a can of grasshoppers which opened my eyes to the fact that trout and white fish like a live bait.

In competition with some dudes I wrote the enclosed poem while at your ranch. Your Aunt Anna Bell had it printed in the Bozeman paper. She came from Kansas and was a fine wholesome girl. Your father had a sister who lived in Bozeman who used to come out. I received a letter from Mrs. Wilson who said that Billy Lytle had lost his wife (your aunt) and I think had married again. Don't wonder that you left those wilds and enjoy Portland so much. Your mother was a brave woman to do what she did with so little resources. You remember the fairy stories; well I am still inclined that way and saw Pinocchio last week which I hope you have seen. Your father used to tell me some good stories about his early days as a pot hunter, and Sam Kratzer too. The excitement over the prospects of gold in the hole that I dug was interesting.

I would like to see the old place again, but I am 68 and I see no chance.

Sincerely,

Samuel Conly