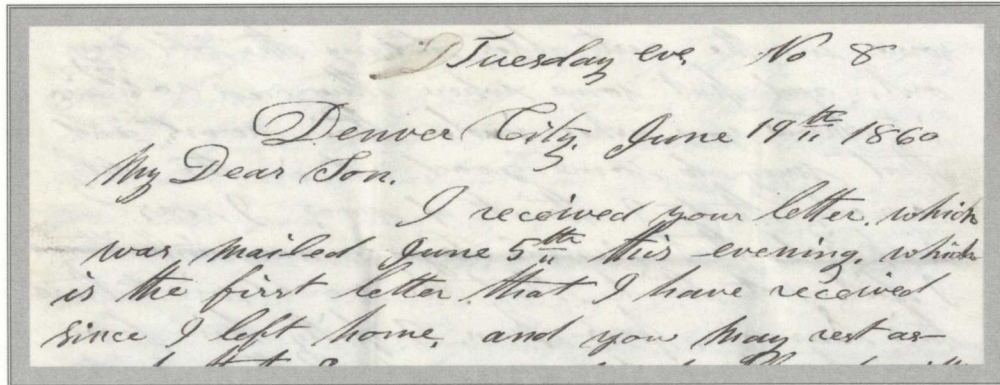


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**Letter contains interesting observations about a trip up Clear Creek to the Gold Mines**

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some in the nests after taking the old hay out, and put some where they can roll in it throw your ashes under their roosts and that may do some good. it is the only remedy that I think of now. I was surprised that Uncle Cyrus was at Waltham. I did not think that he would visit there this Summer. poor man I pitty him from my heart, and you and Mother must to all that is in your power to make him comfortable while he stays with you.

It seem to be self destruction that he seeks while he is out of his head. I wish I was there to be company for him. You may ask how it happens that I am here to received your letter so soon, I have been to the Mountains twice, I cam down to sell the team and did not sell as I expected, but engaged a load of freight and went back, and cam down again last Saturday and sold them, and have waited until today when they mail was due to get a letter and have been well paid for my delay, I shall start tomorrow for the Mountains again, We have not got to work yet as Mr. Rogers claims are dry ones and we have to wait for water to work them. Which be next month,

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Mr. Rogers has gone prospect, and he May find some good claims, that we can work. It us hard to get good Claims now, they want about as much for one as you can get out of it. There is a great many people here this season, and a large number are leaving daily for the States. Mr. LaClair of Reading the Gentlemen that talked of coming here with Mr. Rogers had been here and started home today. He is sick of mining and I think I shall be when I try it I cannot conceive why I have not received a letter before how many have you and Mother wrote, I shall expect another in about 10 days in answer to the one that I wrote when I first arrived here I am glad that you made a visit to Marlboro; how does John and all of them do what is John doing this Summer?

Tell Mr. Kendall that I shall expect an answer to that letter that I sent him. I hope that you will be a good Boy, and help Mother all you can and mind what she says to you for you may not have here many years with you, and when she is gone May God grant that you may have nothing to regret. But what you don all that you could to please her and make her happy. but may the time be long before we part.

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to meet no more in this world. I suppose that you would like to hear something about the Mountains. Denver is quite a pretty place, for a new one at an estimated population of 5,000 and an floating population of from door to door it is situated on the east Bank of the Platte River

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We have examined the enclosed item, of which a photograph is attached, and *described by the applicant* as follows:

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

<u>Cat. No.</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Denom.</u>	<u>Color</u>
U10	1854	3¢	red on buff

Scott's unless otherwise specified.

"THE CENTRAL OVERLAND & PIKE'S PEAK EXPRESS COMPANY, DENVER CITY K.T. JUN 19" OVAL HANDSTAMP WITH SECOND STRIKE DATED JUN 21 ON 3¢ NESBITT ENTIRE WITH BLUE "SAINT LOUIS, MO JUN 28, 1860" PMK. TO WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, MS. "DUE 3" MARKING AT TOP.

AND WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT:

IT IS A GENUINE USE, THE COVER WITH EDGE WEAR AND A TEAR AT COVER RIGHT INTO "MASSACHUSETTS". \*\*\*\*\*



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For The Expert Committee  
Chairman

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