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Date Unknown: Letter From William and Mary Strain

Mary Strain

William Strain

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Dear wife

Yours of the 1st inst
is just receive, and I hasten to reply
your Letter is full of good news, glad
tidings of great joy to us, not to all men
We are very glad to learn that you
are all well,

I am also very happy to inform you
that we are better in health, and some-
what in condition than when you
left us. Mary has been quite sick
until the last two or three days
she is not so well, she had to lie
down yesterday, but she is up today
we trust she will wear the disease
out yet,

The new business you speak of I
would think would be good, and
profitable

but and can not be guaranteed
with a wife I can only recom-
mend to you to try, and if at
first you do not succeed try, try
again.

I can never tell what place I
can do best in until I go, and
try. In order to know where
you can do in our place you must
come, and try. I do assure you
that we will do all we can
for you.

I think you can swim if you
will adopt this sentiment —

I am always good mannered good-
mannered, and gay it never seems
to trouble me what other people
say,

Please inform us what time
you will you think you
will come, and we will
give you as good a reception as
we can.

yours very truly and
in very great
silver white. Wm. & son. New Haven

Pigments for Grecian oil Painting
White Lead, Flake, or white

Lamp black, Ivory, or black
Chestnut Chinese, or Crimson lake,

India Red, Prussian blue, Emerald green,
Naples yellow, Burnt Umber, Burnt Sienna,
Ultra marine blue, Chrome green, Chrome yellow,
Yellow Ochre, Raw umber, Raw Sienna,
Boiled Linseed Oil, Demar a white Varnish or Copal,

The brushes that are used are
Fitch's, Sabres and Vanish

half for Grecian Varnish

1 - 18 oz. Balsam of fir

2 - 12 " Alcohol,

3 - 6 " Spirits of turpentine.

add a little turpentine to the varnish.

Do. Cray & Co's.

So. Cray & Co's. 1873

Yellow take white India red and French
" Royal purple blue & ultramarine blue
Orange yellow & vermilion red
" straw color, like white & chrome yellow
" Gold, take white chrome yellow & burntumber
" Silver Gray, like white fine black & naples yell
flesh color take white & crimson & yellow
" Tan, take white burntumber & yellow
Chestnut yellow & yellow ochre & red
Auburn yellow & yellow ochre
Brown, like white black & crimson lake
Chestnut, take white & burntumber
Black, take white India red
Blue, take white & ultramarine blue
Green, take chrome green & chrome yellow
Kid, take white rawumber chrome yellow
Pink take white and crimson lake

Lickerish skin to above
color according to the tint desired
with light or dark colors