

Arroyo Grande San Luis Obispo Co.
Calif.,

Dear Harringtons

I have received your
letter: necessarily after long delay
I regret that I was not in
New Haven engaged in my old
occupation when your note,
I would have been glad to
to answer your ~~in~~ inquiries
with detail. As it is you have
probably already completed
your laboratory arrangements,
I will only say that I think
it would be better to make
distilled water in apparatus
specially designed for the purpose.
Apparatus connected with a
sand bath is likely to get out
order and often does not furnish
a sufficient supply. If you

have still occasion to inquire about
the cost of apparatus, address

Prof. Nixter, He has for a long time
made all purchases of supplies
for our laboratory. I am glad
you found time to make a
trip to Europe and are now at
home at your work - Do you
ask in your mind why I am
here? Well, it is a sad story,
and it has been so great a
grief to me that I almost feel
like making no explanation,
and at the same as things I
ought to apologize or give
some excuse for being "out
of the harness," after I saw you
you at Melis I had one year
more of tolerable good health
than I gave out - I left my
work at New Haven 2 years
ago last May. I came to

California one year ago, because
my friends thought I might get
better, and I thought it would be
easier to bear ill health in a
warm climate where I could
get out in the sunshine.

I have been gaining the past
six months and contrary to
my former expectations I now
think I may go back to New
Haven next year and do some
work there. I can walk pretty
well now and spend all my
time out of doors. There are no
minerals in this region, I am
sorry for that. I would like to
send you something. There are
fossils here but I do not
understand them and do not
suppose they are worth the special
expense to send west. The summer
is dry here and vegetation rests

Aroyo Grande
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Dear Mr. Allen
O.D. Allen

A.W. Allen

from August till the winter
rains set in. The present
time corresponds to your spring.
I am working in my garden
setting strawberry plants. The
hills ^{are} bright green with grass.
The wild annual plants are
springing up and we shall
have the so called winter
annuals in in blossom in
3 or 4 weeks. My son John is
with me, he spent a year in
Washington working in laboratories
of the Nat. Museum, constructing
chests and boxes and was
generally used up - He wrote
asking if ^{you} knew of any work for
him. He expects to be well again
and to want something to do next
spring. I am sure I have

about myself
a letter through
you long
winter