



[William Crosfield Letters](#)

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and I remember Saint Paul, Minnesota was
 visited by some of our people in October 1857, when
 My dear Maggie, and I were present, and I
 hardly can count how many
 news letters I have to thank you for. and only regret
 that the contents have not been of a more cheerful
 kind in the later ones. I was quite taken by surprise
 to hear of a great price change but I can easily believe
 that the present arrangement will be much more
 to a higher satisfaction. When I was at Chicago I heard
 a great deal of news from Liverpool & Barry married
 and poor Harlow one of our actors, died. I was so
 much surprised to hear of his death, was introduced on the day
 of my second visit to Niagara. I was taken to
 a very respectable little parlor next to a Liverpool
 man where they take the "Herald & Review". He was
 there by hearing "Robertson Wardstone" mentioned by
 a man as he was passing one day; it seems that a
 lot of (Dickens) Varns congregate there and discuss the
 politics of the good old town and are now very anxious
 to see the result of H. Jeffery's election for State Street.
 These seem small things but they are more to the point
 and more than you think. It struck me as rather curious
 that a Chicagoan when I was introduced to him, should
 ask "are you the chemical manufacturer?" It was
 G. B. H. soda ash; but he now I thought up at
 Anthony's & that's all! I was speaking to some
 young fellows when one of them was called aside
 and in a whispered conversation thought of

heard my own name. Was introduced to a new man who said "and you the wholesale grocer of the the speaker had served his apprenticeship to a customer of ours in Bolton ten years ago and now 4,500 of ours in Bolton ten years ago and now 4,500 away we met. The friend was with hat just chaff like but came thus on Good Friday morning to meet a lady with acquaintance in many gave over little trouble to their guard down. After Santa Cruz St. Anthony is a great place. I was at St. Anthony's Falls on Saint above this of Vivarod and I have very pleasant interviews and destroyed by frost this spring but better still conversations with them all for fortification. There was at Minn. ka, ka now I am not going further of them out. But you want to know of to say anything of it, or the Hays, Ross and Stern reality out here - oh it is so cold all the folks Ocean Saloon, or Fort & Sullivan just wash are going about in this fur clothes looking out Longfellow's Minn. ka, ka his power of description for a long winter must a strong one. Yesterday are far beyond mine. I believe there have been stories of us went to hear a lecture on Hapsburg up a whole host of things to tell you. I was in St. Paul and it is so cold. Tell ye not the lecture but the them this morning but to night they are all gone. At nine this morning I and a friend Minnesota is a joyful place and no mistake. I went in a carriage to the Falls. The ice was 2 it. By the bye you want me at home - the sea is in such thick and retained its thickness till gives a gale of wind. Two doctors in the house at noon and his open prairie with a warm sun once, both horses ill what next? and my land but he had it as much power today as he would after that? If you have occasion to write to Abby or to her I am going to Sunday at Saint Louis would you tell them that I hope to see them when I shall find letters for them or at least? and Robert, whose admiration for and of from another 1200 miles to New Orleans there is a very of course is little please let her know too how much we shall show! I must be going I enjoyed the interesting history. I was in the Boston common law library and from Boston and Georges Wall on their once during that winter when they passed by the two routes but I could not get a very distinct idea of all the winter shall show. Those few western cities are arguments but it seems to me that we strange place that fact and have you a grand general effect was very good and my friends but then came a winter full of no (and they are

back on their benches but never mind "It
be joyful" is the cry they build it, let's suppose will
come and live like lords eating bread wheat cake
and molasses, peacocks, chickens, crabs, prawns, fish
etc. and pass our life with an easy conscience
to go down the river and enjoy the cool seasons at
New Orleans where happily no yellow fever has
appeared this year as "my friend" J. A. Gross of the
said informs me on "the highest authority" "I was
see some Englishmen in watch making room there
that I called out yesterday for the date of the battle
is the only one that saw in "Paul", his as a
of an approach to it. I saw a photograph of the
Crystal Palace and except the winter of a native
artist. Two hours and minutes from New Orleans to
is a journey and no mistake but "it ain't no more
now" all is one here a long journey or a short
no one takes any notice of it but they just
go on their way day after day as if it was
an everyday occurrence to move around
continent. I believe they would go to the
poles without their being of saying "good
to their relatives. But I have been a little
more to put off time than to put you in
any operation, and in fact I am now
to David who never and ought wonders that they don't
seem to strike me and from time to time think
that I have seen enough for one single time
but "variety is nature's sauce" and my best
to David is what I ought to have been in
instead of sticking it into the last corner where
your affectionate brother Willie could put nothing

Miss Mary
Dear Mary
I hope you are
well and happy
I am
your affectionate
brother
Willie