

Curtis Crap Sept 23rd
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Mr Wm A Gilpin

Sir

— Have began several letters
to you but failed in all as I
know of so little to interest you
but am sensible that should of
written if only to thank you
for the trouble you have been to
and the many acts of kindness
which you have done me, and believe
me (though late in saying so) am
truly grateful for yr kind endeavours
in my welfare, and am now sorry
that did not take yr advice in
many respects. You know of
course of my success in not making
a pile or indeed anything which I
have no one to blame for except my-
self, carelessness more than anything else
as have had several openings to make
money but neglected to take advantage
of them, but for the last year or more
have really tried and failed in every way
have worked hard and steady at mining

and tried some little speculations but
made nothing and have come to the
conclusion too useless to try much
more. though as think have a fair
prospect of making a little on this
winter after the rains set in and have
some gold owing me which think
shall be able to collect by spring
and could do nothing at home this
winter will try a little longer and
come home next spring if possible.
as am really tired of this life the
novelty is worn off and have seen
enough of the Elephant to be satisfied
at home for a long time I think

Received a note from sister Margaret
telling me Cousin A. Ritchie was in San-
Francisco and have just written to
inform her where I am &c but as I know
of no way in which Mr McKee could advise
me of course did not ask him to do so
but indeed the sister was much pleased to
receive yr note and wish you would write
often have not forgotten you were in Phil^a but
had nothing to write as I travel but little
and all the mines so much alike that one
letter is as good as a thousand my
yrs truly Dav. C. Wilson