

Denver, Colorado.

March 15, 1881

Dear Judge:

Mr. V. M. Cane, whose card I enclose, lately bought at sheriff's sale certain goods belonging to a Mr. Gilhepie, who resided where you did on Stout street. He informs me that among the goods was a silver cake basket which upon close inspection he finds bears your name, Erie Penn 1868. He came to me about it, said he bought it straight enough but thinks likely it was accidentally left behind by you. That he is willing to contribute its cost to the author of the Fool's Errand for the good done by that book, if you will send on word what to do, &c. which if desired by you, can be done direct or through me.

Should like to see you first rate. How's Grant?

Yours with kind regards

R. M. Woodbury.