The Gibbs boys too were very particular about them.
I regret exceedingly to hear a report that Wolcott Westray & co have failed. I trust it is not true, for it will prove a great misfortune to Frank, independent of its consequences to the partners. My last letter from him was dated before he had heard of Henry's death. What he will do I cannot imagine. I got a letter from Olion a short time since. He writes that he had been a Clerk on board a steamboat, but as she was laid up, had bought a whale boat & was carrying freight. I wish I had some place for him that would support him, but there is none here not filled at Washington, & to make him my clerk at $1000 a year, barely enough to pay his board, & with no certainty of a continuance beyond a few months would be absurd, if he can do anything whatever below. I have written to him however to keep me advised of his movements & to let me know if he is in any difficulty.

You write me about my dividends. I wish you to apply them to what I owe you as I am not in immediate want of money & shall try not to need any - My debts here are reduced to $250, which I can soon pay off, especially if I get my claim allowed in California - Besides I fear you may have a call on Franks account if he finds himself in trouble. I feel mortified to think that I can help no one after all the opportunities I have had myself. I am exceedingly glad to hear that the French papers were found. It had been