

May 26th 1900,

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
 Pine Oaks, W. Washington
 D.C.
 My dear Miss Tarbell

I called at the Custom
 House yesterday on the
 Deputy Collector, who
 showed me a list of all
 the collectors that have
 held office in San Francisco
 since the Custom House
 was established in 1849.
 The name of Mr Victor
 Smith, does not appear.
 I was quite sure this
 was the case as I did
 not remember his

name, In a short time
I hope to be able to give
some further information
regarding the loss of the
Steamship on the "Peneador"
Reef, But as I wrote you
I am doubtful regarding
the name of the steamer
"Golden Rule", In looking
over the Chart, I am under
the impression that the
steamer was not bound
for Coler (Aspinwall) but
was going to Gray Town,
Niagara. —

I don't understand how
Mr Smith should have
written to Mr P. Chase,
regarding the wreck
without availing himself
of the opportunity of hearing

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Hearing the wreck by the
rubble that took his letter,
My observation has been
that persons who are
shipwrecked do not remain
there any longer than is
absolutely necessary. "Self
Preservation is the first law
of nature."

I was told today
that a U. S. man of war
was wrecked on the same
Reef, a few years ago, I
had quite forgotten it.

Very truly yours,

Samr Hubbard

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