you to write to San Francisco. If I go by water I will telegraph on what steamer and in that event write to San Francisco to the care of Osborne & Sessions.

You say you were once afraid that I would love Hannie better than Anna. What made you think so? I never knew which I loved most. I thought Hannie the quickest and smartest but little Anna was always the best, and smart enough for any one to love. Hannie was good enough for a child. Hence I had no fault to find with either of them.

I have a very pleasant boarding house in two very good room mates, but some one a few nights ago stole one of my sticks and the boys accuse me of leaving it in Hawkins division. If it is there they took it there and perhaps found it at the entrance of the gate of Egypt. If I should dream of Egypt you must not laugh any more over it than I did at your poetry. I have written several letters and sent them by steamer and I will send this over for luck.

Yours affectionately

B. F. Dewell

United States Senate Chamber.

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Washington 27 Feb. 1868

Dear Anna:

I have just received your favor of the 20th describing the delivery of my letter to Mr. Sutton. I hope here the subject may forever rest. Sutton disclaims any design to injure me or Mr. Keeling or you and says he knew nothing about any thing, except the cups which was opened. I suppose it was his upper head deputy that opened the package. They are delighted to get hold of any thing to make political capital and to bolster up their lying tongues and filthy sheet.

Little Anna prays to bets papa and bring him home cause she loves him. Kiss her and tell her papa will surely come as soon as he completes his business. The impeachment will probably delay business for one month, an impeachment in Congress and an other month in the departments, but I am glad of the impeachment. You will find my reasons

for this in my last letter to the Sentinel and one which I will write to-morrow.

I inclose a letter from cousin Annie E. Doulton of Travillians Depot. Louisa county Virginia. She is a daughter of my mother's brother Richd. She likes the children's photographs, but I have none to send her. Get Britle to send me a few. I sent her to days your photograph which I recived several days ago.

I return the pictures in the envelope to the children, and the letters I have filed for future reference. To show you how impudent negro workwomen are in Washington I inclose a note from one of them requiring me to pay for friend H. R. Kincaids washing. However he paid it and we removed our washing to an other house, where we hope our credit is better. I also found an account of Muller & B. which I return.

Hoping to hear from you frequently I remain yours truly

B. F. Bevill.

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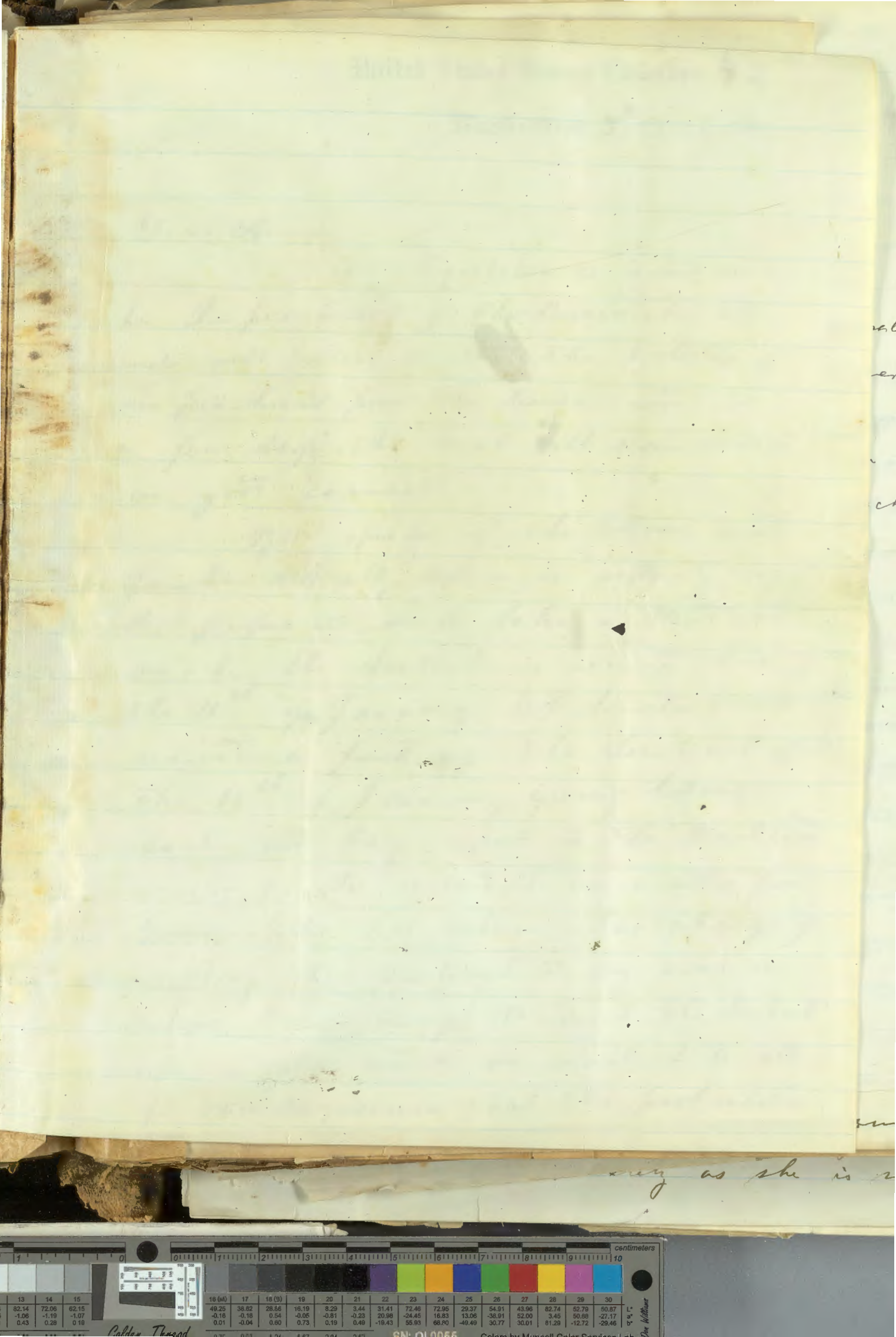
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