

754 Fourteenth St
Oakland - Cal -

Dear Lulu: -

This is the worst record yet - left you out completely for a week - The eyes closed a week ago Saturday, and Sunday morning Fort & I left on the Big Pacific ship - in great style too - with two sailors bags of bedding - and clothes - a bundle of rods and a rifle - a valise of cooking utensils - etc. - in a couple and horses - It made me hurry out of bed to watch the sights - At Boulder Creek we met La and Mrs Hackett - We changed garments there leaving the train once at the Hotel - (not a pleasant one) - A man and two horses - with a saddle horse extra drove the lot for ten miles over ^{the} mountains - There has been too much cutting of timber to make the country pleasant - though thickets of

wild lilacs have grown up and
were in full bloom - The wild
fancius and violets - were out also.
There had been a logging camp
about three quarters of a
mile from the Basin. I deserted
a couple of years ago - so we
took a steam cabin which had
two windows without frames -
and unpacked there - The men
cut heaps of the green redwoods
for the beds - and made a
stove of old stins - Hart was
sick - until in slicing bacon
he cut into the bone of his
forefinger so he had to lie down
with two doses of whiskey and
a very white face - The Basin
is really a great canon of fine
large redwoods - very silent
and thick - with very little
life apparent - It was what I
would have expected of the
country and locality from
experience in other parts of the

County - but was not quite what the recent town
descriptions had caused me to imagine it. That
is always the trouble in reading too much of a
place before seeing it - One makes too definite a
description - The first day we went several miles
down the canyon - but not far enough we turned
backwards - when they began to dish - We got down
and started up - Steam - At eleven I got back to the
meeting place with the first of a rain that lasted
from then till six & from seven till about 3 the next
morning - We waited sometime under some old bunkers
till rather cold - then the 4 of us tramped back to the
camp getting thoroughly wet - Florence & I had some
extra clothes & wrapped the bedding around us a la
Indian while our clothes were drying in another cabin.
and had not a bad time - She is a quite satisfactory
girl - not extra strong I think but with a good many
resources - She does not suit me very well - inclines to the
lax & take it - The 2^d day - one could not tell whether

it was going to rain or not so we did not dare
go far - consequently no rain appeared -
We regretted not having our horse day to
thoroughly go down the Basin as I doubt
if we care to go there again - but that
had to be in S. F. to serve certain papers
Thursday - so we broke camp Wednesday
morning - and we drove back to
Boulder - where it was a relief to get
straightened out a bit - These mountains
fail to interest me much now - it is
so different from our first trip through
them - Mariposa Co. is far prettier - Since
Thursday the time has gone in making
a bigging of an ingoat on those
ever present cables - and on back house-
keeping - and buying brown shoes - etc -
Ma mine is better today than in the
middle of the week - He is always better
when she does not work too hard -
Jessie has won her first divorce case -
(so to pure it was not contested) - and
under favorable treatment by the
Court - Rae Froeman goes East on the
8th of June but will not expect to be in
Oasis till spring so it is useless to ask
her to take you anything -
With much love to you -
her cousin

May 25, 1901 -

Emma