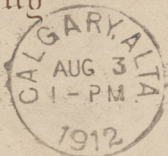


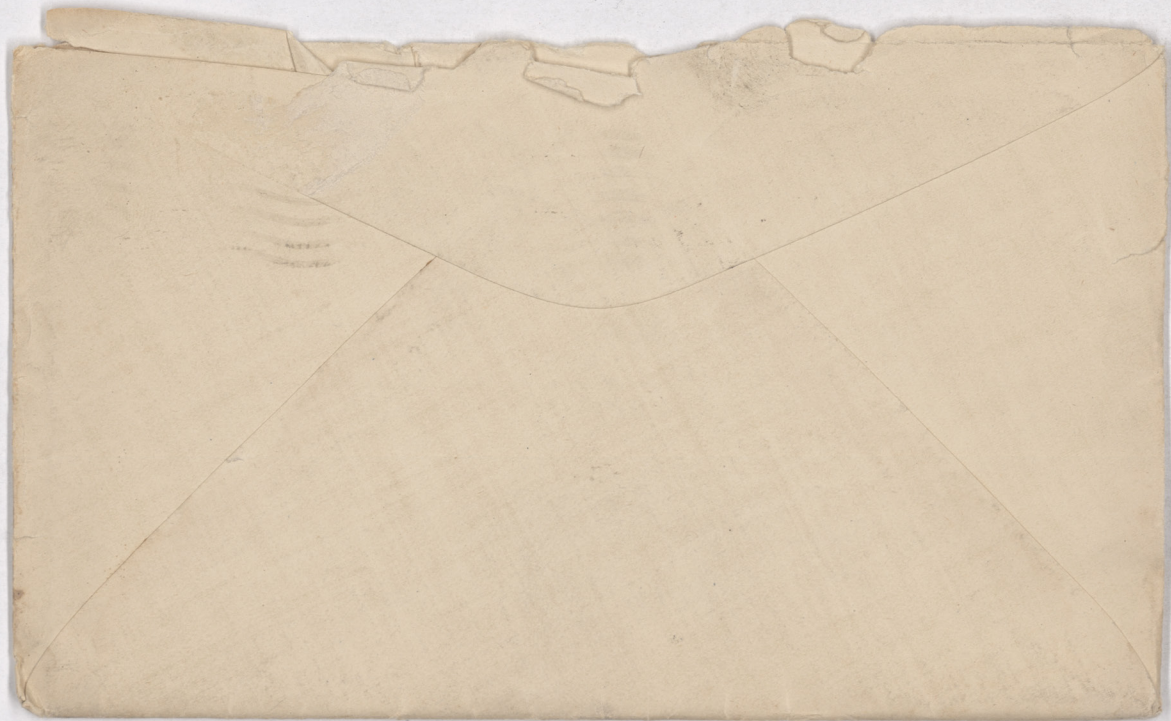
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*Luile a good
des tripes
praises!*



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Dearest Edward.

We are still on the Prairies, and the place that I always imagined would be so very dull is most fascinating. gently undulating ground of the most wonderful colours, and combined in such myriads of schemes. Ruth and I have been perfectly enraptured all day. I suppose if you did not care for colours it would be dull. as there is

nothing in the landscape to see.

All the funny little places we have passed through, last night, we came to a quaint little wood built town, where people had gathered for miles around to be present at a country fair. There was a wonderful band, and all the horses were covered with rosettes & bows — We saw an Indian at medicine hat, who had two long pig tails, and was all painted yellow around his eyes. and just now we have passed such a small place, (Buwoko) chiefly tents, and lots of Indians chiefly

wearing the gayest colours imaginable.
one woman, with emerald skirt
her companion, with a shawl
with a stripe of ~~eye~~ every colour.

The prairie that we saw yesterday
was like a succession of lovely
meadows, but today it is truly like
~~too~~ what you see in pictures -
brownish grass, with the sun beating
down, and at some of the places
you see cowboys galloping about
on horses. at dinner one came
along by the train, I wish you
could have seen the rate he went
at.

I would always have been most

regretful if I had simply seen Winnipeg
and not taken in the coast. I am
just longing for the mountains. If it
were very clear today we should be
able to see them now.

Darling, I forgot to tell you yesterday
that I had bought a new costume for
travelling, as my suit is too hot. It
is navy blue satin, with green buttons
and edgings, and is really most
spandy, with a new blue satin
petticoat. I will probably wear
it going home, so you will see
how nice I look —

We get to Calgary tonight, at
about 7 o'clock, stay till Sunday
night then go on to Salmon Arm,
and we get to Vancouver on Wednesday
evening, I think — on the way

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back, we are staying at Lagan
for two weeks, it is just near
Banff, it is a much smaller
place, but people say it is
more beautiful than Banff.
How I wish you could be here
and see it all with us - but
perhaps someday we can come
together. Shall we? -

I'm afraid I wrote you a
very stupid N.E. yesterday, answering
some of your quite important
questions. but it is so hard
to think on the hair, at least

6/9 find it so. don't please
get any house or flat without
asking me first. As you know
I would rather ^{that you did} not get anything
till I came back - but it would
be a pity to miss a good chance,
simply because of my being away.
do you see?

As for letters if you send them
to c/o G. Robinson Esq. he
will forward them, Ruth says.
I will get several duplicates
from you tonight, I expect
as I received one from you
in Winnipeg, saying that
you had sent duplicates.

What a lot of trouble for you
dear, you should not have
bothered - but it is nice to hear
from you.

I have made friends with
a little boy on the train
who has a most wonderful
store of questions: why is this?
& why is that? I find it
requires much thought to
answer him. —

Well darling Ruth is
waiting to write, so I suppose

I had better stop. I wonder
where you are now, my it
will take days to hear from
you - won't it? -

Much much love.

Jim Loie.
