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Dearest Love,

I sent you a
very bilious letter a couple
of days ago [from Banff] and
after it was sent was very
sorry that it had gone. At
the time I had what Mrs
Oliver would term a fit of
depression being very tired
and ^{somewhat} worn out mentally.

The trip into the woods which
I then contemplated had to
be abandoned as I could not
get a man who knew the
trail and as one of the horses
was still missing. Last night
I came on to Cochrane and
have been wandering about
all day looking at coal sections
and shall probably be here ^{to-morrow}
and next day and then go on to

Calgary or Crowfoot. Scarth
is off on a tour through the
ranching country, professedly
on business, but really I take
it on pleasure bent. The
place where I now am is
in a lovely region just east
of the Rockies - which by
the way are quite invisible,
as the cloudy, wet & cold
weather still continued.

The name Cochrane has nothing
to do with the old senator,
but rather with a swell
Englishman who has mills
and ranches here as well
as a coal mine which
he is just opening. To-day I
met him and his wife "Lady
Adelaide" and Lord Norberry
who is staying with them.
I am at the home of the
postmaster here and am very
comfortable on the whole, though

I should prefer a ~~bed~~³ room to myself.
I am really fortunate to get
into such good quarters.

The mosquitoes are very bad
here notwithstanding the cold,
but mosquito nets prevent
them from getting into the
house in great numbers.

I had another letter from
you dearest before leaving
Banff for which I was
most thankful. It gives
me, however, to hear of your
many discomforts. You speak
of needing money, but I sent
a cheque for £50 from Banff some
days ago and have no doubt
that it has reached you before
this.

You ^{also} speak of the success
of the garden and of this I
am glad to learn. I only wish
that I could enjoy the fruits
thereof with you; but perhaps

everything will ⁴not be past
by the time of my arrival.
How long I shall have to
remain at Crowfoot Crossing
I know not, but I fear there
will be a good deal to do
there and I am thinking of
writing to Vancouver to say that
I cannot undertake the
work for the C. P. R. Search
has promised to meet me
on the 16th, but I scarcely
expect to see him. He has
also invited me to visit them
at Winnipeg on my way through,
but I do not care to remain,
as I shall have to spend
a day or two in Montreal.
It is a great comfort to hear
from you so often, dear, and
to learn that the little ones
are keeping well. Give them
all love & believe me

Your fond B,