

Cape Chat

Curlew and Antelope Pitou 12 Oct 1856

Dr George & Anna,

One beautiful day in Augth last our Captain, stood the vessel close in to the Land called Cape Chat indeed I thought he came too near as the plaugis proved for ship wrecked caused by a Current coming up the North Side of Anticosti & meeting with that down the River raises a heavy Cross Sea, and the Current & swell made by it sets dead on shore - so that in thick weather or dark nights, when ship masters lay their vessels a course, as they think well carry them clear of the Land, the swell and current sets them on shore where they soon go to pieces among the Rocks. The Land all the way up from Gaspe head to Cape Chat is covered with round hills as thick as they can stand, in the shape of so many sugar loaves set on the Big End - but at Cape Chat the aspect changes to broken and irregular hills, quite low near the

Shore, but rising quite high farther
in Land — Next morning we saw
the white fog resting in the valleys at
the foot of the mountains, and as the
sun rose the fog rose gradually up
the mountains till it disappeared
at their tops — we also saw a nice
fishing village near Cape Chat, and
as we went up the coast the land
gradually changed from Hilly to
undulating, and above Bic Island
to level and Tennessee. Next week
I will tell you about a beautiful
Terrace, which we saw.

Agnes has been out all last week
in the country seeing her friends
about Razor Hill, and enjoying
herself this fine weather.

I got a great lot of nice new
Books the last week, and you can
not believe how much I missed
you both to help me to carry
them in — there were plenty of
other children come to help me,
but I do not like them half as
well as you. Don't you think that
ma would allow you to come
and stay with me, just the one

a while and thus, the other, it
would make me a great deal
more happy than you.

Do you know that last week
some wicked Bay threw a stick or
a stone at our fine Rooster and
broke his back, so that he could
not stand up right, and as he
was gradually getting worse and
would have died miserably
Marion, had to kill him to
prevent this. are you not being
sorry to hear this, and will
you not try to write an epi-
taph for me to put up on his
Tomb.

I purchase 6 fine lent pieces
2 to each of you and 2 to W Bell
I give you no directions how to
spend it, please that entirely to
your own choice, but I should
like you would write me to
let me know this - W B is rather
young yet to choose how to spend
money - you will have to help

him, to do this, and when done
let me know all about it.

I have to inform Ann that
Agnes has her little Hydrangea
growing nicely in a pot and if
we can save it through the
Winter - which I hope we will as
we have now got Double Windows
take you - it will be ready
to send to her next Spring.

Grand papa

