



GRAND HOTEL VICTORIA

ED. RUCHTI

PROPRIÉTAIRE
à
INTERLAKEN.

Sept 15th 1872

Dear Mother

I see by reference to my diary that I have not written you for nearly nine days - I was really surprised for I hardly thought so long a time had intervened - but changing from place to place the time seems to glide by and our time being so fully occupied for a short time after arriving at a new destination that selfish like - we seem only to think of ourselves - The letters for all - generally coming from the Bankers are ^{all} enclosed in one large Envelope and sent to my address - but numerous mails have arrived of late and

unfortunately I have been doomed to disappointment - one or two days ago calling at the Bank here I found two large packages of letters but on opening the same they were severally distributed among the rest of the flock until they were all exhausted - but like you I presume I will receive my letters all in a bunch - it seems so strange - but I can really say there is no placing any reliable confidence in the transportation and delivery of the "American Express Mails". Monday 16th inst at 8 a.m. we bid farewell to Lucerne - when we all have had really a good time and excellent accommodation our trip here was taken in two large mountain carriages - similar to the one taken by Josie and

several a most charming grandeur the lights as they reflected on the thousand and thousands of crystal particles of water as they came dashing and leaping in their mad fury from cliff to cliff along with the most and charming scenery that draught in to the panorama a most varied luxuriance to the eye - stopping at the Hotel which is about five minutes walk - we left the next morning arriving at St. Gall about 9 o'clock - Friday we left St. Gall by carriage - visiting a very romantic falls of about 900 feet high taking dinner at a small place called Lauterbrunn - we had a most charming ride back in fact you do not go anywhere

about here but that varied and
beautiful scenery meets the
eye - yesterday Jor. Chailey - self
and Cooker - started to ascend the
mountain called Scheuige Platte
of which you can procure a
fine view from the Hotel - in
Carnage about 15 minutes - and
then about 3 hours on horseback
up to the top - 7480 feet high -
it was shady most of way and
we had a very pleasant trip
road rough and steep at times
we arrived at the top about
5.30 P.M. - did anticipate seeing
the sun set but it was too
cloudy and misty - Hotel very
small but comfortable - up
at 5 o'clock this morning and
saw a charming sun rise -
mountain after mountain can
be seen from the commanding
position - but the grandest
of all was the Jungfrau.

for Bern - where we will re-
main for a few days - and by
that time no doubt I will
write again and inform you
as intelligibly as possible of
our doings and whereabouts -

It is a settled thing we
leave by the Grand line -
Steamer Cuba from Liverpool
Nov. 9th and are well and
although I am not one iota
fatter I feel very well - Aunt
Mary received a letter from
Uncle W^m and he seems to
be getting along very well -
all send love and are well
accept a double share
from your son
Car. Bonles Bros & Co. Alfred
Paris France.

whose lofty ice bound head
towers up almost into the very
heavens - and whose side
clothed in solid glacier - seems
to welcome the first rays of
the coming day as they tenderly
kissed its cold surface -

To morrow we all anticipate
taking a trip to "Grindlevall"
about 3 hours carriage ride
where we can enter for some
distance into a cave cut
into the (ice) Glacier - stopping
for dinner and returning in
the cool of the afternoon
will use up very pleasantly
the entire day. Wednesday
we expect to leave here



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and spare time endeavoring to
explain some of the sights which
I have encountered on this side.

Thursday we started at 6.30 P. M.
on the boat - Lake Brienz - sailing
about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour we arrived
at our destination - "Seisbac" -
the route from the boat landing
being steep and tiresome - and
about 20 minutes walk - I pro-
cured chairs for all the party
myself and the courier walking -
the curiosity which awakened this
trip was the opportunity it offered
of seeing an illuminated Falls -
stopping at the Restaurant which
affords a complete view of the
Falls - and getting good seats

on the Portico under cover out of
the damp - we regaled ourselves
with a little comfort for the
inner man - it was quite dark
and although we could hear
the water as it rushed over
the seven different Falls - we
could only get an occasional
partial glimpse - The water
comes rushing over the rocky
precipice about 1000 feet high
and falling from extension to
extension of rock forms the
seven Falls - at 9 1/2 P.M.
the lights all being turned out
and the Bengal lights being
lit - a sight most beautiful
greeted the eye - several
rustic bridges crossed the
different Falls and in
places lights were burned
behind the water giving to

seen over the mountain to "Lomo"
four horses to one carriage and
two to the other - Aunt Mary, Jane
and self occupying one carriage
and the balance of the party the
other - crossing two mountains - taking
two extra horses for each carriage
stopping at a place called Luga
gun for dinner and arriving at
our present destination about
6 P.M. the mountain and valley
scenery was varied and charming
we had a very pleasant day
it being a little cloudy and Aunt
Mary expressed herself much
better pleased than if she had
traveled by rail - which would
have taken the same number
of hours as the route here from
Lucerne is very circuitous and
you are obliged to change cars
so often - We are very pleasantly
situated here with a most
charming view of the mountains -
Interlaken - is situated in the

Valley the word itself meaning be-
tween (2) lakes - Lakes of Brienz and
Thun - and entirely bordered on all
sides by mountains of grandeur
only equaled by that of Lake
"Como" - the height of the mountains
varying from 7000 to 14000 feet -
affording a fine view from my
rondor (from which I can step
upon a balcony) toward the
Ding-fra - 14800 feet high - whose
majestic side and towering peaks
are robed in solid glacier -
upon whose whitened surface
the sun and moon glisten in
brilliant and golden colors -
as this one grand sight stands
more vividly than the rest
I make it the exception - leaving
the remainder for your imagination
and a more opportune time for
personal description - I presume
when I get home you will
want me to spend my evenings

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