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Letter from Alfred Tweed to Mother [Margaret M. Tweed], 1881-12-28

Letter from Mother [Margaret M. Tweed] to Dearest Daughter [Anna S. Tweed], 1881-02-02

—*CITY BAKERY.*—

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Pies, Bread, Cakes, Fancy Canned Goods, Fruits

P. O. Box 256.

AND A FULL LINE OF GROCERIES,

No. 138 West Second Street.

Leadville, Col., 12/28th 1881

"Dear Mother"

Your last letter at hand containing "Christmas Card" - and glad indeed was I to hear from you and that you were all well - as regards the music boxes - if it is not going to cost too much get mine as well as your own repaired - Send mine to me here - at same time send the plain and fancy silk socks Blue silk pin cushion - 2 night shirts - steam atomizer - the merino shirts and drawers - have all packed in as light a box as possible and send by Express to #38 W. 2nd St -

Living as I have been for the past three years - and with every prospect that the West will be my future abode - knocked around from

place to place - deprived of
of a Home - my future was ^{Comfort} and
happines to be looked after - not for-
getting my Health - visions of some
one to answer my every wish - Comforts
surrounding a cozy Happy little Home
where a loving and anxious ^{Companion}
shoned with eager eyes and a throbbing
Heart await my coming - where peace
and contentment shoud reign
supreme - and where I could - and
to whom I could devote every attention
and push my every energy unde-
videdly - it seems as if ^{such} under
feelings - could be the only true ^{and}
happy way to live - mate two Hearts -
make such a union of feeling ^{and}
love - I know we can't but have
your blessing upon our future life
such are my feelings toward the
one of whom you ask me regarding
the Easter Card - she will put her
hand in mine - and in Fortune or
misfortune will ever be the same
If My Darling fills the place of a Com-
panion and wife - you surely would
not by one wish make either of us regret
the step that we are about to take

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every little leakage will now be
looked into carefully - every energy
pushed - and the best foot put forward
I shall devote to her every wish that
she may desire - and shall she
prove herself a good, faithful wife
she shall never regret that she
is my wife - nor shall I ever be
anything but faithful and kind
in the strictest sense of the words -
Maggie Muger has not a relative
this side of Chicago - and will be
in Denver next week - I go to Denver
next week, as soon as I can get
through with my stock - and we
will be married some time ^{between}
the 5th and 10th without any cards
or cake - very quietly - I expect to
return to Leadville in a few days

and we will go to Housekeeping
about Feby 1st or thereabouts = I
know this is hardly a fair Christmas
surprise - but you can look at it
from only one point - and that is
my Future Happiness - my care
and wish - It has been a serious
matter and thought with me for some
time - and now it is a decision -

Trusting that my letter will find
you all well - and knowing full
well that the attention and love
I shall devote to my wife - will not
rob you of your love which
will be strengthened by another's
With lots of love to all

Your son Alfred

Wednesday Feb 2nd 1881
9 AM.

Dearest Daughter

Have just rec'd
your welcome letter, and think both
you and I are feasting in clover.
Amongst our many blessings, that
of having such good, true & sensible
friends, is one to be truly thankful
for. I have "priced them, and not
found them wanting". I am sure
you are having a happy visit—
seems to be a succession of festivities.
And going to Lena's wedding! it seems
as if your visit will have special marks
of remembrance. It certainly is very
complimentary & kind in Edith's friend
to invite you under the circumstances.
How much you will have to tell me—
and can entertain me often in recounting
the events of your happy visit. I am
glad to make mine at the same time,

for I should have missed your very much, had I been home all of the time. Will expect an outline of the wedding and of your doings & goings genially. Am glad you are not treated as company, tell "Lis" to remember her we made her as one of the family & hope, and are looking forward to the privilege of doing so again. Had a letter from Emma, with kind "every thing was moving on smoothly at home, that she was not homesick - one bit & need not hurry my visit on her account. sent me a bit of part of Sunday's dinner she made bread which she wrote "was not as good as if it had been better" boiled doughnuts which were Ro's, and which your Father enjoyed. They had a quiet pleasant Sunday. But Susan called in the afternoon. Mary & Lolly happy & contented. As I am having a delightful visit, this satisfactory home account adds to my pleasure and my dear friends assure me they are not tired of me yet. Sunday I went

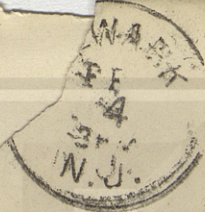
morning & evening to church with Aunt Alice spent a happy day. Monday morning we were at home - in the afternoon called on Mrs. Kelley Mrs. Freeman - Mrs. Sulphur & Mrs. Burrard. Fred & Anna called in the evening and we played whist. Tuesday was very stormy Aunt Alice & I dressed suitably and braving the storm spent the day with Aunt Eliza Riker - we were welcome guests in the evening there was a sort of dedication of the chapel, which has been altered & newly furnished, and as Aunt Alice was desirous to be present we started out in the storm, a car came along with four horses - time we came to a stand still. The car was filled with theatre goers. "Nazel Dick" being the attraction - but we had a "good meeting sister" and reached home all right. Wednesday we all spent with Mrs. Palmer - had a grand good dinner & tea and a very pleasant day. I attended 4 P.M. prayers at Grace Ch., as it was the anniversary of Sister Elizabeth's being received in the community of St. Mary, and I always love to remember her especially on that day. Fred came home early, and of course, which was the order of the evening. I played part of the time with Eliza Riker & Anna.

against Fred & Mary - out of eight games
they had but one. We enjoyed the game
better than the sanguine ones, and felt
very good over our skill & success. Yester-
day we had early dinner, and I went to
Chicago in the Y. & N. P. train. Met with
a hearty welcome - saw all the female
part of the family. Grandmother seemed very
happy to see me. Mrs. Freeman spoke to me
of Alice's affairs. I will tell you all partic-
ulars ^{the night} when I write. Alice told me she had a letter from
you, and longs to see you. I think she
will come to see us, when you are home.
Last evening there was a musical & literary
entertainment at the parsonage for the
benefit of the Women's foreign mission -
tickets 25 cts. we all went and had an en-
joyable meeting. This morning I will devote
to visiting to Emma & yourself - we are to
have an early dinner - Sally not to do a
little trading, call on the Misses Spear
and take tea with Aunt Sarah Dayton. Matt
Halsey brings with him, and we will all
have our fortunes told. Tomorrow we
call on Mrs. Henrietta Crane - and take
tea & spend the evening at Mr. Palmes. A
"Boston" gathering - Mrs. & Mrs. Kelly - Mrs.
Mrs. Bentley - Mr. & Mrs. J. Kurlander - Mrs.

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Allen & daughters & Mrs. K. Friend of N.Y.
Allen provides and attends to the supper.
I will tell you about it after it is over,
but you know it will be no half way
affair. Sunday I will attend church at
Trinity, as it is communion service. You
will see I am not to return home this
week, am taking Emma at her own
arrangements. Aunt & Mr. & Mrs. sends much
love to you also Mrs. Henderson. Aunt
Edith & "Lis", says "she is quite proud
of me I behave so nicely, and she
thinks I need not arrange to go home,
as they do not feel my visit is yet complete.
It is a long time since I have left home
with a mind so much at ease, & free
from care as now - and I feel thankful
every day for the blessing of such dear
kind true friends. The weather has been
very cold, and is brisk yet, but we are
all well, and have plenty of fire to keep
warm. Rhetta Freeman enquired particularly
after you, and wants you surely to make
her a visit, says "she feels just the same
towards you as always, & loves you just
the same, and wants you to surely
come. I don't think you will care particularly

to go. Lidd wishes me to tell you - Mr Smith
"desires to know when you are in - & remark
that he may call as soon as possible after
your arrival" I think it is "la-la" - It is
now Friday 11 A M, and as I want to write
to Emma must bring this you to a close
All unite in sending love, I have not
seen Frank, but will write him the word
you sent. Lidd has just come in &
says "tell Anna - Mr Smith wishes to call
before Sunday - so you better not make
any previous engagements with Frank M
but be very kind to Mr Smith. Fithian
your special admirer is deeply engaged
in business, but he will probably find
leisure where the affections are enlisted!
I do not write what Emma says "she thinks
of him". "Doc" has twice enquired about
the result of his prescription - write and
tell me how your complexion is. Now
I must say Good morning with warmest
dearest love of Mother.

Have not heard from Alfred this week
again, and feel troubled at the
delay.



Miss Anna S. Trued.
/ Mr Edward Henderson
1725 Columbia
Philadelphia
Pa.

Alto Feb 8th 1881

