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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 need
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