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Leadville
July 31st 1883.

My Darling Ma,

You certainly
can give me a good match
for frequent letters. You
will receive just before this
~~have~~ ~~received~~ my letter written
on Sunday, also Alfreds which
will not contain very good
news. Does it not seem too
unfortunate, that the bank
should have busted just
during my visit, but it
might be a good deal
worse, as Al says he might
have been in debt, as it is
he does not owe a cent,
which is much to be thank-
ful for, he is not one bit
downhearted, says of course

it cripples him, for a time,
but that is all, so you need
not worry one bit. I know
you will feel anxious, and
all day Sunday I was so
homesick, had one good
crying spell, I wanted to
talk with you at home. Al
said what good would that
do, and said as long as he
did not worry over it, I need
surely not. Of course it
hurried us home from
Denver, and will cut off the
rest of the trip, but are
thankful we have seen
and enjoyed so much,
particularly the Manitou
and Pike Peaks trips. Al goes
into his own house next

week, and then we will
settle down to home life.
The house is just as pretty
as it can be, only one story -
that is the way the houses
here are built. The parlor
is a bay window, the dining
room on one side, a sleeping
room on the other, the whole
house is just lovely, furnished
very prettily, May has the
bay window just filled
with plants, and it looks
very pretty - in fact he has
one of the nicest houses in town.
I will be glad when we are
settled. Al says he needs
a pair of pillows, so thought
you could give him a pair.
I knew we had so many
pillows, so pick him out a
nice pair, he also asked me

if you had any extra
comfortables, he said they
needed one. I said I did not
know, but would write and
ask you, if you have not.
how would it do to make a
cheese cloth. May said she
would pay for material, as Al
laughingly said "I guess Mother
will not think she can spare
the money." I wish it might
be that he could give them
it. how much do they cost?
you can send the pillow
shams at the same time.
May said make them any
ordinary size, and they would
be all right. Al will pay
all expense of sending
them I think if I had some
brass plaques I could sell

them here, as they have
nothing of the sort in the
stores. If Em would get me
a couple, one the size I
painted Carrie \$1.25 or 1.40
I think 1.40 was the price
the size I painted the bird
design on, Em will know
and then one the next size
smaller - if Em should see
any pretty tulip study,
or hollyhock, why I would
like them, tell her in
picking out the plaques to
be sure and get ~~one~~ ^{one} that
she can get them cheaper at
that art store on 6th Ave; and
then if Altman has any of
that 50th ribbon, I would like
some for sashets, $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. is
enough for one, a crescent,

very light pink, blue, or any
other light shade, but
think she can only get the
shades I mentioned at that
price - $\frac{1}{4}$ yd will do for one.
Then the chinck cord, and
little pompons to match, and
narrow ribbon to fringe.
1 yd of ribbon and cord will
do for one. I thought I might
make 3 sashes and see
how they sold, what do you
think? also a moist color
of chinese white. ~~in these~~
little sashes - see what they
sell for and I will send
the money. If you decide
to make the chess cloth -
why then send the
plaques, and pillows all
together by express, and

send me the sacket
materials by mail, I hope
I have made myself
understood. Have had another
sick time with my bowels,
was up most of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the}
Monday night, cramps,
sick to my stomach, and
headache - I was getting scared
but feel much better now.
I cannot seem to get
acclimated, but still have
gained $\frac{1}{2}$ pound, don't
you think I am doing well?
Have had a cold in my
head ever since I have
been here. You would not
believe how cold it is here -
I tell you it would frost
out Ben. I sleep with a
pair of blankets and a

heavy comfortable, you can hardly realize that, and only in the middle of the day go out without a wrap.

Leadville is beautifully located, just surrounded by the snow capped mountains. The other morning Mag and I took the ponies for a little drive. Tuesday we were going to Iris Lake, where Ed is camping, a lovely drive, and we were going to spend the day, but I was not able to go, was it not too bad. Well give much love to all, and write often. I wish you could feel some of these cool breezes - Remember me to Harry, and tell him the silver collar button has seen some grand sights. Tell me all the news, I hope you will receive some peaches. Lots of love

Wm