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My dear wife:

Your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> with enclosure from Mr Brown was rec'd today. I am especially glad to get Mrs B's letter. There is more of what we want to receive in it, than in any I have yet received. I think everything looks favorable. If it will only continue so and let me get money enough so that we can go there and have a little sustenance afterwards. I hope and believe that it will. I think I have not told you that I have met the Governor near Pittkin. He staid a while at Raleigh a few years ago. There is evidently life and business there and there is where I want to go. I am full of high hopes and long for the good time to come. Of course, I have some dread, and some fear but not a serious one. I am sure I can strike on something to do in

connections with the firm which will give  
me a livelihood, if I cannot carry enough  
with me. Oh that God would help and bless  
us in this respect. I hope and trust that he  
may.

I received a long letter from Dana  
today. He wants me to go to Chicago and  
go into some sort of a general agency  
business with Mr. Hall. It will send you  
the letter. It looks like a big wild-cat  
scheme to me, with nothing for a basis  
and less than that in prospect. Chicago is  
to my mind the very worst field for  
a real estate agency of that kind because  
of the peculiar state of its titles. All of them  
have to be researched and the only records  
of them are private property. Of course, I  
shall not say so to her but will write as  
kind and cheerful a letter to the poor  
plucky sister, as I possibly can. I am afraid  
that Hall is a man of big ideas only.  
I have just read the letter again and it  
seems to me perfectly crazy, unless one

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I do not know  
that, actually  
I can meet you  
my feet  
a few months  
cannot be  
I get them  
I ask you  
I want to get that  
in one thing  
will be, and then  
I want to get that  
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kind about \$100,000 million to begin with.  
Only think of it - real estate by a man who  
knows no law in little distressed Chicago; bus-  
ness, thousands, by a man who cannot find  
a business, himself and who must be very  
nearly a stranger in Chicago, a boarding  
department! - I want to know, is he going  
to open a hotel? And then a labor and an  
employment agency. The scheme simply strikes  
me dumb with amazement. What can  
they be thinking of. But God help them as  
we wish him to help us. If I could do them  
any good now gladly would I do it.

But think, my dear, that I misappre-  
hend things, very far from it. If I could  
by any means raise the money to bring  
you here, I would do so. In fact I would  
sacrifice a great deal to aid her in her  
dilemma but I don't see how I can

do anything. We must just wait until we can cut the Gordian knot by going away. I think the trouble all arose from its not being well understood and realized that your mother could not live with you, as it should have been. You ought not to have allowed that idea to have been entertained even for a moment, and your failure to put your foot upon it at the outset has caused the trouble. I am sorry for it but cannot help it. I should have no objection to her being with you for a week or two before you leave only I know what condition you would be in when you came back, if she did. You know, as well as I, that it would be a most depressing matter — and you would be in a fit condition for anything but a new bullwhisk life.

The fare from Erie, #43- is no better than \$60 from here — unless it includes sleeper tickets. I should think that Alcion would feel in danger of being swamped by so strong a tide as Denver