

on Steamer "Corona".

near San Diego. Dec. 29. 1889.

My dear Papa,

My last was, or should have been, mailed from Lathrop Cal. on our return towards San Francisco. We arrived there late at night and next day left at eleven a.m. on this boat a small screw steamer which calls at three ports between Fisco and San Diego.

It is a neat steamer, but very much overcrowded, many being left behind for want of room. All railroad communication being cut off all going this way have to take steamer.

We have had a very fine passage and should reach San Diego at seven this evening, Sunday, having left Fisco Friday morning. I am writing on deck sitting without my overcoat in the warm sunshine. Baby has been sleeping on the deck this forenoon

on a seat so you see it must be fine

The breeze is cool the sun warm.

Neither May nor I have been at all
sick though several others and
all the children have been;

The first part of the voyage we got
the heavy ground swell; here it is
quite calm. The views of the

coast are lovely, somewhat like the
gulf of Genoa. Snow capped mountains
inland, green foothills near the coast.

Last evening we stopped at Santa
Barbara where I went up town
with the boys. A sleepy old town
where we saw oranges palms pepper
trees with geraniums and calla
lilies in bloom.

This morning we were at San
Pedro for several hours and went
ashore. This going back adds
just 700 miles to our journey and
to make matters worse the baggage of

all the party (28 people) we came
with has got left in 'Fresco. as we
cannot get it for several days and
have no change with us, this is a
serious inconvenience. However
these delays and difficulties have
been general in these parts and many
are worse off than we.

All of us have bad colds - indeed
everyone seems to suffer. Perhaps it is
Russian influenza in a mild form.

Our journey will have taken 12 days
of continuous travel except one night
at a 'Fresco hotel and we shall
all be glad when it is over, though
this steamer travel is quite a rest.

I expect to mail this as soon
after arrival as I can, but when
it will start is quite another question.

Your affectionate son

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