My Dear Anna,

I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of your letter which was received last mail. I also received one letter the week before this, but prior to this I had received but little word from you, and I had written to you so often that I felt stupid because of not hearing from you and it was in this mood of mind that I wrote the last letter to you and if they were many please forgive me—I cannot imagine why my letters do not reach you. I have written a great many letters which I have never heard from but this does not discourage me but rather I feel like writing the more hoping some of the at least may be received and I hope you will do the same. The general health is good hear my health is good. The weather is quite cold, last week it snowed for two or three days falling thick and fast. The Mountains is covered with snow some two or three inches deep. Though it is now melting away fast and I hope it will some day.
Our prospects for mining this Winter is rather gloomy at present but our future prospect as a rich and easy mining District we find good claims are ranging from one hundred to fifteen hundred Dollars and if they should continue to open well I am of the opinion that many of them will sell for two or five thousand Dollars next Season. I own three claims on this Bench & think them about as good as any claims here. We have had one law suit and come near having several suits. He gained the Law suit at considerable cost to us all and whether it will be brought up in court again I am not able to tell though I think not. We hold our claim by the deepest & have enough to warrant one and that is all for when Covell let one in near one hundred Dollars in debt I have paid all of this and have a little money left (sixty-five dollars) you see then that I have made one one hundred Dollars since Covell left here & I am going to the Valley near or at Colorado I think it will be much better for me to do so as it is much warmer there.
I shall start to-morrow or the next day to the Valley and when you write direct your letters to Colorado Kansas Territory. I think I remain there about three months or until the first of March. Then I shall come to Frank Mills again. James Carli is writing on the other side of the table and keeps such a will to that I cannot write very well (as you may see) Murray's Boys are well also. Oliver Miller They are going to the Valley to gather. I have told you all the news that I know of. When you write write about every thing and everybody. Take good care of yourself and Willy too. Do the best you can and let us hope ever hope for the better. Though Dark and threatening clouds may gather over no. Discouragement and despair take possession of the soul, and ever hope be banished from the heart yet to those who put their trust in him who died to save there is hope and consolation. Then lift thy soul on high and be comforted as God's sacred promises and pray for him that is far away in Valley of the Rockies. Mountains for at times felt discouraged and disheartened.
Anna had I known all thing sooner I would not have stayed here but it is to late now and I feel assured that you will not blame me for what I have done. I close by sending my best respects to all. Please write soon and plan.

Ever yours,

E. Adams.