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Breckenridge Post Office

My Dear Child,

Once more through the medium of the silent yet expressive pen do I write you in answer to your kind and ever most cordially welcomed letter which was received a few days since. Unimaginable how glad how very glad I was to hear from you and to hear what you were yet yet in your letter I learned other news which grieves me most. Read. Why was you so slow to tell me of this. Ere I should have placed myself in such circumstances that I could not without grave loss to us both. I will now tell you how I am placed. I have toiled here all the live long summer and fall without making any thing head with a prospect in the future of doing. Reaping the fruits of my labor and now when these prospect and hopes are almost reality its deep. I shall soon must I shall when it is in reach give up all.
all of these cherished hopes and return
Ye home and please poorer than when I left
if I would do myself and you too wrong Should
I do this such a sacrifice Know Dear Lune
you do not wish me to make Yet if I thought
or know that I could add to your safety
Gresham would I come I trust you will get
along just as well without me Be of good
Cheer and do not neglect to keep some provision
from to see you in due time have Andy to fit
your Horse in good order Do not neglect this
by any means for your safety may depend on it
Take good care of your self and Wify please do
remember and study all you can if necessary have
one of the Boys to stay all the time with you
and when I come home I will pay them well
for it Since I expect to come home with some
money my claims are very valuable my claim
I think I can sell ten or twelve hundred
Dollars in the spring I have got claims on all
most all of the Silver and Gold Leads in
this country and should they prove to be
good At time rich in deed for They will
bring many Thousands of Dollars
Why I have stayed here it was because I thought and doubted not that I was doing my duty — if in this I have been very I trust you will forgive for the fault is in the head and not the Heart and mind alone. Why it is necessary for me to stay is this as soon as our claim is left there are many creating an opportunity to have them from the for the excellent is up a on this much French much and many think it will prove to be very rich diggings. Therefore men are anxious to take our claims a pay from us and the only way we can keep them off is by remaining on our claims and Mannelly defending them. I have told them (and repeat it live with us) that my claims they could never work at peace until I was dead. Though I have think they will let us alone for a little while at any rate. I have enough money to counter me and that is all. I must soon close with you and write a long letter too for I do not like little letters but here tell me about every thing you think I would like to hear. I have received no letters but from you since here and close. Farewell.

E. Adams

[Signature]
Oh yes!

There is something more I would write you.

The weather is very fine except when cold at night and morning. Some of the claims on this Bar are very well. There has been some fine nights taken out and claims are not yet approved. I have not done much mining for a few days. I have not been able to go mining to a good hand. My health otherwise is very good and my hand is almost well. Please and May you to write to me once a week for I know how lonesome and uneasy I shall be. Do not forget to write and tell others to write to me also. Bring send me the Corning instead.

Ed., Adam
Breckenridge, Oct 4823

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