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Victoria B.C.
Thursday morning July 10

Dear Linné Strantzé.

Here, yet once more
in my crooked way lies the glassy
glaciated rock-bound lake-like harbor
of Victoria. We have just made fast to
the dock. The town is founded on the best
glacier-tested glacier-cleaved rocks & is the
capital of B.C. It has 2 lakes about
6000 inhabitants & is of more telling
glacial interest than any other town
I have seen on the continent of N.A.
How green & fresh the ferns & trees
are on the patches of moraine-soil
~~between~~ between the upswelling rock-
bosses

You are very kind in caring so faithfully
for my few bits of things. I sent
a few specimens of ferns & leaves

from Vancouver & Seattle. Some of
them gathered on the Fraser

The new boat rolled & heaved
at a most extravagant rate
yesterday. & the smell ^{from the kitchen etc} compound
& novel altogether made me
a little sea-sick. It was calm

So nearly so in the afternoon after
entering the straits of Fuca I curled
up on the upper deck in a coil of
rope back of one of the hatches
& enjoyed a nap

Don't forget to give the
crew a goodly share of the
money

Goodbye. Be patient. Heaven
bless you. How you would
enjoy this wild north scenery. Some
day I will at least tell about it