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S. F. Aug. 26, 1887.

Dear Louie. I will be up Sunday morning on the 8 o'clock train

I have been making very slow progress, & now that I have just got fairly under way on the long Yosemite article I want to stay as long as possible.

I ordered a cook or chamberman through the Sing Kee employment office. but am afraid he has not appeared. Anyhow watch little Helen what she has to remain undone.

Tell Wanda I'll bring her something & that I hope she is taking good care of Helen & having something every day.

The weather here is very raw & cold - & my neck is stiff.

Hope all goes well on the ranch. Tell Harry to use wine-grape boxes when the others are done. He fears

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color from the blue & white-violets among
the grass on the meadows to the crimson
pillars of the snow-flower among the
brown needles beneath the firs, ferns & mosses
in a thousand moist nooks among the rocks
humming-birds among the flowers small
singers among the underbrush & wide-winged
hawks & eagles floating between the mighty
walls; beautiful life & light in every form
stern enduring strength & things frail & fleeting
meeting together, as if into this grand
mountain mansion nature had gathered
her choicest treasures whether great or small

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