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# THE DRIARD,

Redon & Hartnagle,  
PROPRIETORS.

VICTORIA, B. C.,

July 23 - 1888



My dear Wanda -  
When I was at Mount  
Shasta on my way up  
here I was walking along  
thinking about the changes  
that had been made since  
I used to climb the old  
mountain - the railroad  
& the cars & the sawmills  
& the lots of new houses. I  
was thinking how different  
everything about the foot of  
the mountain looked when  
all at once I saw a bear  
a brown hairy muggins with  
long teeth & long claws & a long

black nose. I was startled  
 at first I said Hulou old  
 fellow What are you doing  
 here. Then up he jumped  
 and stood like a man  
 I looked at me with his  
 cunning eyes I held out  
 his arms & spread his claws  
 & big paws. Then I saw that  
 he was chained & I gave him  
 an apple & he ate it up  
 Then I ventured to walk close  
 up to him & pat him on  
 the head as if he were a  
 dog. Then he took my hand  
 in his mouth as if he  
 meant to bite it off. He  
 did bite it a little but I  
 jerked it away before he could  
 get a good hold. The old trapping  
 seemed to be half in fun & half  
 in earnest about his biting -  
 Be a good girl & take good care of

your little sister  
 I will not forget to send you  
 #9182