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Victoria B.C. June 17th 1900

Dear Manda.

I told you I would be on
the bounding billows when
went to Alaska & so I was
The sea was all rumples
up with big waves & the
tops of them came on to the
deck of the steamer & made
everybody go inside of their
rooms, & many were sick
on account of the pitching
& heaving & rocking of the
ship. But I was used to
it & enjoyed it. & the
waves were very blue
at the bottom & green in
the middle & white at the
top. At one place off
Crescent City there are

to me of men from the mountains
& many strange looking
rocks, & it was a
grand sight to see the
huge waves dash against
them & jump up more
than a hundred feet
in the air in pure white
foam. Thick & broad
& massy. Wilder far &
more beautiful than the
Yosemite waterfalls.
That was on Sunday
& the wind was so strong
that the sailors called
it a "gale." I often
thought of you when the
sea was so beautiful &
wild & wished you could
be with me to see it.
Some day you will I hope