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Darjeeling, India

Oct 3, 1903.

Dear Lucia & Darling

This morning from a ridge back of the hotel here I had a glorious view of the highest part of the Himalaya. I expect to see more of the range in the next week or so. This so far is the most interesting part of my trip though I had no thought or hope of coming here when I left home, or indeed until I separated from Sargent.

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I reached Calcutta <sup>E 23</sup> from Singapore on the night of Sep. 30. (only 3 days ago.)

Next day visited the Calcutta Botanic gardens saw the famous Baniam tree. etc. & many numerous palms & ferns & orchids. A beautiful & pleasant. At 4 P.M. took train for Darjeeling about 700 feet above the sea level. I reached next day in the afternoon. What a ride up the mountain it was & what a change of climate from the sweltering heat of the Ganges delta to the snow-cold heights - in June

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John Murray

In about a week I return to Calcutta  
 there I intend to go in a <sup>small boat</sup> ~~small boat~~  
 down to Bombay & come back by the  
 way. There is probably to Calcutta, & there  
 (I don't know how) I have  
 in so thank you but I have let me see  
 the Himalayas, & to come after it  
 I cannot I would be but all  
 more 2 small things have been  
 done in the line of the  
 The work again before of the  
 mentioning with I could get a letter from  
 you ever from <sup>John Murray</sup>

3) Mt Everest & Kinchinjunga  
 where overcoats are required  
 & good fires. I'm glowing in the  
 crisp mountain air the first I've  
 breathed since leaving the Sierra  
 & am regaining the health & flesh  
 I lost in Russia. My appetite is  
 better than it has been for years  
 & I bid fair to grow fat in spite of  
 tropic heat, hotel's queer food & a  
 that. So much for health. I wish  
 you could be here all of you & maybe  
 the climate is delightful & scenery glorious