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Dear Mama

I wish that you could have been with us this morning, as well sheltered from the wind and rain we lay under a large overhanging rock on the very rim of the Canyon and watched a thunder storm roar and flash. The Canyon is the most tremendous and astonishing place I have ever seen and to see it in a storm was unusual and glorious. It makes me feel weak and helpless just to think of describing it - so I won't try, you have to see it - to have the least idea of what it is like and there is at the least reason why you shouldn't see it - for the rail road runs to the very rim. We are all very well and a very jolly party

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We have a lovely camp under a juniper with Yucca and cactus plants in bloom all around us. It seems strange to have cactus and juniper together and I don't seem to get used to having to buy muddy water by the bucket-full but the view and the fine air more than compensate for the dryness. Day after tomorrow we are going to the petrified forest. All of Arizona that I have seen is wonderfully interesting and fascinating, the desert as much as any of the rest and the air makes one feel as if they couldn't have anything the matter with their lungs if they tried to.

Papa ~~is~~ keeps finding people that he knows and the circle around our campfire

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keeps steadily growing. When we were in the dining room of the hotel at Williams I saw a boy who looked strangely familiar and after about fifteen minutes I remembered that I had met him at the Stanford party. He recognized me about the same time his name is Burnett and he is a nephew of Prof Dudley whom we also saw and had a nice visit with while we were waiting for our train.

I think we will get home on the fourteenth. Wish I could stay here longer but I'll be glad to see our own Sierra.

Lovingly
Wanda