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Glacier Bay

Camp near Eastern end of ice wall

July 7th 2.30 P.M.

Dear Lovie. The steamer Loven is in sight pushing up Muir Inlet through a grand crowd of bergs on which a clear sun is shining. I hope to get a letter from you to hear how you & the little ones & older ones are. I have had a good instructive & exciting time since last I wrote you by the Elder a week ago. The weather has been fine & I have climbed two mts that gave grand general views of the immense water fountain of the Glacier & also of the noble St Elias Range along the coast, ^{the} La Prouse, Collon Lituya & Fairweather. Have got some telling facts on the fossil question that has puzzled me these many years. etc etc etc. Have also been making preliminary observations on the motion of the Glacier. Loomis & I get on well, & the Reid & Cushing party camped beside us are fine company & energetic workers. They are making a map of the Muir Glacier & Inlet, I intend to make

careful & elaborate² measurements of its rate
of motion, size etc. They are well
supplied with instruments & will no
doubt do good work.

I have yet to make a trip round
Glacier Bay, to the edge of the forest
& over the glacier as far as I
can. Probably Reid & Cushing & their
companions may go with me. If this
weather holds I shall not encounter serious
trouble. Anyhow I shall do the best I can.
I mean to sew the bear skin into a bag also
a blanket & a canvas sheet for the outside
then like one of Wanda's caterpillars I can
be warm on the ice when night overtakes
me, or storms rather for here there is
now no night. My cough has gone & my
appetite has come, & I feel much better than
when I left home. Love to each & all.
If I have time before the steamer leaves
I will write to my dear Wanda & Helen.
The crowd of visitors are gazing at the Grand Blue
crystal wall-lined with sunshin (anthers) J.M.