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HAMBURG

R. P. D. „WINDHUK“

January 31, 1912

Near Mozambique  
& Madagascar  
where Wanda was  
supposed to go  
mountainering  
if you'd only  
ask her.

Darling Helen I hope you  
are all well. I've had the  
grandest time imaginable.  
"Kings may be blest but  
I'm glorious" etc. Left  
Cape town, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> arrived  
Victoria Falls on the 20<sup>th</sup> wandered  
about in the woods that fringe  
them dripping with spray  
& through the Baobab woods  
thence to Beira on the east  
coast 150 miles or so from  
the mouth of the Zambezi.  
glorious glacial sculptured  
mountains hundreds of miles  
& granite domes, ridges, peaks

like those about Yosemite  
& Tuolumne. a vast  
unletterable lot of them  
At Beira caught the good  
Wind but that I left at Capetown  
& am now on my way to  
Mombasa where I'll again leave  
her for a three week trip to  
Lake Nyanza, returning  
in time to catch the steamer  
"General" of the same line,  
due at Mombasa on the 27th  
of Feb. Then home I go via  
Suez, Naples & New York  
arriving California about  
April or May. You see  
then darling that after  
a look at the lake region  
all the rest of the trip will  
be only easy homegoing  
hoping all the way to find  
you well. Wanda's health is a  
source of anxiety, hope as I may.  
Love to all who love you.  
This letter will go direct to Europe by  
this ship. Affectionately  
Your father  
John M. ...