

could not tell him from
 "Adam's off of" as they all
 look alike, while in this
 chamber we were somewhat
 startled by a sound like
 distant thunder, the guide
 informed us that it was
 one of the blasts, something
 surprising to us the farther
 we went down the cooler
 the atmosphere, as I had
 often wondered where they
 got their ventilation down
 in the mines; at the extreme
 end of the branches is an
 air course which admits
 the air, and it then passes
 through all of the chambers
 to the main slope, thence
 up the main entrance
 of course before it gets to
 the top it becomes very warm.

and oppressive; we were
 conducted to a great many
 chambers but as they are
 so nearly alike one description
 will do for all, I will here
 state that one half of the mine
 is worked by Chinamen,
 They all seem to be quite
 merry, and are either singing,
 whistling, or chattering,
 after wandering about for
 about two hours we returned
 to the main entrance where
 we sat down waiting for
 the car, While sitting there
 we watched several trains
 pass to and fro, they whizz
 fast like a flash, Finally
 the foreman ordered an
 empty train to convey us
 up we were soon seated
 the bell was rung and
 we were on our way up
 well pleased with our 2
 hours sojourn in the realms

below

Well I was almost ashamed
 to / walk back to the boarding
 house, for I was so black
 that Mother would not have
 recognized me, Dear sister since
 we were down in the mine
 several of the rooms we
 visited have commenced
 burning caused by the gas,
 they have to have the rooms
 fastened up I am sehr
 glad they did not start
 while I was in them,,
 Well I went to S. S.,
 yesterday and afterwards
 for a buggy ride all over
 the country which I will
 describe to you another time,
 Say are you tired of this
 long letter? or do you like
 long letters if so signify your
 liking by writing me a long one

I cannot tell what I
am going to do until
I return from Cheyenne,
I will be there this time
next week,

I did intend to write
you an interesting letter
but am not feeling well
I coaxed Mr. P. to write for me
but he soon tired out, if
you are vexed at him for
writing remember it was
my fault, he is very kind
and good to me, if I were
here alone I would not
stay 24 hours, Will you please
ask Bro. Curtis for brother
Wells address? I am in
a hurry,

Give my love to all
(Mr. P.) and write soon
to your loving sister
Mary