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Story of hunting
horses in deep
snow

Dingle Dell Ranch

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Dear Lake Idaho Inn,

Miss A. E. Crockett

Dear Nora

Just received your long welcome letter to day. Was pleased to hear from you as ever. I was in Montpelier today but forgotten to get a bottle of ink so I will have to use a pencil. I thought I had several bottles in my trunk but when I came to look I found none. I have a very bad headache to night and can't write you a very long letter but will give you a brief synopsis since last Friday morning. In the morning I speak of I went up in the mountains to find a band of Frank's horses the snow was very deep and I had never been up there before, so it was a big undertaking

I am going to Paris to-
morrow and I want to post this
letter and you will have to excuse
my writing fast and in pencil
to night you must burn all
of the letters I write you in pencil
for they look so horrible if you
keep them long

Now I am reading the book of
Memories and making a study of it and
in connection with it I am reading the
Roman history (The decline and fall)
by Gibbon so far I see a wide
difference in the two there is a piece
the force somewhere I may be de-
fined a way to get it out and may be
I cannot I can tell better when
I get through with the two
together make a very interesting study

And many other little incidents
he told me of that was true that
no one but you and I should
have known - so there must
be some truth in Mr C -

I was surprised at the information
he gave me. He had found out more
in Logan in his short stay than
I had all of the time I was there

Well I could branch out further but
I don't think it necessary and will keep
the subject unless you want to know
more about what was said. One sure
thing certain - that he was in Logan
& knows Ticia & she knows him -

What passed between the - has
nothing to do with us only it has
taken the Territory out of my hands
and give it to another. That I consider
a big loss financially & no good title
one that I don't like either. It is an established
fact that he knew that I was engaged
and wrote it to Chicago, by whom he found out
I can't tell only what he said, which looks
suspicious

but thinking myself equal to the occasion
I started taking a little Danishman
along to help drive After preparing a
lunch I took the rifle & a pair of
field glasses, the rifle I thought would
come handy in case we should see
some deer & the glasses to look from
one mountain to another to see if
we could see any horses and tell
them without going to them

After all was ready I've begun
the ascent of the mountain back of
the house & traveled southward a
bout three miles, which brought us
to the summit East of the North
end of Bear Lake Traveling was very
slow on account of the snow being
so deep & the mountain so high we
made a little over one mile an
hour, Some places the snow was
30 to 50 ft. deep, on reaching the top
I brought the glasses to my eyes
and beheld two horses a small distance
to our right they were not the ones
we were looking for but we thought

their might be more over the hill
and went to see, when we got there
we could not see any others and
was at about turning back when
we happened to cast our eyes down
in a small ravine and to our surprise
we beheld the object of our search.

We ate our lunch caught the horses
(two of them) and by the time we were ready
to start down the mountain it was
two o'clock. I mounted one of them &
was leading the other and striking
to save time by taking a short cut
I led out in a different direction
to what we came up, we had not gone
very far when we came in a snow
drift up to the horses backs & being
on the lead horse it had to break
the way, when it got to where the
snow was deep it began to flounder
and I jumped off falling under the
feet of the horse I was riding I was
covered over entirely for a moment
& I thought I was in for a benefit.
All of the herd was coming down on

that he was not, he told me he had
been in Ohio Indiana Ill &
Iowa the last few years but for
all of that he might of kept up a
correspondance with Miss T.

At any rate his tale seems more
^{favorable} than to me than Miss T. does
he said that he was on the street
with Miss Haws when he saw you
and asked T. who you was & she
told him & said that you were
was engaged to her - she said that
you was her cousin & &

He also said that he was out
walking one night with her when
her brother came up & was going to take
her home they had a few words
and Miss T. told her that Miss
T. was of age and she could do
as she pleased if she wanted to
go with him - all right if not
he had better not touch her if he
did not want to get hurt
& &. When he went to see
Miss T. again Miss Haws run.

speaking of the Book of Common
puts me in mind of the paper you
spoke of getting and you thought
it ~~was~~ come from me. I am sorry
to say that you will have to give
your thanks to some one else, for
I know nothing about the paper
you speak of & am not worthy of your
thanks —

Well now The Mr Braige you
speak of I know but very little about
him I got a letter from Chicago to
day stating that they were well pleased
with my meeting with the Messrs
A. S. Braige Wallace W. H. Scuttell
& Mr Thompson. ~~The said that they~~
were the best men they had & I
believe it, I have never met with four
as intelligent as they were & am sorry
that I did not go to Frisco with the
Mr Braige answers to the description
of Miss J — exactly & he may be
the Mr St L — you speak of for all
I know, I have no proof that he