

L. L. Ranch

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Miss Anna E. Crockett.

Dear Anna

I am surprised at not getting a
letter from you before now. I received
on the 22^d & answered the same evening
sent it to St Charles the next day
I also wrote you to Mr. F. on the same
evening. I have heard from him &
he said that ^{he} had never had a letter
since I left there. Did you get yours
or not? Or what I said concerning
Miss Haws, make you mad? Or what is
the reason you don't write? I have been
in a quandary for the last 4 or 5 days.
would like to know what is the reason
you don't write. I have had three letters
from Logan since I wrote you, all from
the same person & I can't imagine why it
is you fail to answer

Are you not or what is the reason you don't write?

would be pleased to open communication again
and wanted me to tell my business & how I
was getting a long & when I was coming back
& she also said that she had not changed
her name since I was there & was not
likely for some time. Her name is Nettie
I can't write it as good as I use to in years
gone by, but still it looks familiar yet
I will write you a little verse
she sent me in 78 Which comes to
mind at present

"Memory is a golden basket,
Wher'in gems of thought are kept:
Some are rare of priceless value,
Often are with paste stone set."

Nova I am well, but lonesome
Wish I had gone to Frisco with Mr
Craig & the boys It is storming very
hard to night, snow must be many
three feet now, - I was hauling wood
to day, will go to Montpelier to-morrow
if it is not too cold, Will look for a
letter soon or I'll - I'll be coming
down, if I can get there
Sincerely Yours
W. H. R.

Well Now if you are mad let me know
so I can have some consolation in knowing
why you fail to write. & not be always
& eternally looking for a letter & not
get it. It seems like when I am looking
for a letter from you & very anxious to
hear from you I never can. Your letters
are most looked for & come most reg-
ular of all of my correspondance

Well you must be mad about what
I said about F. & Mr Craige. You
wanted to know what I knew about Mr C-
& I told you what he told me & as
for the man I got a letter from Chicago
the same day ^(I got it myself) saying that they con-
sidered Mr C- a superior man, & I
gave my opinion - from the conclusion I
drew. from hearing both sides of the case,
which I think I had a right to do. -
There seems to be a romance connected
but for me to tell I could not & justify
both parties. Well to tell the fact I don't
know exactly where it is. I think Miss F-
can tell more than I can

Well I'd say if you do not care I
would like to get the photo I gave you
in the summer, I want one and have
no negative to order from. My d. Gagg
of Chicago has been wanting me to
send one back so he can see what
kind of a looking fellow I am. Those
I had taken last summer are not very
good but I have been described by
several parties so it will not take a
very good one to represent myself.

If you can spare it I wish you would
send it as soon as convenient

Wonders will never cease so long
as the world continues to turn

Something truly wonderful happened
last week. Shall I let you guess & tell
me in your next? No I will not I
will tell you now. On last Fri, when I
was at the office I got a letter & who do
you think it was from? Why it was
from my dd correspondent, the first I
ever ~~rec'd~~ had & ~~my~~ I have not heard
from for nearly three years. She said that she