

"Sarnia" ¹¹ ~~Marquette~~

2 P.M. Thursday

My dear William

We have made
the journey to Portland most
comfortably, having a drawing-
room Compartment has the
advantage of allowing one
to lie undisturbed in the
morn., of wh: we all took the
full advantage as it was
12 ^{from Wednesday night} P.M. before we got our beds

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made down. The country
is covered with fresh snow
all the way & the last fall must
have fallen very quietly as every
bow & branch is ~~covered~~ laden
showing in the sunlight, such
we had in the earlier part
of the day, most enchanting
winter landscape. The sky
is now overclouded but
there is no wind & the Captain
says he expects fine weather
for the run to Habigan, etc.

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The strength of this Intention
 our Party have indulged
 in a full luncheon of roast
 Potatoes, tongue, stoned prunes
 & coffee. I now I must hurry
 off to arrange things in our
 Cabin as we expect to have at
 2.30. I am does not feel quite
 sure what may come outside
 of this smooth harbor in which
 we now lie.

I trust dear William that the
 change to Anna's with her high
 ways & Chery views of life, with

all the Children to her at, will
prove to be a pleasant change
& do you good. I also hope that
after reading such an enthusiastic
account of the benefits of exercise as
Anna has lately done she will suc-
ceed in persuading Bernard to go
to take daily Constitutional. And
I will take as much care of one
another as possible so you must
not indulge in gloom of things but
as but trust us hopefully to the care
& guidance of our friends who are
we shall look forward to the time
when we shall meet in health &
Comport in England. I mean