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Tucson, Arizona, (once more)
16, March, 1884.

Dear Mr. Savenport,

Your second letter to me in care of Dr. Farry was received just as I was leaving Savenport. I think the likeness of my friends (the two interior views) perfect, and shall be delighted if you can make some fine pictures from my exposures, as the two ladies are invalids, scarcely leaving home, and I intended to give them a pleasure.

The hints sent here by post-card I am trying to profit by. I have next to my room here a dark closet, and, as I manage, have no idea that light can injure my plates.

I have made two or three exposures, and shall try to get the plates exposed to you in a package of pressed ferns* in tin box.

The photographer here says it would take an entire day, and a fresh and full stock of chemicals for him to prepare himself to advise me. The trouble and expense deters me from employing him. So I try this little piece of smuggling. Oh, if you can only see the scenes which I saw on the ground glass!

I reached here on the 7th, jumping out of February in Vermont into June (in Arizona.) Thermometer often 80° and all the country green and flowery. Abundant rains, still continuing, are making this such a season for verdure as Arizona has not seen for years. I am already begun collecting.

I have bought a span of horses and a large spring wagon with a white canvas cover in which we can keep cool and dry and travel with ease. My hopes of success are high.

Am getting ready to travel southwest, where vegetation is more advanced, and hope to get into Mexico. If I could only get so far as the Gulf of Cal!.

Will not expose many plates till I hear from them on my return here.

A beautiful and loving letter from my daughter, who has visited my home, thrills me with strange emotions, with patience, really have its reward?

Peace reigns among all the Apaches.

Faithfully,

C. C. Fingle.

* Some lichens for ballast which you may if you please hand to Mr. Higginson.



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