

The Anchorage  
Anchorage, Kentucky.

Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 1909

Dearest Lady-

I am sending you two  
pretty words to the farm, by this  
mail. My apology for not thanking  
you before, is that this has  
been the 'perfect' summer but one  
of my whole life. My poor dear  
daddy is being allowed to suffer  
until we can't seem to stand it.  
Even the quail's don't seem to  
help much.

Well, I did not mean to  
bother you. I'm made of iron

and was told his money was expended & could not be returned;  
was to go) Dr Cook <sup>was</sup> offered provisionally to return  
to Greenland, - one of John's family to go with  
him, - and from there, he closed to make a  
dash north, to meet John, whereas he was  
enraged had separated himself purposely,  
after Peary's release & his release from the  
case of the camp & Mrs Peary.

At the time, it all sounded wild and  
quixotic and visionary, and it seemed  
I have required a good deal of money. The  
court would not allow his sister's  
estate to be drawn on, she being  
under age, and Peary was very fond  
he would die. If I had had  
money of my own at the time, I  
would have seen Dr Cook through,  
In the light of what has since  
happened, I believe he had sound  
grounds for what he intimated, that  
he could in honor, make clear  
to us. I only saw his letter which

steps, I am  
we are the  
Cook - Peary  
most. We all  
essentially. He  
knows, when  
money in the  
and was  
more than  
and ungenerous  
one of the  
practical and  
kind of the  
of John's  
had been  
granted to  
John to  
of Mrs Peary  
John's  
from the

steps, I am finding.

We are tremendously excited over the Cook-Perry contention, even more than most. We all of us hate Perry very cordially. My step-brother, John Verhoff, who got six quills a bit of money in that first expedition of '91-'92, and was lost on it, found Perry in more than one way, unfair, unjust and ungenerous. Dr. Cook was the one of the party who was kind, and practical and sympathetic in the return of the party with their news of John's <sup>loss</sup> ~~discovery~~ <sup>loss</sup> ~~discovery~~ he felt the search <sup>for him</sup> had been superficial. (Perry & John had quarreled bitterly because Perry detailed John to remain in camp & take care of Mrs Perry; ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> the letters to John ~~because~~ <sup>because</sup> he had asked to withdraw from the party when he found all

were very young, <sup>however,</sup> as I recall them. There  
was no question the and Perry hated each  
other then, and that we were least not  
getting hostile independent of Perry as far  
back as that.

Oh, poor, poor little Betty! The real was  
not yet, when you saw her. The pullets  
never rallied from the blow, and  
has gradually failed in health until  
she was gone to bed. Betty was ingenious,  
but she doubt stayed, that Betty could  
have deceived them, Mother & Charlotte. But  
while her father was been fishing so,  
we forgot that her dear, pretty, splendid  
mother was suffering through heart. Last  
Saturday very quietly and quietly, she  
died. The doctor says she had her  
first stroke immediately after the news  
from Betty left spring, and that  
he knew it was coming. She was  
only 48, and of vitality and spirit.

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Poor little Betty on her island! There  
was not even a steamer going to her  
for days, let alone any cable. Well  
later, Meredith evidently drew all  
his illustrations from real life.

I know you and Alice and  
Celle had a beautiful time. Bless  
you all! Nice people always have  
a beautiful time when they get together.

The household gives me in  
a great deal of love. Make good  
use of your self, it would be some  
economy to allow your self to get  
too tired! The fall up is much  
harder than your strong people

know. So he was I with love  
always,

George W. W.