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E. & A. MAIL LINE,

S.S. "EMPIRE,"

Sydney

March 30 1904

sailing, Helen &
Wanda. You seem
nearer now for
though still far
my face is now
turned homeward.

It is about 9 o'clock
& at noon we sail.

I'll see a little of the
palmy balmy tropic
isles, Manila & perhaps
Yamsett if he has
not gone home.

I've collected big
lots of New Zealand
& Australian plants. My

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last botanical ^[2] trip was nearly
3000 miles long - from here to
Queensland where the grand
wild forests of Araucaria are -
the Beddellii & Cunninghamii -
But I must not begin mentioning
species or there will be no end
I always thought of you &
Mamma when I was gathering
ferns & mosses in fresh dewy woods.

I think all the Colombian males
 & mothers that I mentioned eat
 & live on the same food with
 their fathers.
 You'd say clean for a month
 here. The Sibera which lives
 -Kony April 30th is due in San
 Francisco about the 28th of May
 On this ship the Emperor I got no further than
 Hongkong. The rest of the way by the Siberia
 from your Affairings I'd bleed you
 Savings

E. & A. MAIL, LONDON, S.S. "EMPIRE"

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You always came to mind
 also when I saw snowy
 mountains & floods of crystal
 water. My how glad I'll be to
 get home & find you all well & happy
 I hope little Dorothy is strong & blooming
 now as well as Miriam.

Kenia I hope will know me &
 give me a hearty greeting. But poor
 Tom will not be there to meet me
 I am quite well & weigh 148 pounds!!