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My dear Pat;

I got in on the Aquitania last night and find that your mother is away for the week and your father is in California, so you are the only representative of the firm to whom I can say Hello. I got your letter from Buffalo on the day before I sailed on the Rex and I was delighted to hear that you liked the Wyoming country and that you were helping to do the work on the ranch. So often people from New York go out there and never speak to anyone except other people from New York; a mistake, certainly!

I had a splendid summer

in Italy and France and a jolly,  
though very stormy voyage home.  
We were two days late because of  
head winds and heavy seas, but  
as I am a good sailor I always  
enjoy rough weather. I regret  
missing October in New Hampshire,  
but the autumn in France is  
really very lovely. I hope you are  
well and happy and are not indulging  
in mumps or measles.

Affectionately

Wm. Coates