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My dear Boys: -

We have just returned from the Catalina Islands. Mama's first ocean trip - it was a delightful ride, a great many were sick, but we were both saved from that. You must be sure to save my letters for me as I will have to refer to them as I keep no other notes. We went out in the glass boats and saw the marine gardens, the water is as clear as a crystal you can see to the depths of 65 ft. We saw blue fish, large gold fish like a black bass

we.  
Mon. we leave for Portland expect to  
get there Thurs. Hope to get lots of  
news from home there as I have had  
but two letters from home one from  
Albertus and one from Bicki.

God bless you my boys

Mama.

Lots of love to Kattie and Hattie.

and whole schools of sardines and many very large fish. The sea weed called kelp, porcupine, sea cucumber, and it is wonderful to follow a large canyon in the bottom of the ocean, hills, and valleys like the shore. The boats have three large boxes in the centre, we sat around them and looked down. The City of Avalon is not what I expected, the dust on the streets is kept down by crude oil, (think of it) in the place of water, the odor is not pleasant, but

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not as disagreeable as you would think. We saw a shark that had just been caught, and a black sea bass that weighed 310 lbs. the bass is fine eating. We also saw the mountain Goats on the islands. We saw a number of flying fish as we passed over the water. Coming home we stopped at San Pedro and took dinner + supper at Judge Goodrich's, had a lovely drive, saw the battle ground of Freemont, the old magazine with its porthole, and the

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place where our men were  
nearly driven in the ocean.  
We saw the government break  
waters extending about two  
miles in the ocean the only  
one of its kind on this coast.  
Today is the 29 of Aug. My  
boys birthday. Ullama thought  
of it often and wondered  
how you celebrated it; to-  
morrow I will write and  
tell you about our trip to  
Mount Lowe. I wonder  
if you are all well I am  
getting anxious to know  
so had Papa send a tele-  
gram to Uncle John for  
an answer. May our  
Heavenly Father watch over  
and keep you in safety.

Ullama + Papa with  
lots of love.