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Canon City Col.
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Letter from Cope to his
wife describing:

Canon City - "a new
and rough town of small
size" and

dra Lucas: an agreeable
young man and a
strict presbyterian"

Dear Wife

This is the third
day that I have been
here, and tomorrow I
leave for Colorado Springs.
Six days ago I left Chey-
enne, taking the new
route which keeps
nearer the mountains
than the old Denver
Pacific road, passing
through Boulder, Gold-
en etc. I spent a day
in Denver looking up
matters & things & it

have very well, we have
ceased in getting a
pass to Canyon City &
back. I can't turn back
on Mayland's photograph
or disagree with any of the
actions of Jimmie Allen.
I'll remain ^{now} satisfied with
doing, we have to get
back. I never have found
it looks like another
Eastern City. But even
these things are going up
everywhere.

Canyon City is a
town rather rough
town, of small size.
The scenery is fine. A
few miles from the dis-
-course of all the large

American, and a respectable
 young man, we sat with
 Presbyterian. He dined
 with his father's friend
 -ly. The father himself
 leaving died this morning.
 Don't say I want a
 couple of thousand of
 the Danish kind & sea-
 sonable which comes
 twice a week from
 the town north, & by
 land 4 miles further.
 There are signs of many
 others in the whole.
 On getting a one
 of it that it was so
 -ing to have one of my
 attache of horse, & of
 today I have it there

enough. I slept much
 & took account every
 hour day & night. Today
 I am much better, and
 tonight will I hope
 fit me to leave for Col.
 Springs in the morning.
 I have the tooth ache
 sore throat as usual,
 but fortunately with
 no complications.

I want to hear when
 you are & what you are
 doing. I don't want to let
 this forward to ~~the~~
 Denver, & so have not
 yet seen them. I will
 not write to Julia.
 Thy loving husband
 Edwin.

Letter from Cope to his wife in which he gives his impression of Cañon City and Oramel Lucas:

Dear Wife,

This is the third day that I have been here and tomorrow I leave for Colorado Springs. Six days ago I left Cheyenne, taking the west route which keeps nearer the mountains than the old Denver Pacific road, passing through Boulder, Golden etc. I spent a day in Denver looking up matters and things and it paid very well as I succeeded in getting a pass to Canyon City and back. I met here Jackson, Hayden's photographer and Ingersoll one of the editors of Science News. Stevenson who is now with King was soon to follow. Denver has grown; it looks like another Eastern City; but new buildings are going up everywhere.

Canyon City is a new and rather rough town of small size. The scenery is fine. I found Mr. Lucas the discoverer of all the huge Saurians, an agreeable young man, and a strict presbyterian. He lives with his father's family, the father himself having died this spring. Seventh day I made a complete survey of the Saurian beds and excavations which commence 7 miles from the town north, and extend 7 miles further. There are signs of many others in the rocks.

On getting home I felt that I was going to have one of my attacks of fever and yesterday I had it sure enough. I slept much and took acconite every hour day and night. Today I am much better, and tonight will, I hope, fit me to leave for Colorado Springs in the morning. I have the tooth ache and sore throat as usual, but fortunately no other complications.

I want to hear where you are and what you are doing. I ordered my letters forwarded to Chey-Denver, and so have not yet seen them. I will not write to Julia.

Thy loving husband,
Edward

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