

Of course I had forgotten the  
sandwiches.

PARK COTTAGE,  
LEDBURY,  
HEREFORDSHIRE.

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Dearest Mama

Aunt Nell sent  
a telegram in case  
you should have been  
alarmed by news in the  
paper of wagons off the  
line. A goods train  
came to grief & blocked  
both lines so that we  
were unable to proceed  
beyond a certain point

4 were obliged to sit for  
hours before we at last  
crawled up to the scene  
of the disaster. when we  
left the train & bearing  
our bundles in our arms  
stumbled along the line  
in the dark for some  
distance, passed the  
dislocated wagons, &  
at last reached another train

beyond them. By the time  
we got to Worcester the last  
train to Ledbury had long  
since departed but they  
fortunately put on a special.  
There was one man going  
further than me & I left  
him whirling on in state  
& stepped onto a cold &  
solitary platform at midnight.  
By a fortunate accident the  
station master was on the  
spot & he kindly remained  
in charge & sent the porter  
with a lantern to guide me  
to the house. The wretched  
Ount Dell was fast asleep

& we had some difficulty  
in arousing her but at last  
a window flew open & her  
voice was heard! She had  
sent a fly to meet me but  
the wretched man made no  
inquiries when the train came  
in without me or he would  
have heard what had happened.  
I had been quite unable to  
telegraph so poor Aunt Nell  
had gone to bed in complete  
perplexity! The incident  
was closed thus by the arrival  
of my box this morning -  
Your loving P.S.