

[Letter from Arno Knight to Olive Drinkwater; Arno is working in Colorado]

North Fork Basin
Pride of the West Mine
Sept. 26th 1880.

Dear Ollie:

I don't know as my letters received a very cordial reception from you. Indeed it would seem to be quite the reverse, if refusing to answer them is any criterion to judge by. I wrote to you Aug. 22d but have waited in vain for answer from you. Of course if a correspondence with me has become distasteful to you I do not wish to annoy you further, only wish you would be kind enough to convey the information in plain words, rather than leave me to adopt the conclusion which might prove erroneous and unjust. It is possible you did not receive my last letter therefore I write this; - not to persecute with letters which are not worthy, in your estimation, of an answer, but that you may not misunderstand, nor censure me for things, for which I am not responsible. My love for you has not, and will not waver until convinced it is a matter of indifference to you. If I could only see you a little while I would like to tell you a few things which I do not care to write concerning myself. I have reason to think you do not fully understand me, even if you do not misjudge me on some points, even in regard to my professions toward yourself. If you can believe in me a little longer and not deem me a selfish, heartless being with no noble object in life than the accumulation of money

I think I can prove to you that I am not, and have not been unworthy, of that confidence, whatever you may think of it now

A person of different views would have taken different means to have won your love – means which are flattering to a lady's pride, and which would seem at the time, to speak of a deeper devotion, and a more thoughtful consideration for the happiness of the one he loved – but allow me to say in all sincerity, and truthfulness that no one could feel a deeper sense of appreciation of your noble qualities than myself, none who could love you more truly and unselfishly than I do. I desire to see you happy and while you are true to me it shall henceforth be my earnest endeavor to contribute to your happiness. God grant the day may speedily come when united heart and hand, we may still be blest with love, happiness and prosperity

Proud and contented with your love and trust it shall be my proudest aspiration to make you happy and prove a blessing to you as your love shall be to me through all the devious paths of life

Arno

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If you have no objections I wish you would return your Photograph