My dearest -

I have been here five days. Went to Mystery yesterday cleaned up four boxes, two first in each string, cleaned up 32 1/2 oz. in all, 1/4 goes for royalty, leaves 24 1/2 oz, or about, for our part, \$17.50 per oz. so you see it was not very strong but really was not time to clean up at all, but water was too slack to go ahead so cleaned up the best so as to be sure no one would bother them, as nights are pretty dark now and this has been such a bad year there are lots looking out for get away money.

I am staying here with Bob Straus, he is running this now for Tom. Uncle Tommy is at Gold Run, doing nicely but scarce of water.

Silas Hayes was up to Nome the other day and brought back a dear welcome letter from you.

Tell Sterlie I have his knife and pencil, I am not so sure about the pencil but will have them for him when I see him next month, I say next mo. for that is sure.

I am not in the habit of opening your mail, as you know, but an Insurance letter came for you, which I will open and enclose it does not amount to much but you know best.

Oh! I do want you so much, well I guess you are tired of that old talk, so I won't say any more about it, but I am.

It is so dry looking now I doubt if we have any more rain, but I am going to stick till Oct. any way only one month more.

Buck and all the dogs are here with me, I tell you they are lots of company. Mrs. Faget and babe came yesterday for winter he is promised \$6 per day, cral lights and rent free.

No more this time.

Lots of love and kisses for all.

Allways yours only as you know

Paul