

Clarity just exactly what part I was going to play. The fact remains that my love was in nature and as a result I am now and forevermore <sup>a</sup> mountain rat. Naturally it is an interesting and legitimate profession in my way of thinking with many worthwhile contributions to be made for society, but to others it spells a different name. This life will mean a simple but full life of adventure, anticipation, responsibility and danger with frequent adversity, hardship and discomfort - one must have a love for unnecessary trial and struggle. It is useless to parade before you, however cunningly on my part, all the beautiful and subtle glories of my elemental world of fresh air and sunshine but you can be sure that it is a most philosophical and equitable way of life. You just seem to live in hourly contemplation of the surge of the eternal world with all the petty troubles around us assuming a triviality of utter insignificance. One thing sure, I can promise you a natural healthy life in an uncomplicated world where we can escape that economic slavery and universal degradation that faces the world at this very moment. But, again, as beautiful a world as it is, it still has many hardships and discomforts - discomfort to the extent that it may mean living for months from a pack train (group of pack saddled horses) or spending months in an open tent with the minimum of conveniences - luxury a non-existent entity, yes - and no hot water ☹! Physical hardship in enduring a wide latitude of environmental conditions from the frigid and snow-blown blizzard lands of the arctic to the hot and lands of desolation in the desert. Can you imagine being isolated on a wild island with nothing to turn to but the same face of your husband for a year or so? "Horror."

I must confess now that I have always been possessed with a horrible reluctance in asking one to share in a life that is so foreign and crowded with so many inconveniences and hardships and especially reluctant when asking one particular individual who is so deserving of far better and finer things in life than I could possibly give to her.