

I am as good as dead - the day
much food I hope he may be long to tempt - the poor people
who have so far to come for their souls -
We do not feel that we have half seen London - but still I
think we have seen pretty well

Last Sunday afternoon we heard a funeral sermon
on Lord Palmerston - preached by Gen Stanley, the
man who was an American with the - France - at
Westminster - abey - The sermon, Mr - Bishop Muller, Telling
was worth most life the hymns of the remarkable men of
past & present times (here he sat in the carriage which bears
Captain from Napoleon at Waterloo) ~~we~~ have all four and
the picture of Blenheim

I think if more than possible you will find that we
decide to go on to Dresden - The climate in Berlin in Paris
is represented as worthy of much talk is made of the cholera, but
it does not feel afraid. If it was very bad I do not think we
would go. I suppose we must be in Paris
The hour is late so I must be up early I will not add I am
except to go to all Mr - household. Tell your Mother I wish
she would send to Mrs Richard Lane of Bucklin & Crane South St. for
2 silk shirts for Grandma - high neck & short sleeves. I intended to get
them but in my haste forgot it - love to all friends that remember me
& return a large share for yourself. I do not pay for the postage to

pay these than here
to again Good Bye -
I write to no other -
except Mr - my friend
your Mother - don't
forget to tell her
I am your affec-
tionate Aunt -

Langham Hotel,
Portland Place, London. W

London
Nov. 5th 1865 - W. End.

I am not writing
to London without a few lines
as it may reach you a few days
earlier than if I wrote from Paris
& I am sure your friendly interest
will make you anxious to hear from
than my letter to Mother mailed
at Lüneburg, contained. We leave
to-morrow morning (Monday) for Paris
via Dover - We reached Liverpool on
Saturday night at 8 o'clock taken on
a damp uncomfortable little steamer
from the pharos "Persia" on which
there was no place to go but to stand
on the deck. Took a very comfortable
tea at the Washington Hotel the favorite
with Americans & went off at 11 o'clock
for London - where we arrived at day-
light. Tho' we lost all view of the family
yet as I hope to go soon it again I
thought it better than to stay in Liverpool
& unpack for Sunday - After taking a
pleasant walk, we came back to the

on 66 ft. high in the centre - here are tropical trees reaching to the
very top - It is heated by hot-water tubes & the smoke from the flues
is ~~concealed~~ and is pumped nearly 500 ft. - of course the collection is not
conspicuous - Palace built by ~~many~~ other large & venerable. Refractal tower
one of the most curious things I saw was a Colossus of the with - immense steps
leading 3 or 4 yds. long coming out - like a cork screen - They came from the - servant
of ~~India~~ of ~~India~~ - There is one house for ~~beggar~~ alone - for
hospital found one of them 140 feet long - an immense collection of woods
gathered from all countries but particularly the colonies. Then occupy a hall
by themselves - then there are several Museums containing plants, woods & curios
these ~~are~~ are connected with the vegetable kingdom which might give
one a weeks pleasure to examine - My note & whatnot. Signals all my
appetitions - Pleasant as it is now it must be far more so in summer
when the grounds are filled up with plants now housed - Tell you nothing
ever they of the Crystal Palace alone are worth a trip across
the Atlantic - So day we heard the great Spengler &
the audience alone was worth going for - We saw very pretty
picked out of the - and by a gentleman who appeared to give
us a seat before the doors were open & thus we were
drawn from the ~~fun~~ which I suppose always crowd
there - His sermon was long (one hour) but that interest did
not flag. I should say his style was much like Henry Ward
Becher but more dignified less alliteration & more nothing
to make the audience laugh - perhaps he more resembled
Dr. Palmer of New Orleans, only that I would say the
Cath was more pure kind in style - The humor was so
smoky I could not see him distinctly but he is coarse

anyhow recommended by Mr. Katurum
& also by Mr. Dodge in a letter received
on the Persia - We were at first very
much disappointed with it, as we had
to wait nearly an hour the first & second
day for our dinner - Since then we have
got into the ways & find it very comfort-
able & not extravagant considering its elegance
& comfort - Our rooms are on the 3^d floor
which is 2 floors above the entire set 60. per
day for the room (with ^{city} port) 1.5 for food per day
1.60. for attendance, meals as you order
them - one till from Sunday morning to
Saturday morning was a little over \$20. This
included wine of which as we had some
gentlemen in our party & ~~once~~ a ~~great~~ party
part - we did not take a ~~pauses~~ ^{sitting room at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~high~~ ^{high} ~~pay~~ ^{pay}.
The weather has been, oddish so that we have
a faithful conception of the smoke of London
Yesterday we visited the Parliament House
& the atmosphere in the rooms was so thick
we could scarcely see any thing. I have not
the faintest idea of the walls in most of the
rooms. The House of Lords is so small that
it is not difficult to see but even there we
could not ~~seeing~~ with the paintings on each side
of & over the throne & the feeling was out of the
question - He saw the Throne & the seats
on each side for the Prince & Princess, also the
royal oak. We stepped into the Court of Appeal,
in their big capes trimmed with white fur
& wigs. All the barristers in wigs & gowns
slap. As the pleading was not very interesting
& tedious seemed out of place I had no desire
to stay long - From the Parliament House we
took cab & went out on the rail road about
9 or 10 miles to New when are the Botanic
Gardens & old Palace of New. There once belonged
to the Royal Family but have been relinquished
by the Queen about 1840 to make it available for
the public good. I could have spent two or three
days there delightfully gawking at the wonders
of nature from every chair & for after all
how much more beautiful is nature than art.
The collection of Palms is splendid. The building for
them alone is entirely glass 362 ft. long, & 100 ft wide

party - going ⁽⁴⁾ is not very favorable to study
but as they do study hard & as we have
not enough acquaintances to draw us into
much, gladly I think it best not to forbid
it entirely - Fanny is very anxious to skate
& I think will soon learn. She was out
in the pond, yesterday, I will try &
send you some slices of the "Garten."
pond &c. so that you can have some
idea of the chief place of winter resort
in Dresden. In summer it is equally
a resort for drives, walks, summer
theatricals, &c. - If I can find any more
~~than~~ enough to put in a letter I will certainly
send often - I would give any thing but
you to enjoy a few hours in the Dresden
galleries every day. I think it would give
you something else to think of & make a
hard man of you - There who have visited
the best galleries in Europe say it surpasses
all they have seen in richness - Fanny
has bought quite a volume containing engravings
of some of the best pieces so that if you never
get here, you may later pleasure in looking
that over. Her teacher promises her she
will read Goethe & Schiller in 6 months -

My offer of £150 for the English Tutor
was not successful but as I consider
it enough according to what people tell
me I have as good as good can be got
this gentleman spoke German & French
perfectly which is not usual in an English
man - I do not consider that John is losing
time by it, as it was necessary to devote a



Dresden, Tage
12 Wiener Strasse
Jan. 14/66 -

Dear Lewis,

Grandma will I
know excuse me if I answer you little
instead of writing to her to night.
I wrote a very long epistle to you
last week. I scarce ever succeed
in getting letters off on Wednesday
for the Saturdays papers - I made
a great mistake in sending a newspaper
this 'the "Briefkasten" the other night.
I fear there will be an enormous
postage on it - but I did it in ignorance.
Grandma is our best correspondent
since a week finds that we do not get
a letter from her & it is such a
pleasure to think she is able to write
& generally so cheerful - As for your
good Sir, I suppose we must accept
your apologies as you seem to be
trying to atone for past offences by
writing a second letter to the family
this week - I am sorry that you
have such serious reasons for your delay

"The Carleere" in 12 Greener Street, (3) is progressing fearfully in
health & comfort - no material change since my last a week
since. Miss Samy & Sallie's Mother I attended a party at the
Consul on Tuesday Ev. which Miss S. enjoyed immensely. Indeed
I think the young lady is becoming very fast all opposition to -
parties, & the probability is that I shall have to put on the strings
& tighten them ere long - As I have again been invited and myself
have yet except for to-morrow Ev. I shall not be able to join you
any more of the society - I cannot say any thing favorable of
what I hear of the German Officers' Picnic at the Oak Party -
to-morrow we are invited to Col. Morris's to whom Mr. Westman
has sent me a letter of introduction - They have been more into
German society - than most of the Americans here & were recently
presented at Court - Mrs. M. is quite young & gay. The Col. was
in the Mexican war besides at Orleans & left the country when
Lincoln made his first call for 90,000. I do not know his politics &
I have saw him before last Ev. - I expect a very stupid man myself
as even the old man Duce & I must sit up with - the old ladies.
I consider a conversation party much more desirable.
A family of Standard V.P.s here recently for stay the young people of whom
I heard of have been great favorites & one of the sons was a graduate of Yale
as he was young it must not be long since - He acted in the private
theatricals two weeks since & did admirably.

2.
Silence in the "Redevilling" law business.
It must indeed be very serious, since
it seems to have taken away all
your good humors & ^{even} philanthropy.
A vein of misanthropy runs thro'
your letter which certainly does
not compromise the "credits" of you as
a happy & successful lover -
I hope better times are in store for you
& wish you could find some young
ladies in New Haven with whom
you could visit & be entertained.
I consider club life very bad for a
young man except as an occasional
thing & certainly think there ought to
be young ladies in New Haven with
whom you could pass an evening
agreeably oftener than you do -
By frequenting the club so consistently
you will become much older than
you are in reality & will gradually
lose all taste for young society
which is certainly unnatural at
your time of life. Having commenced
a my letter with a piece of advice
for which you will not probably thank
me, I will to other things -

great deal of time to German in the beginning
But by he will not have to study so hard
to learn the same amount - A young Mr.
Ample (a married man) who commenced
German with the same teacher & weekly
Mr. Lohm & I, did. - Can now write Dr.
Pöschel a German letter, but then he was
widout, a good Greek & Latin scholar
graduate of Oxford. Dr. Pöschel is well pleased
the children's progress -

In the children's tuition I am not well
satisfied with & must make a change.
My letter must go to the "Briefkasten"
before 10 o'clock & as the House man is
coming for it - I must close. I suppose
you wonder who this is, every here which
is at seems to have a House man a man
to take charge of it; He locks the gate &
doors at night, He has his own kitchen
on the basement & every convenience
but his own coal. - I presume he lived
on Mrs. Mearns' & mine in that way -
The house maid is highly amused if I get
out a German word & remarks laughing
Ah "das ich gut "Deutsch"

 I have tried a new girl, now
for a week past as a maid
& seamstress but this is so valuable as a
linguist she is perfectly spoiled by having
been in America & so free that I do not
think we can keep her - Fanny says she

nearly gives her a spasm & I consider
I. to have much more patience with
servants than I have -

What is Gene going to do? None of you
have told us as yet - We are much
interested in what is going on in the Congress
& would like a paper occasionally. The
Sister Galivernian & as you will see learn
a good deal from that - What will
split in the Republican party lead is -
I trust Pres. Johnson will not be overruled.
I feel great anxiety about misdirected
movements as there really seems cause
for apprehension. We have letters
telling us of Wm's arrival at Cambridge
but no particulars of arrangements
with the negroes as yet - I visited

Mr. Thode this morning this week
but ascertained nothing new. The rate
of discount by the Bk. of England must
increase exchange for us. Is it not so?
I am weighing all I spend this month
& do not intend to run into any extrava-
gances but my Cotton must go to

Good night my dear Lou,
with warmest love to all

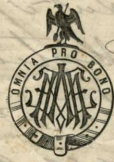


Fanny
wishes to
Grandma

Y. afft Aunt, love to the children
Each & kisses to all

very dear 3 months, & it is very jealous of
Miss Memmell because she keeps a carriage
so you see Dresden is not wanting in
fashion. A young lady who arrived about
two weeks since & came only with friends
to Leipzig & came here only with letters
but those from the Frau Rensselaers to a
high German family has occasioned a
"grand sensation". She is very handsome
tall, fine figure perfect self possession & the
manner of a matron of 40 yet is only 18.
Her name is Miss Rensselaers of Philadelphia.
The lady to whom she was introduced had
carried her into the very first society in
Dresden & she has attended all the ^{giving by the} ~~Car~~ ^{the} ~~Car~~
balls except those at the palace which she
could not do, because she had not been
presented - She is an orphan, has been at
the convent at Manhattanville. She is very
lark & does not pretend to follow the
counsels of those who would be her friends
& of the lady who has introduced her.
Many Americans refused to be introduced to
her thinking she cannot be all right. When her
called upon her for the very reason I suppose
that she is handsome & has been so much admired
at the balls which she attended I am very
curious to know her history. She staid at
Prof. Wilmers for two or three days so that I
suppose she must have had letters to them ^{from Mrs. V.}
from Mrs. V. Miss Wilmers tells me she
corresponds with Mrs. Phelps. Mr. Sheffield's daughter
& they enquire for Mrs. Porter. This German lady
to whom Miss R. brought letters has already
brought to get some American ladies to nation
of her as she finds her quite too fast but I
think she will find it a difficult matter.
I say you will be careful of what you say.
She may be a friend of the Frau Rensselaers.

Dresden Tage
12 Wiener Strasse
Feb. 11. / 44.



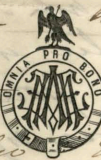
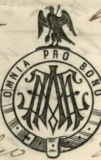
My dear nephew,

I think I wrote
you about two weeks since
but you have given me so many letters
of late that I must acknowledge
your favor to night - I fear it is
only a passing spasm that has taken
possession of you & that you will
soon drop that pen again - Some last
of the 22^d Jan. was received a few
days since. I have written since then to
Grandma, but did not express any
of my anxieties to her. It has made
me very glad to think that she is looking
& feeling better & I know how fatal
these cold winters always are to old
people - She had written so bright &
so well, so clearly that I had flattered
myself she was doing wonderfully well.
And I took with me to each mail
feeling that she will indeed be a welcome
from me then will be gone the best earthly
friend - there is no love like a mother's.
She has been spared so many years & yet
I who could have most contributed to her
happiness & who in the course of nature
ought to have been with her, have been
cut off from her. It seems hard & must

usual, - yet now when I ought to have
stood with her at the last hour, and
don't shew her in days by leaving
myself away from her - But I will not
burden you with my sad reflections. I
trust you may all contribute to her
comfort & yield to her fancies as much
as possible. but I do not think I shall ever
be satisfied that I did what I ought
in coming away this winter.

Levin's visit with his wife cannot be any
pleasure to ^{her} - indeed I think if I were
in your Father's place I should intimate
to Levin that his company would not be
agreeable - I really do not know what
to make of him - to think of going to New
Hampshire to marry a person he has
never seen. There must be something
unhinged, it would seem - I regret very
much to think of your Mother's having
Erysipelas & hope she may have no return
of it. It is a disease one dreads so much
now knowing to what extent it may
advance. Your last was evidently
written under the excitement of your last
visit to New York & of the flutter caused by
the approaching marriage of your friend Schuyler.
He will be a great loss to you as you will no
longer have the bachelor's quarters to visit but
must consult the etiquette of a New York
fashionable mansion. I hope you will tell

us the young lady's name as you do not
mention it. I hope she is not tall -
I suppose a trip to Europe is the next thing
as Mr. L. has already been abroad,
perhaps he is not so anxious.
We were at a ball the other evening at which
a large number of Americans were present
but I also understood that there are ^{some}
many who were not there - two or three families
at the Bellevue ^{Hotel} Pells & Schencks from N. York
who have come since we have been here -
a Mrs. Bedford mother of 3 Colts two
daughters & one young man who have lived
in New Haven for two years just called
on me yesterday - They lived in the house
fought by Dr. Patton - & the young ladies
were at Miss Braces' school - She was a
Mrs. Colt of Patterson - She seems to have
known the Dotchbusses & Dr. Bishop's family
(as he was her landlord) very well but her
acquaintance was not extensive. She is pretty
much of a character, I think. she went into
a great tirade (speaking in Spanish) to a
young man a South American the other
night at a ball at Mr. Hoops' (our bankers)
because it was not the custom here to
introduce strangers & that old ladies & were taken
no notice of. He looked in wonder, said nothing
& walked off. I did not understand what was sitting
by her side & understood enough to know all
she said & Jeanise was highly amused at her
indignation as you know I am used to submitting
quietly to the injustice of a place - I understand
she considers herself at the head of the
American society here tho' she has not been

I have may only have got the letters through
the influence of others - Of course Americans
have considerable curiosity about her. I
Specimen  had a few hours already written
about her. I received a letter from
Mr Dodge  night before last dated the
28th also enclosing me four letters to
Fanny all of which we were very glad
to get. The Doctor seems to think I am
ignorant of Louis' proceedings & after
all does not tell me leaving it for Mother
I declare if I was Grandmother I should
I should not receive her - I think
it is too bad - I am really sorry to think
my brother could ever be treated so but
indeed I do not see what else is to
be done - I was glad to hear the Doctor's
visit was doing Mother some good
I have no doubt it will. company is a
great thing for old people - We had
more of a flurry of snow to day
than we have had before this winter
the flowers are constantly in the market
for sale in the open air (for the poor
women have near any shelter but an
unmade umbrella) to for the last few
days we have had young lettuce & spinach
The hyacinths are being beautiful & very
large. but still I understand not as fine as
in Holland - They have a great variety of fish
here but I have never tasted any I liked
except the salmon, perhaps the fault is in my
cook as she sent up one first with the scales
on, which is disgusting as we thought we
should never want to see fish again - They think
they have good oysters here but since tasting them
in Paris I have not desired to taste them. Their
taste was very copperish - The partridges are
not tasted, the pheasants I have only tasted at

The Hotel when all things taste alike. The season
is very abundant but small & so high I have
not been willing to buy it as yet - Perhaps you
think I don't know what is high - but I think
3 Thalers for a small kind quarter is pretty
dear - salmon is over a Thaler a pound -
a turkey is nearly 3 Thalers & a goose is \$1.25 ^{groschen}
The beef is pretty good & the veal very good -
Last night ended the fairy of a large class of
the people. The Court is Catholic & the last ball
was given last night - at 12 o'clock the trumpet
sounded for all to leave (To day is Ash Wednesday)
The Episcopal Minister to-day brought a sermon
about his beard for preaching that these facts
of Lent were instituted by Edward VI for
the benefit of the sale of ^{dishevelled} hair that we were not
shy to observe them facts more than any
other - I was not present myself - the indignation
of the people is excessive & I fear it will result
in the poor man's being displaced. another
minister present around whom quite a party
have for some time clustered as being more high
church) hit his lips in anger & left the church
in the midst of the sermon - I shall be very sorry
if he has to leave for he is a good man & does much
for the promotion of good among his people. He has
Bible discussions at his own house for the young men
to which he has invited & has several times.
Fanny went to her second ball last Sunday at Mr.
Knapp's on bankers (a partner of Mr. Thaler's) of
course I maternalized & came home in the morning -
They visit among the civil community but not in
the court circle - Of course there was large circle
of Americans as he is the banker for so many
Fanny had a new dress which I had ordered
from Paris of white silk with puffings of tulle
around the skirt - which was so well forced that
it hung beautifully at the head of this was a wreath
of iron leaves with green & red berries. The same around the
waist & in her hair. The bodice was also trimmed with
* (30 groschen make a Thaler) so that one groschen is
a little over 2 cents in silver.

white fringe - a train came with it trimmed
with a puffing of tulle & a white silk fringe
of a very new & beautiful form but this she did
not wear - Her dress was much admired
& one gentleman told me he thought it the
prettiest in the room tho' there were ^{travellers} many
quite new & fresh - I would not descend
to such trifles in writing to go such a distance
but I know that you are interested, even in
hearing of a lady's dress sometimes & I am sure
Caroline your mother will not object; as for
Grandmama she will be sorry that we ever think
of such trifles - but tell her her Granddaughter
could have got an invitation to a very fine
ball on Saturday night but would not go -
even tho' she did not expect another opportunity
this winter - Fanny took part in some theatricals
at her school this week - They were entirely in
French & only the ^{Mother's} parents & sisters were
invited to attend - She got through her part very
well, tho' I feared much she would not. The
girls are nearly all Poles & Russians & all
acted very well - The last piece was so
pathetic that many of the audience were in
tears so you may conclude they played
their part with spirit - Mad Dutelle says
she got them up to improve their French,
but such things take up a great deal of time
The servant has come for my letter & I must
close promising to send you something more
worthy of interest next time for I feel that
this contains very little. Give quantities
of love to all in the house begging me
& all of you to write frequently - My dearest
Mother will I hope be able to write
soon again - love to all the children
Fanny Lalie & John all join & be assured
you have always the best
wishes of W. afft. Aunt -

Our papers are all read with much interest, Mr. Weston
also sends out papers. I ought to write to him but Grandma has said
so much that I do not like to annoy him tho' I really think I can learn
very much in never writing to him since I have been here - I
should tie a little string round the envelope of your papers as it is
apt to come off & they have reached as directed in pencil, the coverings
perhaps never have been reached your either as I have only lately
discovered the necessity - I have been interrupted so that
I shall have to finish my letter in haste - I do not consider
it very thing of a return for the long ones you have sent me
I can only promise to do better in a week or two when I hope
to be enabled to put a letter more animated -
I noticed some time ago in one of the papers that a new rail-
road was to be made which would take off the profits of the
G. L. & W. I dare tell me something about it -
I think I mentioned the state of my funds not long ago, but
lest I did not, I again repeat that I have ~~about~~ £550 in
part in Brown & Shipley's hands in London - & what I have in
hand already drawn will pay all bills up to the middle of April -
The children's doctors are expensive I must think but I do not think we
are extravagantly in any way, as dear Mary is a great-saver I am what
you would be in America or Paris - If your father thinks I have no

Sarah,

Frederick

March 22.

12. Wines Street - 1866

My dear Lewis

According to my
promise in the letter sent by ^{to Mother} to days
steamer, I sit down this morning to
answer some one of your many interesting
letters. You have kept us well posted
& your letters are very interesting. I can-
not say that you need expect much
that is brilliant - from me this morning.
As I am still a croaking invalid, with
hardly strength enough to walk about
the house - I must say I think
my German doctor is rather slow. His
visits are daily - for a week past.
Dora & Fanny also have been his patients
Fanny is in the library at her studies this
morning. He says she had chicken pox:
perhaps she did, but there were only
three little blisters in all - The weather
is chilly, damp & gloomy so that I cannot

I have never seen more of this pretty palmy existence than in this same
Mrs. Reford - We have heard of it in several ways before - Mr. Menell
keeps a carriage & footman - Then we do the same which I intend
to have the 1st of April I think know what she will do - Of course this is
not a good & only to amuse your private ear - The McCallans (the lady
& her mother in law Mrs. Stacey, seem to be as pleasant people as
I have ever seen, but they
have called on us this Mrs. Stacey
has called on Harry -

Mrs. Brynain being on the "Europe" this Mr. Botchkin has my
last letter from Mrs. Brynain was the 13th Feb & she mentioned
her husband as being with her, as your date is the 29th Feb, it
would be impossible that he should have gone & been with his dog,
the said nothing either of his having any intention to go to America,
I mean this Mrs. Reford that she son has been expelled from
College -

I will send you a paper to say who is with
perhaps give you some idea of European affairs - There
seem considerable dangers that Austria & Prussia will fight
with their quarrel about Schleswig Holstein. Prussia is very
pertinacious & not at all inclined to amicable settlement - Our
queen has gone to Rome - The papers say to attend the solemnities
of the season -

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drive out, otherwise I am sure I might grow
strong a little faster - The girls are sick on
a run to Switzerland in the summer, but
I begin to think I am too old to be
attempting those mountain paddles on a
week. L'au pensey vous? - I consent to
go to Prague, Trienza, Munich to
visit Switzerland at present seems too
unpleasant & I make no promise - I
have decided to go into Saxon Switzerland
in two or three months from the middle of
June to September then return here &
remain until the last of February or March
when I think we will go to Paris to
stay for 2 or 3 months during the Exposition,
in the following summer. It is not
worth while to make plans at present.
I am entirely opposed to a winter in
Paris on account of the climate & the
many temptations & attractions there
for young men - There seem to be few
here & I really think it an excellent
place - I do not think (quite now) that
the American society is particularly
good - There are a few nice people, but
many that I should care to visit
in my own country - besides there is a
vast deal of jealousy & gossip among them

right to keep a carriage which will be
95 Thalers a month I wish he would tell
me. As to purchases of pictures or other
articles I do not know what right I have
to expend money in that way - as I have
no idea what my own individual
income is - I have only bought one as yet
which is waiting some 4 weeks for my
inspection - I have got the opinion of
Prof. Hübnar on it - (He is a great artist &
the Director of the "National Galerie Royale"
He says it is a very difficult subject -
"Rembrandt & his Daughter" more so on
porcelain than canvas & he thinks I have
an excellent picture. The price is 150 Thalers.

I do not think your Father had better
advance more money until I hear
certainly whether William has sent
often to Liverpool. I think he has done so.
besides George seems going down -
I must close & send off my dull letter.
Give much love to all - This is a trying
month for dear Martha. I hope she
may bear it comfortably - all send
much love to Uncle William, Aunt C.
Grandma & the children - With much
from your aff. Aunt & love to all
Ever your friends -

in a magnificent Commemorative in every
direction, beside the uncertainty of when
teaching our friends a country to and from
their all combined to render our visit more
the speed the not very profitable in a
recommending view - the not advantage
of the house being again opened to public
life on Friday at 10 o'clock. The President
had commenced their entrance into the city
on Thursday at 11 o'clock being seen looking
for all day previous to the day of their
entrance as they advanced. The Royal
family left on Tuesday morning at the first
to dinner at the house of his mother (Mrs.)
only a little in advance of the President.
The latter therefore had very quiet parties -
their families a breakfast at a convenient
the people that they were invited in
their trip to that they came as friends
but as examined - from business first
and second around the house with much content
of her, but the night might have been
glorious. The ladies of Aberdeen & their
had both been entertained by the ladies
from the advance friends advance of which
two men some little settlement was made
among the people but not much. There
came forward in fact the day following
the few ladies were invited on a green
great success to the fighting the day. So
greatly commended their visit they were
the women & a crowd of young who came

Providence June 24. 1841
Dear Mother -
I have just received your letter of the 20th
and am glad to hear that you are well.
The water of the actual commencement
of the war - that is to say the actual
war was the first day occupied
by the President. He suffered the
society for 4 days but having in the
day the more & more difficult
to make in the night was suffered
to and treated. I am glad for our
country & I regretted to see you
glad to see you out of the city though
suffering by this time the President
had just left & advanced further
either into the city or to the
should the President's name be successful
the President & that they might
become very important in the
the day that we did not come to Europe
to get into any the war of the Civil
their own families & have I suppose
parties they had had in mind
surprise in the day of the
you shall see if I find any more
in the week & this day of the

just from the suspicion of fighting them out
to action - On Wednesday morning we were ordered by the
clapping of rifles & drums to march in a detached front
behind which I had only half dressed myself when I heard
the march drums in the distance & on opening my door
was told that the Prussians had ordered us to leave
the house immediately, & I did not wait to Enquire for
what I had to march to further every thing up as fast
as possible. In two hours time we had collected our loads
& the furniture was being rapidly carried off by the
Wagon & our limited baggage was in the way to the
"Bellevue" & our baggage men also waited for the same
Wagon & Carriage were already started in front of the house
expecting an attack from the Prussians on the heights -
Just back of us - Before any more baggage the Prussians were
seen the Prussians upon the heights, & the Elbe but
so many more Prussians seemed pouring in - In all of

in & interruptions ^{ing} communication in every
direction beside the uncertainty of letters
reaching our friends or coming to us from
them all combined to render our exile home
too speedy tho' not very profitable in a
pecuniary view - We took advantage
of the train being again opened to Leipzig
Leip on Friday at 4 o'clock. The Prussians
had commenced their entrance into the city
on Monday at 11 o'clock having been looking
for all day previous & the Saxons stood
retreating as they advanced. The Royal
family left on Friday previous & the King
& Prince at the head of his troops left
only a little in advance of the Prussians.
The latter therefore took very quiet posses-
sion published a proclamation to convince
the people that they were misled by
their King & that they came as friends
not as enemies - Some horsemen first
advanced across the bridge with much caution
& fear, lest the bridge might have been
sprung. (The bridges at Meissen & Riesa
had both been destroyed by the Saxons).
Soon the advance guard arrived of about
200 men & some little excitement was visible
among the people but not much. Troops
came pouring in for that the day follow-
ing. They behaved very unlike an enemy
& their general disposition was certainly
most averse to the fighting the Saxons. So
warmly connected they said they were were
the brothers & I heard of many who would

Most expenditure is of very limited growth - only about 440 and of it being in cultivation. You should I presume find me some new W. York to whom it may be assigned as I presume my good must be examined & only paid before leaving the Custom House in New York - You last of recent duty was received perhaps two months before leaving Dresden. I am purchase of gold all the rest you said has provided very estimate & my purchase of bonds very unimportant. I was obliged to sell some before leaving Dresden at 68 & I had bought at 76. We have now 5000 of six bonds left & 140 £ on my letter of credit. This with four present numerous expected I fear will not last over 3 months but I will keep you posted - I have drawn on my letter on J. Munro about 1810. pounds since my last account - I send in this a photograph to dear brother of myself. I have another one which I will send to Louis in my bag & she can have her choice. All are said to be very good. Certainly this only good one I have ever had. The weather is very new hot & rainy thing but pleasant for travelling & sight-seeing. If it had been hot or there needs later I think I should have gone to Boulogne & remained a while. The bathing is magnificent. I think we may go to Schkeuditz or Schlangenberg both near Ems & in Prussia. They are near Coblenz. Bonne from which place I am writing quite pretty place. I wish it. Long avenues of trees & University reminds one of New Haven of New Haven. Was lovely more by night. The Rhine, the Dear Hotel in the so - house & down the Rhine beyond when we ascended yesterday evening we had a most extended view of the valley & even of Cologne which etc. I have a sketch of the Rhine - a sketch of 25. March 1848. I had then collected a great preservation of the peculiar of the soil. The family shown but not - it was sealed the also the panels, or a of the steps. very same very top which the French

perhaps day after to-morrow at Cologne.

I think you will have to direct your next to J. Munro & Co. Paris & I will write to him as soon as I know where letters will reach at. As per our movements much depends entirely on the news we receive - as we proposed to leave to go to Switzerland for every one says there is a fearful crowd of Americans & English. Hence the English have all moved up to Switzerland, frightened by the war. They say this panic is great in England. Be much if we think of travelling here.

The children somewhere & in safe hands for it is tremendously expensive to take them as now we have the winter when with our former arrangements we should have left in season. Besides, at Cologne prices - winter is very expensive at the Hotel, as in that way they make most of their profits - at Cologne any of the Rhein armies which we did in the habit of drinking were 2 & 2 1/2 Thalers a bottle - while a very ordinary St. Raphael which we took as being about the cheapest was 10. - He had been told that all Balcony wines were dearer in Dresden than in this region - but then we always had a good claret - for 25 fr. 30 fr. you will remember is one Thaler. I did not therefore feel willing to make any purchases for you there - the price of wine says Cologne is a good place to buy the Rhein wine - which is one of the

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as information could be obtained. Our passports were signed by the Prussian commandant but we have never been asked for them as yet - I suppose our appearance shows us as Americans or English. At Leipzig we found we could come directly to Cologne & there seemed nothing left for us but to get out of the German states as fast as possible. He proposed to go immediately to Frankfurt but found that was occupied by a large army & that the route thence was too disturbed. It is always impossible at such times to get very correct information. Saturday morning at 9 o'clock found us in Cologne - & here was my letter commenced but as I was obliged to write to Dresden & spent nearly all the time in sight seeing I much regret that my letter will not be off for the steam of Wednesday as I fear you will all be worried about us. We left Cologne at 10 o'clock yesterday noon by steamboat in which we shall continue to Cologne - These our movements will be guided by what we learn. He had proposed going to Heidelberg as being pleasant, healthy & cheap since we had to bring the children & later also making it so immensely expensive. This evening I am writing before breakfast at Bonn when the boats of the Rhine commence. The game which only with our bags will be day again so by steam at Winterberg where we get out & ascend the Drachenfels which you will see mentioned by Byron. & join our baggage

Tell Grandma I will answer her letter soon tomorrow
if possible - Give my love to Cornelius + New York.
Ella Hughes, where you see them:- May 1st.

My dearest Mother.

On the anniversary of the
"battle of Port Eison" I sit down to write you a short
letter - How differently are we situated & that
time a year ago no power on earth could have
made me believe it would ever be - but "even
proposed, and God disposed". That day I
think we will never, never forget - so full of horrors
distress - May our dear friends there now, never,
be called on to endure such another -

Your letter + Grandma's were hailed with
joy yesterday morning - They were a great comfort
to us -

I did not want to write on Sunday, but as you
ask about my silk dress & speak of writing
to Mrs. Prichard to come and go with me
to Mrs. Waterston's
there, I thought I had better write immediately
& tell you that I have been to Mrs. Waterston -

She did not take my jacket - but says
said she would write to me next week & tell
me if she could get anyone, & if she could not would

I struggle against our dear rebels - She probably
mistake & meant to say the Yankees -
I have just had a daily one - or semi weekly,
there is such a one - I don't know which is
most interesting - the Times or the Herald -
I want to keep up my spirits, as I cannot
read or care for those, that tell such awful
things of our dear soldiers, whom I know are
fighting - it is not in them -
Allie will be delighted to get her
as she is anxious to wear her watch
& I want her to as it is safer - she
has also - hope they will come safely tomorrow -
Dearest Grandma for her letter -
Letters can give me a great
deal of pleasure - they have always been
my mes -
Mother has been sick in bed all the evening
with headache - but the nurse to give her a
hot foot bath - she says had made her feel
better - I have asked for my book, & bring it
to me - I want it very much indeed -
I have written to Jane or Mrs. Bell - I want
you from going by sea as Mrs.
said she would come to Conkville & put her
baggage on the go safely to Hatchey or Rodney
& you could go comfortably out
by sea - If Jane intends returning with you she will come there & then
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direct me to a Mrs Lewis - I was very much disappointed that she did not take it immediately, for if I do not have it soon there will be no use in it until fall -

I think we cannot depend on Mrs Waterston as her hands seem so full - we will have to look up another. Miss Hall's fits only tolerably - not nearly so well as Mrs Ballou - I think I shall patronize her next summer -

Sallie's dress

is very pretty indeed - fits beautifully -

I would like the skirt around my skirt very much - Prices seem to be rising very fast indeed - barages only \$3 a yard - greenbacks are valuable!! If I ~~were~~ you I would get Sallie's skirt immediately in New Haven - goods rise every week - then we need two more laws at least, & a common barage a piece & there will be enough for this summer -

Thank you one & all for the promised fruit - it is impossible to get any thing of the kind ourselves - and it will be very acceptable to your poor lonely daughters -

Yesterday we went shopping - 6 of us with a

teacher - we were out from 12 until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 -

I went out without reading your letter - there were so many girls in our room, & a letter from you I always cry over, that I put ^{it} in my pocket & kept it to read until I got back - I thought Dettie curls when I was out - I will keep them now, until you come and if you do not like them the woman promises to let me change them -

Q! we are so delighted that you are coming down - we almost feel made up & will try & keep up our spirits this week in expectation of it - Had you not better come on Friday, so that we can spend ~~the~~ Friday night & Saturday with us - My precious Mother, it almost breaks my heart to think I must separate from you - and every moment with you is precious to me - so if you disappoint us we will feel dreadfully - write me on ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Thursday}, what day you will come -

I am glad you sent the Marshall letter - but Mrs M's was just like so much chiree, I could not make it out at all, what is she title of Jo. Marshall - I cannot tell at all - " something

forgot that the Sunlight of the world was so pleasant
and I have concluded that it is not good for
man to be alone - The Iron party were delightful
travelling companions - perfectly amiable and
well bred - Mrs. Ross is accompanied to her friends
home by her father, sister, brother and sister-in-
law - Mr. Ross has nothing of the Indians about him
on the contrary he is an old school gentleman, Miss
Hick, his niece is a beautiful and intelligent
girl and George Ross the son of the Chief by
a former marriage looked and played Indian
for the rest of the party -

We remained in St. Louis four days and
on Saturday took passage on the Robert Morris
an Arkansan River Steamboat - Our Captain
complained much of drift wood and fog and
estimated to be three days and nights on the
river between ~~St. Louis~~ Orleans and Rodney - Fanny
had heard that I left St. Louis on Saturday
and was with Ann awaiting my arrival on
Monday - On Tuesday the carriage was in waiting
again but as we did not arrive until dark it
returned so that I was indebted to Mr. William
Murdock for shelter and hospitable entertainment
until the next morning when Mary with Johnny and
Fanny appeared to bring me out - And now my
dear Mary with kindest regards to your Mother
and husband and warmest love to yourself

I am as ever your truly
Henrietta W. Edwards

I have forgotten to mention that Fanny feared
from my delay in arriving that I had been taken
with Cholera on the passage and thrown overboard -
What a condemnation and termination to my
triumphant passage out here - The alarm about the
Cholera is rapidly subsiding - The weather was dismal
while we were there murky Lake Monit Ice 22nd -
and during part the atmosphere for festiveness but I trust
a brighter sun may change the scene -

My dear Mary

Your welcome letter was handed
me on board the Falcon as we were about
leaving New York - I had not told me that it gave
me the greatest pleasure to hear through the medium
of your own gift for that you had been in all
respect demeaning yourself so much to the satisfaction
of your friends - One of the lines that Spring will
hold out to beckon me to my beloved home will
be the hope of seeing you and Mr. Bristol surrounded
by your close branches - Let me tell you in the beginning
dear Mary, that if you continue to dispassion that fair
lady guest of yours in the fine terms in which you
speak of her predecessors I shall think you a most unnatural
mother - I wish you could have seen a Spanish family
that came on board our ship the Fluzanna - They were
dressed in the most simple, primitive manner, bearing a
strong resemblance to the Mullers in Eden before the fall -
Mary, our Stewardess, said that the Mother had a great
many jewels, referring to certain trinkets that she had

Seen - one of our wits enquired if Mary meant those
"Cornelians" down in the cabin - ^{ladies} Now if you ^{ladies} from England,
could manage as did this same Spanish Mother you
would greatly diminish your cares indeed I would
seriously advise Mr. Bristol and yourself to take your
Leira to Havana where you might dwell in a sort
of paradise - you have one less than one Seneca and
could queen it in proud contempt of care even better
than she - My visit to Cuba was like a vision of
another world. I cannot do justice to the balmy air
the beautiful Plaza de Armas, the Statues, fountains
tropical trees and fruits, to say nothing of the animated
beings, the fair ladies in the most gorgeous of
dresses rising through the moon lit city in the
most singular of all vehicles the volantes - I will
tell you all about it when I return, such a chapter
in Family Life I may never read again, certainly
not in Presbyterians from England -

And now my delightful voyage ended I am
safely housed with your Sister Fanny of whom
I doubt not your Mother and yourself are much
more anxious to hear than of my humble self -
Christmas is near at hand and much preparation
is required for the festivities of the occasion -
Ann is with us ready to lend a helping hand and
a merry laugh on every occasion, and I think we
shall all enjoy the dinner for the Stevedores the ball
etc. - Johnny has improved astonishingly since
he was in New Haven I do not see that he is more

mischievous than the boys - Willie is in fine health
and Fanny is just as well as - Little Arledge the
childrens play fellow asked me this morning with
a very beaming countenance - if I knew "Old Minton"?
Mr. Mudgett is full of mirth so that we are all together
a jovial household - I have some "incidents of
Limerick" to relate that afford some entertainment
and Mr. Mudgett can always give a round
for an Oliver - I did not mean to write
you such a hurried letter but the day has passed
rapidly away and the night has come in which
no man can work, more especially a sleepy one -
I have made a world of delightful acquaintances
since I saw you and shall ever regard the
good Steamer Falcon with the warmest affection -
We had the greatest variety of nations, occupations
and languages on board - Army officers and
gold diggers bound for California & say nothing
of four missionaries for the same destination -
There were Cherokees, Spaniards, English men
Scottishmen and a goodly spice of Yankees -
Major Hicks my Cherokee friend was greatly
admired and though I did not adopt any
disguise I can assure ^{you} I did want for the most
affectionate and unreserved attentions - I was
even invited twice to go to California and one
of the Missionary brethren left me a very pretty
memento with some kind words of friendship -
I had been so long in the shade that I had