


Saturday Evening April 8: 1843.
7 o'clock.

The weeks fly round pretty rapidly, my dear M., when one's time is occupied; and here we are scrambling away ^{again} for the French Courier who is off at eight; and is for us almost the last chance for the Cunard Steamer of the 19th.

 We looked to day certainly for the letters by the Great Western, but rec^d. nothing from home but an old paper of February 25th. - I have an expectation that with these letters by the Western you will again be quietly installed at home, tho I hope not if the season be as disagreeable as our March weather generally.

M. Irving is improving quite a grand gallop within a few days; this morning the air was so soft and agreeable that we were tempted to drive out along what is called the French road, up the valley of the Manganares, towards the Mountains - about two miles from the City Gate, he stopped the Carriage opposite a pretty little Camp of trees; and there walked about in the shade enjoying himself exceedingly: he was so much ^{with the shot} pleased, that we brought the cushions from the Carriage; made a couch for him on the grass at the foot of a tree, and near the river bank: It was a very pretty bit of rurality, and after the confinement of a sick room appeared to him a little paradise in which he reclined a la turque, listening in a dreamy state to the

singing of birds and the murmur of the water: already we talk of pic-nics, and "little baskets"; Mad. Albuquerque, and her small family - He is much troubled with the last news from home, and Master Phil's conduct, which I suppose has been duly discussed by Mr Sheldon and the neighbors generally.

We are to lose our young friend Brevoort next Wednesday when he sets off for Barcelona en route for Italy and Sicily - He has been my daily companion for more than ten months, and has so many amiable & delightful qualities that I shall feel very much the loss of his society: I am hurrying him off notwithstanding, and give myself credit for a Roman virtue in so doing, as I am afraid he will lose, unless he has a fair start, the visit to Sicily and Malta. - Señor Anzures is not a very entertaining companion so that there will be no third man in the family for the Minster or Myten: we must be each other's daily bread for some time to come: fortunately we appear to be improving in each other as: quantities as we advance.

Mr. L. is now so much better that he will begin to see his friends; and I have therefore engaged a carriage today to visit Toledo on Wednesday next. - My party (for I have got it up) consists of four: Albuquerque, Comte Maria (Belgium) Ames, and your brother. - We have a stage and four horses, and will be absent four days, spending Thursday and Friday (the great days of the holy week) at Toledo and returning on Saturday - I have a great curiosity to see this picturesque old town and its glorious Cathedral: I suppose you saw in Borrow's book that the

slaves of Toledo were shamed by the Spaniards on the ground that they had emigrated from Jerusalem before the birth of our Saviour and of course had no part in that terrible act of their countrymen. - Apropos of Borrow: they tell so many queer stories of him here that one doubts a very considerable part of his amusing adventures: we have made the discovery that his squire of the body "Antonio Buchini," is our Cook. - His own announcement of himself "Si mi Grea; Se mi fier. et j'ai des principes" is so far from the fact; unless the principles he alludes to, are those of robbing whenever he can get a chance, that "like Master like man" makes us doubt some of the ~~amusing~~ ^{strange} adventures. - To return to Toledo - all the world and his wife are going from Madrid to see the shows, and the gentlemen of the Road, unless alarmed at the numbers with whom find picking in the neighborhood of the old gothic town: It would be a great loss of their net if they should capture a Minister: a Charge, setting & so forth at one haul: -

I have a correspondence with Mr. Ledger inter alia, about lace scarfs which it seems are very magnificent at far cheaper here: I shall look out for you girls if I find any thing pretty in that way. - The Goffs are sitting and I attend to the debates and learn a little ^{of the} Spanish language and Politics. - The Queen Uncle "Francisco de Paula," has been elected Deputy and takes his seat in the midst of the Radical Republican party. - The Spaniards who are very ready with sobriquets, call him, Paco (the abbreviation of Francis) Egalité; - he's a very great simpleton as seems to be a necessary consequence of his birth, but his wife is a restless political intriguer, and is busy trying to marry her son to the young Isabella; This worthy couple had an interview with their niece

the other day, who according to the paper shed tears of joy in the arms of her affectionate relatives =

I have been introduced to the famous Quintana, the first of the living Spanish poets and Lord Holland's friend of 36 years standing to whom he dedicated his "Lope de Vega" - He is a very interesting old man of more than 70: Has been in dungeons for years, and only escaped hanging by a miracle, for the cause of freedom and is now

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in a green old age: He says a director of the studies of the little Queen: It is mentioned in proof of his independence that Godoy at the sight of his horns could not induce Quintana by any temptation to write a single line in his favor: -

I have but a few minutes & must begin deal and deliver.
What pleasure we look forward to, in the receipt of news tomorrow.
We have June suns and the lilacs under our window in flower:
Much love to Mama and all
Your affec brother J.H.
Miss M. Hamilton.