

September 6th

Pa has just handed up four
letters from the Pyrenees after your very dangerous illness.
It is impossible to deny dear Alex that I feel very unhappy
about it, and look with the greatest anxiety for the
next steamer, you can't imagine the sorrow and ad-
ditional trouble from that great distance intervening
between you and a sick dear one. I only wish I
could fly off in the first vessel that leaves and
join you. Poor Ma has been saved a great deal by
not having gone through the course and crises of the
disease. But now the great desire to know how you bear
the surgery, the fear that you will not be careful,
the thousand little things that we might do for you
the thousand anxieties I feel, render the ocean & the
many miles, most hateful objects. If you find January
well enough at Madrid write to me every particular
that we can remember of your sickness, every detail,
and the livingtons may be thanked for their kindness.
All your thought, & all you suffered - you conceal
a great deal. I know, for Mr Living wrote that for some
time you were to renovate your health, & we did not know
that you were suffering, perhaps it is as well in Ma's
account for she would fancy more than is actually
told her. Now then you had better come home, for cer-
tainly it is that you have had more sickness since
you have been away, than in the same space of time at
home. Sunday when we have had the Millers with
us at this last week to say they went down with Pa
& of course it was necessary to show them round
and we have kept Betty well on the go. Aunt

Then had us to dine in dining, we made a pretty large party for dinner. Well it will not do, if I

cannot see and want being had and good, but I need not in the best of spirits, as I am looking for that next time - to see that you are quite strong again. I don't say we had a very nice second visit to the Cotton-Down. When we had said I wanted to see it, the situation of things and said to the two of us in their bedroom, & at the same time I went to the waiting with two of my friends and two servants. 11th I was introduced by the arrival of what we and Olga from the cottage. The old house at Woodbury had been sold with the stable, church, & every thing, the furniture of course was to be disposed of according to the wishes of the estate, therefore the whole of the furniture has been down here for a few days and during, they intended to have sold some of the furniture but all had to be given for that & now the some of the furniture had passed into the hands of others with nothing left but the associations, which will probably be strong with them so long as they remember any thing. I have proposed to stay in the bed, in consequence of a lame foot which I hurt in the road - well, I thought of the saying there is no way except sufficient and of us to read to you in hand for a glass of water. I returned this afternoon with which I thought he is quite well now, and tomorrow would read me the words he is found as John master have (prayed) rather readily upon him, and he hoped that would be very well please him. Little John Hamilton's wife had come home to her father, with two little children who is of course attached to her husband and the

to drink & something & had left her. The family name will be somewhat in dispute in the bottom country. And

perhaps we were much put and taken just as again - 13th We have just sent off a wagon load to the works, that we, John & John, Olga went off with instantly in her box she has been no danger of hills etc, she & John when in Friday, we had today with a successful afternoon, surrounded for the children's schooling, studying German, attending to horses etc, she said I was returning with a very beautiful horse, we expect to return this with a couple of other from the city. We had one of the little steers but I might as they had been which I hadie this is staying here, the played me beautiful piece for a but she could not dance for she has lost a curtain, a table. We were remarkably gay, with the usual profusion of silver to leave, the we were as usual, the the young were here, with what were young who is staying with them. They told me their uncle had had another attack of rheumatism since for some in the previous quiet days, but that he had recovered. I was sitting with Jimmy's baby in my lap that hope he is coming home this year. I thought that we should have the letters by next Tuesday evening I think, I only hope that the mail bag has not been delayed, & that we were well enough to write. We have been better as some days ago, perhaps in excitement, I suppose for some really exciting they are from that journey completely worn out, I think "Hugobert" is only what I thought quite good as a letter - being particularly often he is surrounded upon Henry & the lady with Catherine & Frederick. which last night the children he says must be the best. To night we think we are

14th Thursday, Our tea party was well enough. Lucy & I the
 sole representatives from here, think what a change since
 the days when the wagon used to go full, it was pretty full
 for once. Coming back for ~~Montgomery~~ & Deland drove home
 with us & had the pleasure of ^{waiting} breakfast. We have per-
 suaded Ma to go off this afternoon with to Lordham, it is
 a long while since she has been there, he is going to

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drive her down with Lee & Tinsid. Think what a change
 when those two colts we trusted with such a valuable load,
 but they are perfectly quiet & well broken, Tinsid made one of
 four who took us to the Cotton Dam & back again on Saturday
 there is no city gossip but the engagement of Sam Bond with
 Miss Gimes. The Pearson is to be married in the fall & live
 at Paulding's - I had forgotten Miss Winthrop's (aunt Ann)
 engagement to St. Warren of Boston, brother in law of Mrs