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I am very dear Emma that your expectation of seeing me get out of the Hamilton stage will have to be disappointed for this summer money is rather too scarce for such a long journey and the season is to ^{the extent} of my travels, my Adiant visit too is of course given up though I believe Euphemia is expecting me every day as she said she should in her last letter which I have not yet answered for I hate to write word that I am too busy to come and see her, it is really tantalizing to have so many agreeable invitations and not be able to accept them, however I ought not to complain for I have been a fortnight in the country and am to go again the first of August, I went up to Tuguettes the first of July and passed very pleasant time at Anna Swings she has a delightful situation on the banks of the river about a mile from the village with a pretty lawn ~~down~~ to a little wood along the river's edge, the house is a very small one ~~but~~ with two piazzas it is very pleasant, Anna is very happy she is so devoted to her husband as ever who has very much improved since Mathias knew him.

Charles came home the twelfth of June and is at this present moment in the harbor writing he is not going to travel this summer but talks of going to some quiet farm house in the neighbourhood of the City to write up his notes and arrange his book for publication he was perfectly delighted with his western tour and talks of it a great deal he came home very well, and looking brown but still not so ugly as his miniature which you thought such a good likeness, he brought home a great many Indian curiosities such as hatchets, arrow heads, and beautiful beaded moccasins and bracelets to me. George is in Michigan he took me up to Tuguettes and went on immediately we have heard of him from a gentleman who saw him in Detroit he was quite well and in good spirits, he was quite well when he left home and I believe half sorry that he had made up his mind to go if he succeed in

his business I have no doubt he will like it, though it is a hard thing to leave home and friends to settle in a new country among strangers, I anticipate great benefit to his health from the change of climate which was the only thing that at all moved me to his going.

Sholto is ten years younger than when you left here, he passed the month of June in travelling having been invited to join a walking party to the White Mountains he is then active and full of spirits, his journey has given him quite a taste for gardening he takes a walk alone before breakfast every morning and spends a great deal of time on the front stoop and in prowling about the neighbourhood I don't believe he has forgotten his cousin Emma.

What gay people you are becoming in Hamilton with your boat club, you never even told me there was a lake there before what is its name? The boat parties must add a great deal to your pleasures I don't think there can be any thing more delightful than floating on the water on a fine afternoon, I have been twice out in the barge with very pleasant parties the first was to Fort Hamilton with the Kings and Dues and the second to Laurens with the Dues and Wills, Fort Hamilton is eight miles off on the Long Island shore and commands a most superb view we came back by moonlight to the sound of boat choruses sung by the young men. I am almost melted away by the heat our house is a complete oven these warm days the walls are so thin that the sun soon warms them through and there are so few window shutters that it is impossible to keep out the glare and the reflection of the hot pavements will come in I shall not have to endure it much longer for the first of August is almost here and then I shall be off to Fishkill.

The Rhinelanders are at Heligate Charles was out there a few days ago Mary and Phil are quite well the latter has improved very much in health since he went out, Mary made Charles promise to bring me out this week but I don't think I shall go there are so many people there I don't know, Theodore Irving goes there a great deal and is very attentive to Mary Charles says she talks and laughs with him but does not seem to have a suspicion of its being any thing serious I should be sorry that she should marry him notwithstanding his uncle's high opinion in which I imagine he will find few to agree with him. Ogden comes here as usual on Sunday and Washington Irving too generally comes he makes himself very agreeable but I have not succeeded in talking to him any more and I don't think I ever shall.

Frederick Rhinelanders told Charles that John Herbert with his wife and Mrs. Jones thought of moving to the Lake if they go they are to have the house free of rent and the place, I hope they may for it will be the means of saving it from going quite to ruin. You say the people have all improved in Hamilton in your next letter please to tell me something more about that all and how they are so improved, one of your friends Susan Black I heard was in town and talks of going to Saratoga with Mrs. Masters. Keep dear little Oggy as sweet as he is now until heat subsides when I am coming to see his mamma in her grand stone house if I should not be melted away before that time in our miserable little brick one. Give my love to your mother Matilda and Mr. Whitman say to the last that I shall certainly expect him to bring Matilda down in the Fall. Pa is quite full he will leave town the beginning of August he has not quite decided whether to Stamford or Oyster Pond. Write soon
ever your attached aunt

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