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Our last from Jon was to Pa giving an account of his misadventures and rebellions all over the Country & of an expected change perhaps of the entire government. It is sad to think of a people where the quiet, orderly peace loving, must be sacrificed so entirely to the ambitious, brutal, & restless. Four own time dear this seemed to be passed most usefully but alone, I suppose before this you have had changes even in your small household but I doubt if your chef has got ^{home} as we last heard of him with his feet up in Sarah Storrows' comfortable quarters. Storrows was not up here long enough to be able to offer him any civilities, George Schumler tried hard in town to get him, but it was in vain. Pa had been out to Bridgeport all this week, we caught him home to morrow, George Schumler walked in with us right before last at about twelve having left George Bowdoin in the Dream at the dock. He came up with the offer of an excursion, the Excursion again herself was to be up here ^{next} ~~the same~~ morning at eight, to take on board Mrs Schumler & Eliza at New York & push on to Bridgeport to join Pa & Robert, we were easily persuaded. Lettie McDane who is with us had never seen the East river & by times in the morning we were on the dock, but the Confounded boat did not get here until eleven, which rendered it too late for the Sound & we let George trip on board alone, he advising us first from Rockwell that she was all right.

Sunday 29th We did not get Pa home till this morning. He & Robert have worked away at Bridgeport and accomplished all they wished; the Carotta has taken her place, & will I hope now do her work without giving any more trouble. Pa made different speeches, and is much pleased at having gained his point. We have had to day one of the most lovely fall calms, we three girls drove up to the Sary Town Church, and walked to our own little stone one this afternoon. The Constants, Howlands, & Livingstons were the only representatives besides ourselves, & the good Creighton most faithfully gives us all sorts of good advice. Pa & Ma have gone off to bed already about eight o'clock. Geary & Juliette are talking of stopping & housebreaking until I shall be as nervous as a cat. we have kept ourselves as busy & enjoying as possible all this week reading Sulist's memoirs & Walter Scott out loud, & getting up till twelve or one. Pa says he must be off again on Tuesday & Ma wants to make a visit to Fordham, so we girls think of bestowing ourselves on Aunt Peg for a little while, but I dare say Ma will give up, if so we will stay home too. You see there is a great dearth of domestic news. Cousin Alec was here last week, and gave us detailed accounts of his farm, it is one of a hundred acres of Long Island opposite Bridgeport, we think it is put in trust for his wife, at least.

he is nominal lord. and is to live there winter & summer. it is a rich farm with plenty of game & fish, & in the neighbourhood of her relations. The third, Miss Nicoll is engaged to another army officer by the name of Blair. Harry Wayne & his wife have a nice little home of their own at the Point. While on this subject I may as well finish. Miss Pearson is to be married on the 15th Nov? & will take charge of her father in law's household immediately. A pleasant change for James R. to have that graceful pretty creature at the head of his house! his door had long looked as if the house wanted a mistress. Aunt, Jan and Uncle are at length without a house in town, they have rented theirs furnished to that Thomdike Jan & George knew in Paris (do you remember!) for 750 fr the 6 months. The Internates will probably stay in the Country till February and then go to the South for a couple of months. They are yet I will say kind and hospitable as ever. You may not know that your Uncle Wm Morris has moved in his new nice house in the Country & is there settled for winter and summer; & I passed a day there lately, it is a thick walled warm house with every luxury. we had a nice visit. I shall send with this some "Intelligencer's", we only take them for weekly, & they do not seem to me to be very regular at that. it is certainly the best paper in the Country. I feel stupid to night, an can think of nothing pleasant to write about. Perhaps tomorrow may sharpen up ^{my} faculties. So

will wish you a bonne bonne nuit. Stop for the present
 Geary is in the land of Dream's with a very good bottle
 in her hand. Monday eve 9.30^h. I have nothing to
 add to my news but that we have heard firmly all
 day from the City, which the papers tell us is in
 honor of General Bertrand, who is making the grand
 tour accompanied by the Mayor & the old man
 has been all round the Country. My letter must

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go tonight, Pa has been off all on a political meeting
 at Larny Town goes again Wednesday Morning for
 rail road business. We ladies have been sewing
 & walking & going through Edith's jokes and the notes
 Richard's Caprices; thanking Scott all the while
 for the pleasure he gives us. We heard the Steamboat
 bell ring as she passed and have sent the wagon
 down. I suspect from the time that has elapsed that
 there is some mistake. See I joined me

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