

Paris Oct 10th 1843. Tuesday -

Dear Alex, Your much, very best letters announcing your happy return to Madrid, arrived on Friday last, one to Papa & one to me, never were letters more welcome, I am quite surprised at the rapidity with which you have gained strength, to be able to start directly off to the Opera, was proof positive that the ride had not been too much ^{for you} in the morning of the day in which we got this charming news; one, that is Fanny, Bina Wells, Edward Lupton & myself. Had walked over to the cottage, & there heard that the Steamer had arrived & that Mr. Boing was at Versailles with Sarah, both too happy. Many of the members of the family have no doubt given you an account of our Hyde Park excursion, it certainly was very successful, the kindness we received & the beauty of the places quite equalled all our expectations, John Swift, was as droll & original as usual. Hamilton Wilkes, is a perfect man, & a capital sailor, light very gentlemanly & kind, boils his Muesliums, his stews. Much more of somebodies than we expected & we certainly have every reason to like them, Annie Wilkes has grown no doubt since you saw her, at any rate she is larger than her mother, a very nice girl, but unfortunately formed. She is talking of Uncle Rudolfs house for the winter, having Aunt Lou & Uncle Tom. with us added very much to our party but particularly to Ma's enjoyment. who I think had a very pleasant time, she was entirely relieved as to your health before she started, the first good news of your recovery came through a letter of Mr. Ledyard to Fanny, after that Papa got your news & sent us word all about them. He was not able to go with us unfortunately on account of business -

Tuesday Oct 17th a week as you see by the dated dear Abby has
passed since I wrote the first page. In the mean time
Maug has written by the Canada Steamer & John Bryant has
sailed in the Liverpool packet yesterday; strongly inclined
for Madrid ^{the} winter, we shut some notes by him - he has
taken Richards back with him. We hope that he will
join Mr Irving in Paris & he visit you this winter. Maug
gave you an account of James King's life. I suppose it
was pronounced perfectly successful ^{the} of the dis-tinguished
present was, Mrs. P. Ward, your old west point friend
married to the pretty Miss Grimes - it has created a good
deal of talk, & people generally think that he runs a great
risk with such a woman. But he is desperately in love
que voulez vous? - One afternoon last week, the young ladies
of the cottage drove over with Hector, who was as shy
as you describe him, blushing constantly, we could not get
much from him, we went over to ask him to dine
the next day, but he had gone. I am sorry it so happened
though I doubt much whether we should have been able
to have got him to talk to so many women. Ben left
us ^{two girls} on Saturday afternoon at the little church on his way to
the boat, to leave New York on Monday, to be present at
Miss Mather's marriage - Friday evening, the Groom you know
is Dr. Harnum - uncle to the sweet Ellen, who is to be present
& to whom he ^{now} means to play the agreeable. Aunt Lou
& Uncle Andrew had driven up to dine with us, just from
their church, where they had been detained very long by
a young old woman. Rectifying them upon their duty to the
Bishop it was so strong & Uncle W. Morris was so impatient
under it, that he got up & left the church - this gives you a slight
idea of the excitement upon this subject.

Yesterday Monday we passed very quietly & very busily.
In the afternoon Maug & I started for our walk, to the
post office, just as we were going down Stimez's hill
who should we see coming up, in Mrs. Constant's carriage but
Master G. L. S. talking & laughing of course, he got out &
joined us, we had a very pleasant evening hearing all
about every body & every thing, he has now got a new
project in his head of a ~~line~~ ferry from New York to New
Brighton which of course he thinks will be a great matter
the Eureka is to be finished this week they hope to
put her on the route on Monday next, they all feel very
good about that business. The old Mutual is doing well
now; George left us this morning with one of the horses,
which he means to change if possible. Do you see dear,
we are at our old tricks again, the only fault of this letter
was that he would stop some times & stand ^{at} ~~g~~
state, what ^{all} the plans will end in, for making money which
these gentle talks over I do not know, they are all in the bud
& time can alone develop them. I must leave you for a while
as it has grown so gray that I can hardly see - We have
just said good night to Mr. & Mrs. Pimthorn who came over at
seven down a drunk tea. They are both as pleasant people as
you can find, she is very entertaining & quite clever & he bright
& interested as can be. Pro & Pa leave for town tomorrow
morning, Molly & I are going to stop at Fiske's - Aunt Lou
is going to take Grandma up to Claverack, in the West
Chester, which is to stop for them at their docks, to Brown
evening; we mean to console Uncle Andrew for a day or so.
The two Gorges expect to run a race with the ^{young} ~~young~~ tomorrow they start
for Mr. Stevens' ~~Admiral~~ ^{Admiral} he joins them with the Eureka & they all take
a sail, & dine afterwards with him - Can you believe it, the collector

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Therefore let all to the living when we return, and
 stand to think he is being found at the bar
 with three bags in his arms, just like you and me of
 ourselves. At the expense of the fact that we
 please ourselves that the clouds of Madrid at
 first the same as we have always been acquainted
 to, one of us by night at a table with three or
 the other with a single one. To say you have almost
 checked that point —  —
 there —  —
 and forever —
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