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Dear Dr. Jacobs:-

Dr. Osler thinks you may be interested in seeing these lovely Ostend ladies as they may remind you of Trouville. We hesitate to send the post card through the mail as it may frighten your p.m. The other post card was taken at Ostend and is rather good I think. I believe I wrote you from Amsterdam. We really had a delightful trip. I was greatly amused by Drs. Dock and Osler who became utterly disgusted at every place where old books were not forthcoming and promptly wanted to leave. We went far north into Friesland and came to a most fascinating place, <sup>Leeu</sup>warden, where we had the good luck to hit on a kermese and saw the natives in their charming prosperity and beauty. There also we found the factory for "antique" silver- and know why it is so plentiful. The spoons cost almost nothing there. <sup>\*\*\*</sup> <sup>But must</sup> Utrecht was a great disappointment. The Professor wrote Dr. Osler a note and called him "dear Professor Hopkins" which afforded us much amusement. In Antwerp it was so boiling hot we could not breathe and made up our minds to skip Bruges & Ghent and rush on to Ostend. There we stayed three days in a most charming hotel and had sea baths & generally refreshed ourselves. <sup>and</sup> Unfortunately we were not there long enough to be sufficiently investigated to gain entrance to the gambling room - this was a blow - but we amused ourselves outside. We went back to <sup>the</sup> ~~Clayes~~ St. - I stayed two days at the Congress. It was very impressive - The Duke of Cambridge opened it. <sup>(Monday July 22)</sup> I nearly had a fit. I did not know Dr. Osler was to speak and I was overcome with astonishment. Entre nous - He and Lord Lister had more applause and a better greeting than any of the others. The thermometer was about 98° and I was so excited I really could hardly sit still. I was alone and no one to poke. The meetings were most successful and the social functions wonderful. I asked mother to send you on a menu from Sir. James Blyth's dinner.\*\*\*



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Dr. Osler said it was ~~perfectly~~ wonderful but not more so than Mr. Alfred Rothschild, which was small. The Duke of Cambridge asked Dr. Osler to sit down and chat with him & said "Oh, you Americans are so joky, I do like you -" Wasn't it delightful. We went to a most lovely tea at Apsley House - There the Duchess of Wellington made us feel that we were really the only people in the world she wanted to see. It gave me a good lesson - I left the men having this very festive time and came to Edinburgh by sleeping carriage - then on to Falkirk to get Revere. The child had a most enchanting visit and was so independent. It was a great pleasure to see Miss Nichols' family & home - such goodly people. By the way - one sister, who has been a governess in Chicago for several years, would like a place in Baltimore for either boys or girls and will take them young & have entire charge. She is very attractive and evidently has had experience. If you happen to hear of any one, do remember her. I then brought Revere here and Dr. Osler joined us last Friday from the B.M. at Cheltenham. We have very nice rooms and no bother with housekeeping - the woman sends me in a slate every morning & we pay so much per day for food. But the place cannot hold a candle to Swanage in any way except golf - which of course is second only to St. Andrews. It really is not a pretty place - the back country is flat with superb farms. There are no bathing arrangements of any number and men cannot bathe after 8 a.m. - They would get pneumonia if they bathed before. It has rained nearly all the time for a week - & when not raining it blows a gale. I hope it will improve. There are some interesting points within driving distance. Dr. Osler is having some golf with a professional and likes the links immensely. I join "a gallery" & watch the good players. Drs. Cushing and McCrae come tomorrow. We have a spare room & they do not mind going in together. This is called a fashionable place - but I see no more evidence of it than at Swanage except there are plenty of good carriages. There are some nice houses and people live very comfortably. The Choates have a house here and Shirley Carter's, but there is no way (over)