

again, I am afraid his housekeeper
makes too tempting things for the
table & that he has been indulging
or did he forget his "Kiss me Mine"
to sure to keep us posted as
to how he is for we feel so anxious.
Laura seems to be enjoying
her holidays and I am glad
you have had a nice visit from
Lilly but sorry that I could
not get up even for a day -

Here I think we are getting
on very nicely. Mamma and
Mary are certainly much stronger
& we continue to like our
quarters - indeed they improve
& the table is excellent - the
house is filling up again but
not many "first class" people
I fancy, though a number
of new folks came to-day
on whom I can't as yet pass
judgement - The gentleman
and his wife & child from

Portland are well worth knowing
The husband has spent three
years in China & tells a great
many interesting things about
his life there, he talks Pigeon
English which sounds so funny.

Yesterday we had a splendid
time, being invited to Miss
Toyes for lunch - we all
went over in the 11 o'clock
boat and remained till 3 1/2.

They are both the kindest &
loveliest you can imagine &
their house is the perfection
of comfort and neatness, real
Aristocratic Americans - Tell
Papa Miss Harriet Toyes's tongue
must have grown smaller
since her visit in Montreal
for it is at half as bad as he
said, but it is long enough to
sag incessantly, indeed they
are both great talkers - The
lunch was all delicious &
so beautifully laid out in
such nice dishes & such
bright silver, & flowers on

the table, indeed everything made
so tempting that Mary thought
she would smash the crystal
of her watch, her bell grew
so tight & we all did such
justice to the good things that
we couldn't eat any tea when
we got home — They and
some of their friends are
going to charter one of the
little steamers, when the moon
comes to invite us to a sail
among the island — if they carry
out of the plan it will be delightful
Mrs Timbham has invited Mamma
& I spend several days with her
but I do not think she will
accept for more than one —
Tomorrow Aggie & I are going
to see Anna, she is about
9 miles from Portland — we
are to drive in a hack, as they
call them — Aggie pays the
fare, she could not very well
go alone, so I feel under no
obligation in allowing her to
take me — we come back the
same night — Mamma & I
have been to call on Captain