

Rock Ferry

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Dearest Mother

I posted letters from Howell, but this will probably arrive at the same time, still I begin where I left off - Yesterday (Monday) was the first really fine day I have had since leaving home. It was sunny with many clouds to make pretty shadows, & we enjoyed seeing the Irish coast, & the many vessels, we passed two first class cruisers & also a fleet of fishing smacks. The weather was again bitterly cold & a note I got from Eva told me that the past week had been winter in temperature. We had dinner on board, & drove to the landing about 8 o'clock.

there was much delay about  
settling the ship at the right  
point, but then the gangway  
was run out quickly & the  
baggage & passengers scur-  
ried on shore - I had made  
out Hope & Eva in the waiting  
crowd, but lost them again  
till I actually landed  
when I found them easily  
& then it was only a matter  
of time getting my trunks  
& transporting ourselves to  
this side. - Eva looks very  
well & the house very  
habitable, though of course  
many little details remain  
to be attended to, & the  
stairs & halls are still with  
out carpets

The morning room is very  
home-like with plain green  
paper of a myrtle or mass. green  
colour & a very high-art  
border of poppies, the carpet  
is one that was in the old  
dining room. The hall &

dining room are handsome  
but in a style less new. The  
drawing room I am a little  
doubtful about, & I was not  
quite satisfied with the  
effect, though the paper is  
very handsome & the carpet  
also, the paper is yellow & green  
the green prevailing, & the  
carpet in rich brown tints.  
It is the price that seems  
not right, it is tinted pale  
green & is too broad, or too  
green & something, but I  
dare say it can be remedied.

The upstairs rooms are in-  
mensely high & with sloping  
corners, or sides which have  
a very good effect, the spare  
room, in which I am the  
first guest, is very pretty  
both as to paper & carpet &  
I like the paper on the little  
girl's room also, a rose pattern.

Silvia & Grace are charmed  
with the garden tools, & the  
stencils have already been  
used, & are very interesting  
they can be used in succes-  
sion to make comparative pic-  
tures, & that takes Grace's  
fancy - Both she & Silvia  
have given a good deal, &  
also Dawson they are all  
full of life, & Silvia's house has  
a capital place to live in -  
The little greenhouse at the  
end of the back garden makes  
a pretty finish, & I think the  
hedges & walls have a char-  
ming effect.

The little pruned dwarf  
apple trees look very odd,  
but covered with blossom  
as they are they suggest  
small hagnets -

Bella Greenshields is  
coming over this afternoon  
to see us, & we are to dine

there next week.

Mrs. Althea & Susan we saw this morning for a few minutes. I liked Mrs. A. & at once saw Grace's likeness to her. Mr. A. looked more pebbly than I had supposed.

The trees are not further out here, than we ever should be by this - haks & poplars are just in the tenderest little leaflets but gardens are gay with wallflowers, tulips & other bloom & the ivy is beautiful.

Weather very cold - but sunshine is making it more pleasant & surely the cold time must be over - We are to discuss plans generally this evening - Mrs. A. is to go to Holyhead next week & suggest driving Eva & myself down in her carriage this summer very pleasant but I have not heard details as yet.

I did not mind the motion  
of the ship while on it but I  
can't quite get rid of the  
easy easy kind of feeling  
once I have a good walk  
I expect to feel all right.

What a shocking thing  
this volcanic explosion in the  
West Indies is one can scarcely  
realize it - nothing of the  
kind as to magnitude has  
occurred since the Pompeian  
destruction.

I hope that all continues  
to go on well with you I es-  
pecially that Dr La F. has been  
able to make some useful  
suggestions as regards R. I  
hope to hear something from  
home in a day or two though  
it will not be of much later  
date than my leaving.

I will have this till  
posting time, in case anything  
turns up that can be added

Wednesday

Eve has to go to town about some shoppings, & I shall go with her. I have a look at the shopping part & we shall be at home in the afternoon, as Mrs Crow & the Vectors are supposed to be likely to appear.

I think it is a fine day though the mistiness of the atmosphere makes me a little uncertain, but in the w. act overhead it seems of a pale blue.

Much love

Aunt

Bella Greenshield was here yesterday. & we are to dine this next week. she asked most affectionately after you & sent kind greetings.

Lucas sends his love, & as I  
am writing will keep  
his letter over & publish it  
Saturday:

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