

Acc. 1443

Should  
happen to  
set eyes on -  
With very best  
love to yourself  
& all at home  
yours affectionate

George & Ann  
George

London June 1<sup>st</sup>  
1870

Mamma mailed a pair  
of gloves to you which should  
have reached by this time, also  
affectionate regards to Rowland,  
last mail.

My Dear Anna,

Today has been the "Derby  
Day" & so there was no physics lecture.  
This enabled me to spend the entire  
day at the laboratory & get a jolly lot  
of work done. But the consequence is  
that I don't feel particularly bright  
for studying this evening, & so while  
I am ~~waiting~~ waiting for tea time  
to come (which I hope will set me  
up again.) I sit down to write these  
few lines to you. With this permission  
- stated in a sentence which, for its  
length, involutions & parenthetical  
character is perhaps unparalleled in  
English literature - You will at  
least know the reason why the letter is  
drawn, if it happen to be so.

Mamma & Papa are as usual out  
they have gone to a certain Miss  
Peaissons, where there is to be a



meeting of religious swells. (Donald  
Fraser & Co) Mamma is to start for  
Scotland tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock  
Papa stays here a few days longer &  
perhaps goes to Oxford for a day or two  
before he follows. Mamma will  
therefore be in Edinburgh by 8 or 30  
tomorrow night.

Whenever a fellow leaves home all the  
people there immediately begin to die,  
get married, born ~~etc~~ just as if  
they were afraid to do it while you  
were there. Such at least has been  
my experience & now a fresh burst  
has followed Mamma & Papa across the  
Atlantic - Fenians, Quebec burnt down,  
City of Quebec sunk, tremendous fire in  
the Saguenay district, Rankine gets  
croup & loses his memory (of spelling)  
&c &c. If things get any worse you  
will have to telegraph for the absentees.

I send you a couple of papers with an  
account of the P.B. & other scenes, & Mrs  
Newton from a new point of view.  
You had better destroy the latter immediately  
after you have read it in case Mrs Bo