

St Louis
Chas. M. ...
Bill ...
which I have already
written to ...
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San Marco
Hotel
St Augustine
Florida
July 18/93

Dear Anna,

My mother has
no doubt told you
that we met the ...
at Savannah, and
we have travelled
thus far with them.
We rested a night and
part of a day at
Jacksonville, a rather
pretty town on the banks
of Florida, and came
in here in the afternoon.
After spying out the
land, we have con-
cluded that this hotel

will suit us best. It
is a little outside the
down part of the town
on a rising ground near
looking the old Spanish
fort, and the open ground
around it, and command-
ing a fine sea view,
with a foreground of
Palms, yuccas, oranges
trees, &c. The landscape
here has quite a
West Indian aspect, greatly
more so than Savannah;
and we see not only
the Palmetto but Date
and Cocow palms and
many other tropical things.

Yesterday when we arrived
the N.W. wind still blew,
and the coldness was
only a little less than
that of Savannah; but
to-day the wind has
changed, and it is
quite balmy. We hope
to remain here till
the beginning of February,
when we can have some
expectation of carrying
warmer weather with
us to the North. The
Ginny leave to-morrow
on an expedition to the
Southward and Westward.
We expect to return here
in a few days. Mamma

went with them to-day
to the opening of the
Ponce de Leon Hotel, which
was made quite a public
occasion. She thinks it
perfectly palatable, and
at the same time prefers
our present quarters, for
view, much to.

Mr. Finley handed me
the manuscript all right
and I shall hope to do
something at it while
here. Thank Bernard for
his trouble.

Love to you and
Jimmie, and to all friends.
Mamma will write when
we are settled.
Ever yours
J. M. Dawson