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London, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1894

Dear Mr. Love,  
I expected to write to you  
by last Saturday's mail, but we got  
back from Ireland just too late for  
this. Two letters from you were forwarded  
to me while at Dublin - one the one  
which you lost. Someone wrote in pencil  
on the outside that it had been picked  
up by a Frenchman. I need not tell  
you how glad I was to get them and  
hear that you were all well.

Our visit to Dublin was very pleasant  
and Eva & Hope seemed to enjoy it  
thoroughly. We were there only two days  
but saw a great deal in the time. Hope  
has a cousin who is married to a Mr.  
Dobbin who has some connection with  
Guinness' brewery and took us all through  
the place. You can fancy how big it  
is when I tell you that they brew out  
over 2½ million hogsheads of stout in  
a year. They employ 2200 hands and  
always give pensions to their employes proportional

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At their time of service. Each man is  
allowed two pints of stout a day; but if  
he be a teetotaler he gets an equivalent  
value in foods from the stores of the  
Company. Dottie took us for a long  
drive through the Phoenix Park -  
one of the most beautiful parks that  
I have seen anywhere. It is stocked  
with hundreds of red and fallow  
deer which add greatly to the appearance  
of the place. We saw the spot where  
Lord Cavendish and Burke were  
assassinated in 1882, in sight of  
the vice-regal lodge, and in broad  
day light. Two crosses dug in the  
path mark the spots where they  
fell. At one end of the park are  
the zoological gardens which are  
well kept and contain a number of  
animals in excellent condition.  
After our drive we went home with  
Mr. Dottie to lunch and saw his  
wife and her mother. The latter is a  
Mrs Nelson a very pleasant woman.  
She is the principal owner of  
"ford roads" and of one or two other  
magazines. Eva knew her before as  
she had visited at Rock Ferry. After  
leaving the Dotties we went to see the  
Botanic gardens and felt well repaid  
for our trouble as they contain much of

beauty and interest, including a very fine palm house, 75 feet high and well stocked with a great variety of palms, tree-ferns, bamboo, &c.

The gardens comprise about 30 acres of land and are laid out with much taste. How I wished that our municipal gardens afforded equal advantages. One could not have a better kindergarten for kinds of all ages.

Before leaving we paid a hurried visit to the Science & Art Museum which is a magnificent building, erected a few years ago & containing most interesting collections. One whole room is devoted to articles illustrating the early history of Ireland and consisting of weapons, old harps &c &c. In one room we saw Moore's old piano but did not find it very beautiful.

Altogether the public buildings in Dublin are very fine, but the private residences, so far as we saw them are quite inferior to those in English cities or on our side of the water.

Our return trip across the channel was very pleasant. Dublin Bay, as you know is celebrated for its beauty - in song as well as prose - and it deserves to be. As we came out the fishing boats

were all returning and added greatly to the picturingness of the scene.

We reached Holyhead shortly before midnight and in the morning took a long walk and went to see the Atkins house, which though looking bigger than our mitis cottage from outside, has really less accommodation.

The country is very different from that about mitis, being entirely bare of trees, but still it has a character and beauty of its own. There is good bathing and the water is no doubt warmer than at mitis.

Returning from Holyhead we spent two hours at Conway and saw the grand old castle there. These old castles have always a great charm for me and sometimes I almost wish I had lived in the days when castles were built on terra firma instead of in the air. There was, however, a great difference between being in a castle and outside of a castle and the probabilities are that if I had cropped up in those days I should have lived in a mud hut altogether inferior to 295 University St.

At Chester we had time to see the old walls, the exterior of the cathedral and some of the quainbold

5 May, before coming to London

hours of the town, but the time was too short and I hope to spend a day there on returning to Liverpool.

Eva accompanied us almost everywhere and must be pretty strong to have stood the amount of walking that she did. The change I am sure did her good and she found the children none the worse for her absence.

I had intended to come up to London, but Peter's father was anxious that I should dine there and they all persuaded me to remain over until Tuesday (yesterday) Mrs Keyser is still at Peter's and apparently intends to hold on for some time as she said she hoped to see me on my way back. She was most gushing to me, but from all accounts she treats poor Peter pretty badly, and he must have marvellous patience to stand it as he does. He seems to be a capital fellow.

Tuesday I came up (you must never say down) to London and am now at Wood's Hotel, Furnival Inn Holborn St. Callander is also here having come in this morning, but I have not seen him yet. This evening we are going to the Conversation of the Royal Society, one of the great events of the year in scientific circles.

and I hope to meet a number of people  
there whom I am anxious to see.

This morning I have been to the  
Bank of Montreal in search of letters  
and saw Mr Lang, the manager, who  
was most polite to me. I also went  
to the Canadian office and had  
a chat with Colmer. Sir Charles  
supper was not there, but I hope  
to see him later.

I do not think that Eva is likely  
to go out this summer. Hope  
is unwilling apparently that she should  
go alone and cannot get away  
himself at present. He thinks that  
it would be too much for Eva to  
look after the children alone  
and says that Clara is such  
a poor sailor that she would  
be of little assistance if she went.  
Of course if there were any absolute  
necessity of Eva's going - that is  
if either your father or mother  
were in a critical state of health  
he would be strong in favour  
of her going, even if she had  
to go alone. Sometimes he talks  
of going out later in the year and  
taking Eva & the children in

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I don't think I will be home about  
and I do not think there is  
any likelihood of this. Please  
do not say that I have said  
anything about this.

I wish you would write and tell  
Eva of anything that you may  
require in the way of a dress or  
dresses. Eva says that the  
dressmaker has your dimensions  
and I have really no idea as to  
what you want. No doubt if  
I attempted to take out anything  
of the kind I should have to  
pay duty, but still it would  
not be anything very serious.

Please also send me the ~~measure~~  
of gloves that Clara wears and  
tell me definitely ~~at~~ what  
Con & Bernard require most in  
the way of suits and the size.

You need not trouble about  
paying your father. I have  
cheques here and will send  
him one including amt for  
putting in coal. Please ask him  
to be sure and confer with  
Flut about Eva's mortgage

if he has not already done so, I hope to write to him (your father) in a few days.

As to Remond, that bill can remain until my return. I did not know that I owed him anything, but possibly may not have paid him for the Academy. I supposed that the advertising at Luchute was included in the auctioneer's bill already paid, but if not it will have to be paid. If the Toronto money comes you might return say \$200 to Eric's account. There may be other items to come off the balance which you sent me - i.e. cheques which I had since before leaving but which had not been cashed.

I sincerely hope you will be able to get Kate, even if you have to give her extra pay. I am not sure also as to whether it would not be well for you to take Miss Baker down to Mexico. If you think she would be of great assistance you had better take her. I am very sorry to hear of Duke's illness, but hope it may not prove a serious case. My paper and tin are at an end. Love well from  
Your loving Bernard