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Saturday 1. Left the Montreal at half past eight A.M. & after a tantalizing stay of an hour started on our way across the Atlantic. The ship is one of the best on the line & very comfortable. There is a very nice Stewardess on board, Mrs Hamilton. I have been making tours of discovery on all directions & going up & down stairs continually. Mrs Simpson has had a bad headache & is longing to be sea-sick. There is a French person on board who I converse with & thus am improving my French far. A peculiar fat old gentleman has taken rather a fancy to me. We met Mr A. Allen & he directed the steward to give us a seat at the Captain's table but some other ladies disputed our right so we resigned. We are now seated at

a table with a lot of gentlemen that arent gentlemen there is nothing positively unpolite about them but they are negative department. Mrs Simpson has applied for change of quarters. I coaxed the second steward to let me have Mrs S.'s cabain window open. The weather was cloudy in the morning but now is beautifully clear. We expect to have farther points at 11 P.M. nearly all the passengers are sending letters on shore by the pilot.

July. 2. Sunday cloudy day & rain part of the time out of sight of land. This evening as I was walking on deck we heard singing & found some of the steerage passengers singing hymns one of them had an accordian he also had a very fine voice as had his wife it was lovely to hear them

gathered round the pipe in the open air. I had a promenade with a gentleman on each side it was quite nice. The second Officer & Captain Dutton are very agreeable.

July 3 Monday. It was rather rough they say there must have been a gale lately. I felt a little peculiar but I & Mrs S. went on deck she soon descended & I was the only lady left on deck. I remained there perseveringly for some time but at last descended. I was not very sick only really as for about five minutes but still I was anything but comfortable I only took some dinner

July 4 Tuesday. I felt rather ill I did not eat much indeed a fly I think could have challenged & defeated me I staid most of the time in the ladies cabin the doctor sent us down a concoction of egg sugar &

wine it did us a great deal of good then Mrs S. made me take more than a tumbler full of champagne it was so horrid. I took my sickness quite comfortably indeed my happy looks called down all sort of abuse on my devoted head from the groaning patients who declaired I did not know what it was to be ill but I did. There was an unfortunate baby ~~who~~ of 7 months who got chicken, chicken broth, beef tea & sago pudding. then the steward got hold of it & gave it preserved ginger & pineapple, by the by I believe it was the latter which cured me it was so nice.

July 5 Wednesday Fine day but foggy I am quite well. I drank some salt-water this morning & they say we must be near ice it is so chilly. got

a ~~lovely~~ nice book out of the library called Father Brande. The moon was lovely the water black as ink & it looked strange but very lovely. Every thing is strange all but the moon it alone looks like home

Thursday July 6. Still very foggy I finished the book I wish it was mine life on board is simply vegetation.

Friday July 7 Rained all day.

Saturday July 8 Wet.

Sunday July 9 A fine day though a little cloudy. We had service in the morning. In the afternoon the doctor took us over the ship the second class passengers who come to our table & sleep in cabins the same size as ours with four berths in them, they must be very uncomfortable. The steerage is a horrid place twenty persons sleep in one room When the ship is coming to Canada it is

crowded & more uncomfortable.

Monday. July 10. A fine day we are only going 9 nots an hour have been going slowly nearly all the time they say it is on account of the coal which is very bad. We do not expect to reach Liverpool till Thursday. A great number of the passengers go off at Derry to see the Dublin exhibition. Beautiful sunset.

Tuesday July 11. Fine day. I went asleep on the deck & Mr Nelson put three great, black crosses on my back. I was not aware of it till Mrs S. told me & rubbed it off. S. & I played quoits in the afternoon. There was a beautiful sunset; in these northern latitudes we can almost see the sun & moon together it is strange to see a brilliant sunset in the west & the moon rising.

in the east at the same time.

Wednesday July 12. Saw land early in the morning. We coasted along it all day the country is very mountainous, rugged, wild & beautiful; we saw many little fishing boats some came very near, we were very near the shore indeed on Tory island we could see the people towards evening the country every was more cultivated we stopped at a telegraph station to deliver despatches which a little boat came for it was quite exciting to see our purses descend the ladder & wait till the boat came underneath then drop in the despatches & receive a large basket. Towards evening it began to pass we arrived at Derry at eel. 9 P. M. where a great number of our

passengers left we passed the giants causeway after dark & as there was no moon we could see nothing.

~~Wed~~ Thursday July 13 the ship was very desolate. we passed the Isle of Man it gradually rises from the sea to a central peak the town is situated on the low ground. We were afraid that we would not be in time to cross the bar but our fears proved unfounded. We reached Liverpool at about 4. we were detained for some time at the custom house to have our luggage examined they hardly opened ours but an unfortunate woman who had lost her keys they were not so good to they forced open all her trunks & pedled everything about. Mr Travetin (Mrs L's friend) could not meet us but sent a friend instead he conducted us to his residence where his sister

received us very kindly after tea we went to make inquiries about the train & after driving to four hotels we found two gentlemen who had crossed with us who intended to go to London that night at 11.15 & we decided to go with them though our entertainers Mr Rankin & also his sister pressed us to stay over-night.

Friday July 14. We had great fun in the cars Mr Smith had a comic song with him called "Married to a Mermaid" the Captain used to sing it; we had quite a time of it Mr Smith sang bass about 12 one of the officials asked us if we would have "sticks" this Mrs S. accepted & the gentlemen were supplied with two "sticks" each these they stretched across between the seats & so made a kind of bed but alas it was much too short, but the gentlemen folded them

selves up & went to sleep. Mr Palmer who was also on the train paid us a visit at one of the stations & was very jealous to see us in possession of the "Mermaid" which he greatly wished for. A poor woman was picked up (just before we came to Rugby station) nearly cut to pieces, a goods train had passed over her; her husband & the doctor had been sent for she was not quite dead.

It had been heavy rain so when daylight appeared we saw the country in its most favorable aspect. It was indeed lovely there are so many beautiful elms left standing in the fields that it quite gives the country the appearance of a park then the lanes are lovely too, at least as much of them as we saw from the car windows. We arrived in London

about half past six, we missed Mr Jackson by some mistake but our fellow travellers saw us safely into a cab, & in due time we reached Lorn Road. The house is one of many exactly similar built of yellow brick with a little garden before & behind it - is a very quiet part of the city, All the little gardens are so neat & pretty & almost every house has flowers in a little ledge outside the window. Mrs S's niece & nephew are dear little things the boy who is the oldest is between two & three years old I was left alone in the morning. In the afternoon we unpacked we took tea at Mrs Trevithic's & came home at seven as Mrs Simpson expected her brother who came.

W. 1. Saturday July 15. We left Jos room about eleven & called by the way to see Mrs Simpson's mother we then got a good many of our things selected or

ordered, it was by this time nearly four there was to be a dramatic fête at the crystal pallace so there we went I enjoyed myself exceedingly I need not describe it for every one knows as well as can be told all about it. of course we only got a sort of general idea of what there was to be seen I believe there is some of everything from all places there. I no longer wonder at Montreal being considered a small town it seems as if you could go on for ever & still be in the city. I do not find the shops in general much different, (though the one we were in today occupied 5 different stores & had about 100 persons employed on the premises) it is the quantity more than the quality at least so it appears to me. got home from C.P. at about 10 ½ p.m.

Sunday July 16. Went to church in

the morning heard a very nice sermon, we then went to the Trevethick's we had tennis & staid at home in the afternoon. Mrs Simpson went to her mother's at four & I staid at the Trevethick's we went to church again in the evening. Mr Garland brought me back about ten.

Monday July 17. I went to town with the nurse & children the rest of the day I spent in the house.

Tuesday July 18. We went to Richmond about eleven to spend the day with Mrs Simpson's uncle & aunt. Their house is just on the banks of the Thames. The river though of course it seems very small to me is very beautiful & picturesque. In the afternoon we went to Kew gardens they are beautiful there are splendid green-houses we saw a Victoria Regina growing but unfortunately there was no flowers on it. It rained a

little as we were returning but it cleared up in the evening & we had a walk by the Thames & there I gathered my first English forget-me-not. We returned about eleven to London & well satisfied with my days work I went to bed.

Wednesday July 19. We went to town about my dresses which were not quite right. I came home alone from Mrs Trevithick, we went to Covent garden market it is lovely quite like a fruit & flower show the Damascus is telegraphed from Derry. In the evening Mrs S's mother & brother came in.

Thursday July 20 I got a telegraph from Liverpool announcing Papa's safe arrival there & I at once wrote him a necessary note & posted it myself. In the afternoon I went to Mrs Trevithick's with Collins & to Miss

a message from Mrs Simpson. We stayed to tea & she came here in the evening

Friday July 21. I had all my things packed & was expecting papa all the morning he came about twelve with George, they have had a quicker passage than we & they saw about thirty icebergs I quite feel nervous but they came through the straits of Belle Isle I am to remove tomorrow to Dr Bigsby's there to remain till we leave London the famous.

Saturday July 22. We have had a splendid day. Mrs S. & I drove to Portman square about eleven Do & there deposited my trunks & with papa & George set out for the parliament buildings we first passed through the prince's chamber in which is a colossal figure of our queen & on either side of her Justice & mercy. There are also oil paintings of many of the kings

& queens there but I have not time to dwell
on details we next passed through the
house of Lords the Peers lobby, the central
hall the hall before the House of Commons
& the House of Commons itself then we
went out by St Stephen's hall, oh I
almost forgot we also (descended to the
crypt) went into the divorce court (when a
trial was going on). next we went to
Westminster abbey & spent some time
there over the monuments. we then had
dinner at Farence's & went to the
Royal Academy of Arts this was the last
day, it was splendid. In the evening
Dr Bigsby kindly took us to Madame
Tussaud's I never could describe it
it was exquisite. Dr Bigsby would not
go into the chamber of horrors but sent
us in while we were away two young
men came up to him & one said "How
very good" supposing him to be one of

the figures. Very flattering!

Sunday July 23. In the morning Papa & I went to hear Spurgeon he preached very well on confusion & as illustrations of two kinds he brought in the cases of Dr Pritchard & Constance Kent. After dinner Dr Bigsby took us to a prime garden off Hyde park I did not go to evening church as it was rather wet The Londoners seem to care nothing whether the weather is wet or dry.

Monday July 24 Directly after breakfast we set out for Dr Davis Papa left us there till he had paid a visit to Dr Carpenter he then called for us Dr & Mrs Davis were very kind I inquired after Nina & many Montreal friends. They cordially invited us to return to dinner this invitation we accepted & then set out for the Zoological gardens They are beautifully arranged I saw many

creatures there for the first time with great interest as the camel, kangaroo ostrich & dromedary the most amusing certainly were the bears & monkeys but I am sorry to say we had not much time to spare. We returned to Dr Davis for dinner & at their request papa left us there for the afternoon & went himself to transact some business. We saw all over the Baptist college (where our entertainer resides) & grounds these latter were lovely the college also was very handsome it originally was a private dwelling the ball room is now the conversation hall we reached Dr Bigsby's about half past nine by means of a "bus".

Tuesday July 25. This morning we went to the British Museum it was special. There is almost everything there from the most ancient fossels down to the Egyptian

& Assyrian sculptures & from these to the most-modern elephants & singing birds. One thing struck me as very peculiar a fossil man. It is so futile to attempt to describe these wonders of the world that I give it up & only mention a few of the things which struck me. The reading room in connection with the British Museum is truly magnificent, it is an immense circular apartment with books very high up & then the top is a splendid dome the people look like dolls it is said to be within four feet of St Peter's at Rome. The afternoon I spent indoors writing home, & the evening passed as usual.

Wednesday July 26. We set out directly after breakfast to Dr Barnst about George. Then we had to stay till one, then we went to a few places where papa had business. We then took the train & went to the Crystal Palace we had lunch & then made a tour of the grounds

& buildings. The courts are magnificent especially that of the Alhambra. We returned about nine by the Victoria Station & after a good deal of trouble about ~~which~~ the underground railway by which we wished to go Baker street, we were obliged to abandon it & take an omnibus. we arrived safely at our place of residence & after an acceptable tea went to bed very tired.

Thursday 27. We staid in in the forenoon & after lunch Dr Bigsby took us to the Polytechnic we saw there dissolving views of the pilgrimage to Mecca & some scenes of in Mahomets life with an angel appearing to him. We also saw a man go down in a diving dress & George went down in a diving bell. After that there was an other series of dissolving views representing scenes from Kenilworth the last picture was a flair of stairs in which the trap door was, then suddenly

a low whistle was heard twice, a rush ensued, a horrible crash & then the scene was instantly changed to a vault with poor Amy lying there her head surrounded with blood. There were only the exhibitions, there were also many machines, models & other curious things

Friday July 28. I slept in all the forenoon. About half past one George & Papa set out for Scotland, when they had gone I went to the Zoological gardens with the maid. Children were riding on the elephant, camel, dromedary. I did so wish to follow their example but I restrained my desire for I suppose it would have been improper.

Saturday July 29. In the afternoon I went with Dr Bigby to the Royal Institution, when in the way ~~returning~~ he asked me if I liked ginger-bread, & on my saying I did he entered a shop & bought me a large

piece to eat at Chamouni he said.
When we got back Mrs Bigby joined us
& we went to hear a brass band which
was playing in park, the music
was exquisite, & the walk home through
the park lovely.

Saturday July 29

Sunday July 30 went to church in the
morning & heard a very nice sermon from
Mr Reeves. In the afternoon I accompanied
Dr & Mrs Bigby to the Botanical gardens they
always go there on Sunday the place is
so quiet. I stayed at home in solitude
in the evening.

Monday July 31 We have had an
almost uninterrupted series of fine days
(a fine day in England means that it is
not <u>positively</u> raining) but today it looked
threatening & about two commenced to
rain heavily. About one Dr Bigby & I went
to the Underground Railway & proceeded

in it to town there Dr Bigby transacted some business & then took me to the Kensington museum it was very interesting especially the paintings, there is a room filled with minatures of members of great people they are beautifully done & have such life & expression. One does so feel the want of time in a picture gallery.

Tuesday August 1. I got a telegram from papa to say he would not be here until to-morrow. I staid in all day I read & worked Dr Bigby asked me to have a drive but I declined.

Wednesday August 2 I went out with papa directly after breakfast & did not return till after three. the day was showery but we did not get very wet for we were having lunch when it was worst. people don't mind rain here. Tomorrow we start for the Continent.

Thursday August 3. We set out for Folkstone

about one it was a dreary wet day, when we got there we embarked in a horrid little steam boat to go to Boulogne, rain all the time & the people sitting down resignedly under umbrellas but soon the ~~people~~ began to get sick & the sailors came round with basins. I was not sick but very near to it. When we reached Boulogne the people had resumed the ordinary air not looks though. & off we went for Amiens where we stop tonight, & here we are very comfortable in nice rooms opening out of each other. We have marble mantle pieces grand clocks & vases etc quite sitting-room style.

Friday August 4. After breakfast papa & I set out to visit some gravel pits where flint weapons of very ancient date are found. The day was wet & we got on wrong roads & went over so far out of our way. At last we got to a little house where they showed us some of

the curiosities, & a young man undertook to guide us to the places where they are occasionally found & he did guide us but through mud & wet grass & down deep excavations & into all sorts of dirty places. & finally to a little house where there were more curiosities we bought some & after immortalities from others got back. In the afternoon we went over the cathedral it is a magnificent building, we were taken all round a gallery was the roof some parts were so narrow we had to go through sideways, we also went out on outer galleries some of them had no railing. After a dinner (such a dinner I don't know how many horrid little meaty dishes were brought round quite twelve) we went to a grand service in the cathedral an archbishop delivered an address & the priest chanted. The alter was beautifully

illuminated.

Saturday August 5. Left Amiens at half past nine, the country through which we passed is not very rich, there are many pretty patches of forest left standing, towards Paris the country is more beautiful & wooded. Reached Paris about two P.M. after getting lunch we went into the town, we saw the great Luxor obelisk it is being covered with a principal design of gas-~~work~~ pipes in preparation for the grand illumination on the 15th we also saw the church of the Madeline, the principal streets have covered arcades down the side which are very nice as they keep off the sun or wet as the case may be. We walked in the garden of the Tuilleries it is splendid & beautifully kept. The Tuilleries & the Louvre now connected covers an immense space of ground & are may

nificent buildings. After dark we went to the Palais Royal this is a regular bazar mostly of jewellery the shops are round one very large square & several smaller ones. I am sure nowhere else there is such a display of brilliant jewellery

Sunday August 6. We remained in till twelve when we went to hear a French protestant service the preacher was M. de Pressensé he preached a very good sermon with I understood a good deal of it: he is full of animation & action. At three P.M. we went to the Scotch church which consists of a small up stairs room very close. The number of persons present was about twenty seven. The sermon was rather dry. Almost all the shops here are open on Sunday as on other days & the streets are gayer if anything, all the museums & such like are also open.

Monday August 7. We went a long round

of sight-seeing today, first we visited the Madeleine it is built in greek style & is a most exquisite inside; there are many statues both on the outside & inside the altar piece of Mary Magdalene being borne to heaven is thought to be a masterpiece. We next proceeded to the Panthion it is an imitation of the Roman Panthion. there are four most lovely frescoes by Le gras for which he was knighted we went through the vaults many great men are entombed there, at one part there is a very good echo. The next place we visited was Notre Dame it is almost a fac simile of the Amiens cathedral but I do not think it is quite as large & the flying buttresses are less grand. there is a marble group representing Mary with a dead Christ on her knees looking upward her face is beautiful two angels are placed one on each side. In this cathedral there is a great number of ~~[illegible]~~ relics

We then drove round the city we saw the outside of the military school, St Sulpice (Doric Ionic) Hotel de ville, St Michals fountain, Hotel des Invalides, Palais de Justice, & some old ruinous Roman building.

Tuesday August 8. We went after breakfast to see the market of St Honore it is in four seperate buildings. The display of fruit was very fine, we bought some grapes, figs & grapes the former taste very like bananas only a little stronger, they are not at all to be compared to the dried ones. Our next visit was to the Tuileries museum of the Louvre it is entirely devoted to art the decorations of the rooms is magnificent. There are a series of portraits done in tapestry we thought at first that they were painted. The statues as a whole I was rather disappointed with the figures were splendid but I did not like many of the faces. There was one exquisitely lovely

of the muse of poetry. The collection of pictures is I believe the finest in the world one or two I liked especially. There was form of St Sebastian tied to a stake & being shot at by arrows the face & position were splendid, also a female head & shoulders the features wore a look of such inexpressible sadness & submission, & there were two by one of "Virginia" was splendid but I liked much more one of Brutus ~~sitting~~ on the seat of judgment along with the other consul, the body of his son was just being carried away, & some of the people & his fellow consul were entreating him to spare the other traitor. He was looking firmly stern but his eyes were following his son with such a mournful look. The frescos too were very fine one I liked particularly I do not know the subject, but the figures were a female in the centre her face full of unconquerable pride & power to protect the two females who

were kneeling before her & evidently claiming her help against a demon ~~at~~ one side enveloped in a sort of grey mist. it was splendid. The whole building was full of beautiful things, many artists were engaged copying the pictures. We afterwards visited the jardin des plantes it contains a menagerie, some large green houses a building devoted to anatomical comparison, a natural history museum, & a geological one, in addition to the mere gardens.

Wednesday August 9. We started from Paris at six ½. we gradually got into the vine country, the plants are trained up poles & about 3 or 4 feet high the look at a distance a good deal like beans. we passed through the mountains the scenery was beautiful we alternately passed over immense embankments & through tunnels. from this ~~wild~~ mountainous country we descended to the Burgundian plain & we continued

not till we reached Macon, we had intended to have remained there all night but we concluded it was best to go on, about dark the country became very wild we went through an immense defile between two of the Jura mountains the scenery was wild & magnificent but unfortunately the darkness prevented us seeing much though the moon was up & besides I was too sleepy to care much. We arrived at Geneva about twelve, & entered an omnibus marked for the hotel we wished to go to but when we got there they informed us it was full & so we went to the Hotel de Genève

Thursday August 10. After breakfast we went out & walked over a good deal of the town the old streets are very narrow & dreadfully steep, we visited the old cathedral of St Pierre it is of some historical interest I believe at one time the

catholics & protestants had the use of it alternatly but now the latter have complete possession, there is a tomb to Henri the protestant leader, his armour was on the top of the monument, the man showed us the canopy under which John Knox preached & the arm chair of Calvin. We next went to jewellers abt. watches but he charged a fabulous price, as we went to another & got a gold one for mama & a silver one for William moderate & good. We next went to a shop for swiss curiosities there were such lots of pretty things & very cheap mostly I spent there of my own money 14.65 francs I got something for every one & with what I spent in Paris I just expended a penny less than I originally intended. In the evening we had a view of Mt. Blanc it is fifty miles off but we saw it tops very well, it is as its name signifies white. We also got

today a view of the pass of Fête noir we intend to go through it, it is a fearful looking. Geneva is a very pretty town the water of the lake is beautifully clear you can see the bottom at some places quite clearly, there is a lovely little hill covered with trees & beautiful villas

Friday August 11

Early we first went to the jeweller from whom we bought Mama's & William's watches yesterday I got a gold chain for Mama, next we went got our circular notes cashed & visited the botanical gardens & the academic museum they are both very nice but seem very insignificent after the British museum & the Jardin des Plantes after dinner the we went to the end of the quay Mont-Blanc which is a sort of break-water to protect the harbour, the view from it of the lake & town is lovely in the extreme, one for the time.

surrounded by the water & lovely scenery & seperated from worldly cares to be in a kind of terrestrial paradise.

Saturday August 12.

We left Geneva at six P.M. by diligence the morning was misty & threatening indeed we saw none of the mountains for some distance but after a time the sun dispersed the mist in some degree though it still lingered about the tops of the mountains & added to the picturesque effect. the valley of the Arve is beautiful sometimes quite narrow & again it widens out to lovely valleys the mountains for the most part are well wooded, the water of the river is white & turbulent & has a dirty appearance, after passed the cavern of Baume, & at Sallanches we quitted the diligence had dinner & proceeded in chaises as the roads would not permit our former conveyance to go, they made the gentlemen walk a great deal of the way & we also had

to us elsewhere for a considerable distance, the scenery is magnificent every turn of the road showing some new & striking beauty there were numbers of lovely wild flowers some of which are familiar to us at home.

For some time before we reached Chamonix we could see Mt. Blanc & its hoary head lifted above the nearer & greener hills was sublime on nearing our destination we passed close to & had a very good view of the Boisson glacier, we also had a sight of the end of the "Mer de Glace" after tea we walked out got some flowers & saw Mt. Blanc from a beautiful point of view in the light of the setting sun. Our coachman drivers introduced us to a guide who is to call & take us some of our excursions, & if we like him we shall engage him to pilot us through the "Tête Noir" pass.

Sunday August 12. In the morning we went to the little english

church it is very small but neat & fresh looking we had a very nice sermon on the parable of unjust steward he preached & beautifully very well every one was asking every one else who he was but no one seemed to know. In the afternoon we walked up a part of the mountain facing us & obtained a good view of Mt Blanc there were lots of flowers: we have to dine at the Hotel Union so we went there at first & afterwards returned to our own place of abode & passed the evening in a gallery behind. All the shops are open on Sunday as on other days.

Monday August 14. We set out at seven I on a mule & Papa on foot for Mountain rest; the clouds looked threatening but we hoped that it would soon clear up we got safely to the Top (about 1400) the view on account of the weather was not so extensive as it otherwise might have been

still we got a very good view of the Mer de Glace & the mist gave some very fine effects. We also explored the moraine & the side of the glacier at one part we had to climb along the side of a very steep rocks where a slip was pretty much a finish of life; we on our way gathered a large number of plants & very wet (for the rain had set in) we took our lunch at a little house on the top of the mountain, there is quite a little shop of curiosities there. We soon began to descend it was very disagreable pouring rain a slippery path, a mule exceedingly fond of going near the edge of the path & not at all relishing its duty did not tend to increase our comfort; still we enjoyed ourselves very much. & felt repaid for our toiling up & down. In the evening we went to a shop here & got some view of the sights surrounding Chamounix.

Tuesday August 15. at six

this morning we set out for the glacier de Boson the day was beautifully clear & we soon arrived at our destination the moraine is very large: we did not go on the glacier itself the moraine was quite difficult walking enough we got back by half past eight paid our bill packed our things & sent them by a carriage, & at ten we started on mules for the Allegre it was a pretty hard ascent but we were well repaid by the truly magnificent view we obtained; after dining we walked about a little got some new flowers & commenced our descent on foot the guide leading the mules, the path was very ~~very~~ steep for human beings & for the mules it must have been still worse, after about an hour & a half of hard descent we got to the bottom & mounted our mules mine was a horrid creature for greediness it was constantly struggling were the path

was narrow to get a mouthful to eat. the was not a starved one either however we reached Argentiere at ½ had tea an hour after & then went to the glacier Argentiere we went up on it some way & found some crystals of quartz. we also got in the moraine some flowers at dark we returned to the little hotel. This is the anniversary of the coronation of Napoleon great goings on are apparent Mass has been celebrated & tri-colored flags hung out abundantly.

Wednesday August 16.

We left Argentiere at seven for Martigny Papa walked all the way but I rode, one of those horribly rough mules the way was lovely especially the Forêt Noir itself at a little in we stayed for a short time & then on we went until two ½ we did nothing but rest all the afternoon I was very tired & slept I could ~~hardly~~ not move with any comfort. However after a nights rest we were almost

quite refreshed.

Thursday August 17

We went after breakfast to see the gorge du Trient there is a little pathway of wood constructed all along the side of tremendous cliffs & overhanging the turbulent Trient it is almost the grandest place I have seen. We next went to the Salanche water fall it is very fine. We had intended to leave at three but instead we left at eleven 30 & got to Lausanne at about three; but unfortunately left our umbrellas behind but we hope to recover them. The lake & mountains are exquisite.

Friday August 18. We left Lausanne at ~~eight~~ 9.45 passed through Berne & Freyburg & reached Bale at about six we went out after dinner to get an umbrella ~~on~~ & after some difficulty we succeeded. The town is a regular old fashioned one & the Rhine here is swift & muddy. (Saw a guard of fortress)

Saturday August 19. Bâle (or Basel as they call it here) we left at half past 8 as it is a frontier town we had to get our luggage examined they only asked. A blue spectacled special of severe aspect asked us if we had anything contraband & as we assured him we had not he only said all right & let us go on. All day we travelled through the grand duchy of Baden it is a fertile plain in which tobacco is largely cultivated. nearly all the time we were in sight of the Black-forest country of which so many romantic legends are narrated. we passed by Freibourg, Carlsbrue the capital & Heidelbourg an old woman in the cars informed us that this last was a horrible place for the students are always drinking & duelling. the old castle is the most important sight; but in all this region there are many old castles & fortified places.

Sunday August 20 We ascertained that there was no English service nearer than Heidelberg so we determined to

go & hear a german one. the one of the hotel people told us that the time of service was half past 10 so as we set out found a church but it was entirely empty so we walked about a little & then ~~came~~ went back & sat a little while short-time but nobody made their appearance so we returned to our hotel & had dinner. About four we took a walk in the grand duke gardens. they are beautiful but not well kept.

Monday August 28. at half past five we embarked on a Rhine boat it was raining & all looked dreary, the scenery for a good while was flat & uninteresting but shortly after we left Maing it became more varied & beautiful its chief interest consists in the numerous old castles & fortified places which lend romance to the country. The chief towns we passed were, Worms, Maing or Mayence, Coblentz & Bonn. I am too tired to enter into details of scenery. At about

seven we reached Cologne there are quantities of shops each one possessing the real, genuine "Eau de Cologne" at every turn some one seeks to inform you that such & such a place is <u>the</u> real shop.

Tuesday August 22

We visited the cathedral before breakfast it is in a very unfinished condition but the part which is finished is very beautiful we tried to find the church of St Ursula where the bones of her seven-thousand virgins are exhibited but failed. By the way last night after we had gone to bed two people came to advise Papa to take a ticket to London by some particular train & today another. Cologne altogether is the greediest & dirtiest place we have visited. We started for Brussels at quarter past nine. Belgium is a beautiful country we saw 3 mounds erected over the remains of soldiers killed in the battles. we arrived at our destination a little after three we took a walk in the

town I saw the principal streets before dinner, after, it rained a little & we staid in doors.

Wednesday August 23. Our first move this morning was to get an umbrella, & then papa got a lace set for mama. Our purchases completed we went to the cathedral, it is inferior in size & gorgeous finishing to many we have seen but the style is more simply gothic & pleases the eye better in it there is a beautifully carved pulpit it is supported by figures of Adam & Eve being driven out of Eden by the angel, these are beautifully executed, on the canopy is a figure of the virgin with Christ treading upon the head of the serpent, the stairs are composed of stumps of trees vines animals etc, altogether it is exquisite. There is also a splendid monument to the philanthropist Howard: it is in white marble the figures are two beautiful females the one has an infant on her lap & is fed

a little child by her side while another somewhat older is standing with his hands clasped looking upward, the second female is kneeling on one knee & crowning a medallion of the philanthropist it is lovely & considered one of the best modern statues. this cathedral also possesses some fine painted glass windows that is as fine as painted glass windows can be. our next visit was to the picture gallery, it is a very good collection of the work of the Flemish artists many of them contain beautifully executed figures & excellent coloring but as a rule the conception of the subject is abominable this especially appears in the sacred pieces where prophets & saints are represented in monks dresses with Flemish burgers adoring them & persons who lived before christ devoutly holding crosses. the Belgian Gallery is very plain. as are also the parliament buildings, & Brussels however can boast

a beautiful & well kept park. our afternoon we devoted to visiting Waterloo it is thirteen miles from the city the ground to an unprejudiced eye looks pretty level & nothing particular, but when one sees the position taken by Wellington he can appreciate the skilful arrangement of the army. a large mound 200 feet high with a lion on top is erected on the site of the most desperate combat. there are steps to the top & one can ascend at the expense of aching legs & half a franc. two private monuments have also been erected. at six of we returned very well satisfied & rather wet for it had rained nearly all the time.

Thursday August 24

at six we left Brussels for Ostend we arrived there at about nine & at 10 the boat started for Dover it was very rough & I lay down from the first & so prevented myself being sick. of course we could not eat on board

or we should certainly have suffered, & as the boat was much behind time & did not get in till nearly five we poor mortals had been fasting twelve hours, we got some sandwiches took a walk round the town & set off by six in a very slow train for London which we reached by ten instead of six for our horrid boat made us late for both the three & four trains

Friday August 25.

Papa was out doing business nearly all day & I stayed at home wrote letters & tidied up my things. We got nine letters from home & Papa two or three which had been awaiting our return from the Continent.

Saturday August 26.

Today we paid a visit to Sandhurst Military College. one of the professors whom Papa knew received us very kindly. There are about ~~500~~ 350 pupils in the staff & cadet colleges together. The cadets were at dinner when we were going

the buildings but just as we were returning from the billiard room we met a party of the young gentlemen rushing madly along & turning the corners with great agility. The situation of the college is lovely there are any quantity of woods & two beautiful little lakes & where the students boat & fish. they also have a very nice cricket-ground. On our return to London we travelled part of the way in the company of two cadets who were saying that the day was "awfully hot" that we so gave "awfully jolly parties" etc. expressions which some wise people pretend to belong exclusively to the youths of America.

Sunday August 27.

In the morning we went to hear Dr Hamilton but he was not at home but we heard a very good sermon from another clergyman. after service we visited Mrs G. Bell as our time was so limited her little boy is a darling, but I do not care so much for the girl

Monday August 28 At six this morning we set out for Oxford, at Maidenhead when we were at the station the train backed a little & I heard three kind of groans I looked out & saw some men holding up another who appeared to have fainted I just caught a glimpse of the group for I knew that the man had been run over & I could not bear to look, he was a man greasing the train we went on before it had been ascertained whether he was killed or not it makes one feel so horrible

We reached Oxford a little after eight & were very kindly received by Professor Phillips an old bachelor, he has a very nice house, we first accompanied by him visited the museum it is very nicely arranged for the object in view that of teaching we remained there till lunch time & were introduced to Profs Westwood, Robertson & Drs Acland & Rolleston (a little blue) at lunch there were Dr & Mrs Acland, Mrs

griffith (very nice) old Dr Daubeny (queer) Dr Rolleston (very nice if he only was not so silly as to be a Darwinian) & Mr Whitaker, after lunch we visited the Bodleian library & ascended to the top & got a good view of the town it is very quiet all full of old ~~university~~ colleges with little green quadsangles it must be great fun when all the students are there but now it is very quiet; we next paid a short visit to the Botanical gardens, then proceeded to the station just in time for the train & arrived safely in London about quarter past seven, after a very pleasant day. saw Windsor Castle in the distance.

Tuesday August 28.

I staid in till about eleven by which time Papa had got through most of his business we then set out together & finished up all our affairs, returned ~~to~~ & packed our things young Mr Jenkins called.

Wednesday August 29.

About nine we set out for Edinburg we arrived at

Quk at one of rather tired but still determined to proceed to Edinburgh that night, we arrived passed through Newcastle (it is horribly smoky) & reached Edinburgh at 10½ (an hour late) only Jane & Jessie were at home, the rest not having returned from the sea side, they were very kind & it felt quite like home after our many wanderings.

Thursday August 31.

This morning we went down to see George at Port Berwick a distance of about 22 miles, Aunt was in all in confusion of packing up to go home, but she was delighted to see us, as was George. Little Marion is a very nice little girl indeed with beautiful dark eyes, her mouth may be a little too large but it expression is so sweet that one does not notice it. Alfred & Frederick the only boys at home are very nice, ~~among~~ After dinner we returned to Edinburgh taking George with us Aunt Jane & some of the smaller ones had arrived during our absence the others kept dropping in till about ten. They are very nice girls especially Ellen & Jane (though Christina is very nice too) they play &

sing very well & some also are good drawers. There are such a lot of them that it is like a party all the time they number 10 & then George & I made 12 it was such fun I almost wanted to stay all evening as they wished me to

Friday September 1. This morning we occupied with shopping, & afterwards we visited the castle it is nothing remarkable but we got a fine view from it when we were leaving two soldiers were bringing in a deserter I hope they dident shoot him. We next visited Holyrood palace it is a strange old place the pictures are very quaint, I liked most the old rooms of Darnly & Mary it is so delicious yet strange to turn over again as it were the old deeds of long ago. The men showed us the blood of Riccio of course real. The evening was wet to my delight for I wanted to see more of my cousins.

Saturday September 2. This morning we drove to the Botanical gardens accompanied by two or three cousins left them & George there while papa & I called on Mrs Davidson she looks just the same & Edith also is very little changed

We then joined our party & looked at the gardens the palm house is exquisite, we then took train for Dalkeith & visited Aunt Jessie & family as usual we were received very kindly on leaving she gave me a sixpence & George a penny. Louisa is nice little girl. after dinner we again entered a train & went to Musselburgh we found Aunt Marion quite settled again we had a very pleasant time Charley was there I almost like him best of the boys, but I had a splendid walk beside the sea with Marion, at 9 we said good by & laden with presents we departed sad to leave so soon our new made friends.

Sunday September 3

We went to church in the morning & again in the afternoon accompanied by Alfred & Charlie Primrose to hear Mr Jonstone who married Papa & Mama, he preached very well.

Monday September 4

We visited today the college it is a splendid old building & we were delighted to see the old place where Papa has been, we also visited the museum ~~etc~~ is not yet open to the public but we got admittance, in the evening

we had great fun.

Tuesday September 5 This morning with a still larger collection of presents we set out for Liverpool & after a long journey in a car which oscillated horribly we arrived at Liverpool from it we crossed to Rock ferry & were received very kindly.

Wednesday September 6. At half past 1 we started left for Birmingham which we reached an hour after our time & we found a carriage waiting for us but we had to go out 3 miles into the country as that was where our entertainer resided, we were received very kindly but were obliged to depart quickly to as we wished to hear the opening adress of Professor Phillips we did hear most of it & returned about half past 10 & found tea awaiting us.

Thursday September 7 At half past nine we left for Leeds & went to the Reception room got our tickets letters etc. we next repaired to the geological section room where we remained till half past three hearing papers read & the discussion thereon, after, we returned to Mrs Kempson's had dinner dressed

I went to an evening soiree it was nice enough but rather hot

Friday September 8. To day the section of geology was very interesting we had a paper on Kent's cave, also one or two others which brought up questions of interest which were much disputed Papa took part in some of the discussions, only 5 out of the fourteen papers for the day were read ~~we~~ dined with Sir Charles & Lady Lyell they are very agreeable in the evening we attended a lecture by Geoffes Jukes on the Coal fields of Staffordshire.

Saturday September 9 This morning ~~papa~~ papa read his paper & received a great deal of applause, at one I left for Rock Ferry alone I got on very well papa had telegraphed so I expected Mr Brown or some one to meet me but no one did so I got out my trunk got one of the Railway men to be my guide & luggage ~~carrier~~ carrier almost at the house I met Miss Croco coming to meet me. George is well & not going to Birmingham.

Sunday Went to church

in the morning, it was very windy.

Monday September 11 I read all the morning & after dinner we had a delicious drive first to the woods where we got a quantity of heather & next to the Birkenhead park which is a perfect elysian dream, it seems perfect enough to drive any one, we next came home had tea & read & worked till bed time

Tuesday September 12

We staid in all day I read before dinner & after I employed myself variously, I got a letter from papa to tell us that he would arrive in the evening, He came about eight; But now comes our adventure though in the wrong place before tea Mrs Crow all the children & myself went into the field close by without hats to get some blackberries, Lizzy & Arthur had gone a little apart when suddenly we heard them screaming most frightfully & saw Arthur running towards us & Lizzy standing waving her hands & screaming it turned out that Arthur had thrown a stone at a wasps nest & poor Lizzy had 5 stings I suffered dreadfully, while

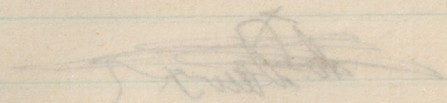
the delinquent Arthur escaped with only one. We had a dreadful fuss nobody seemed to know what to do so I prescribed.

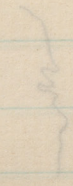
Wednesday September 13

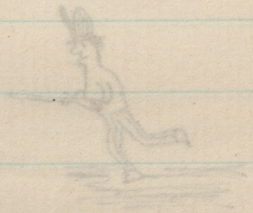
This morning Papa, George & myself went to town & got all our business done & also visited the museum (which is very good) & St George's hall said to be the finest in England, we returned by the three o'. boat, Papa & George went out with the Crows to have a drive & I staid at home to finish some of my arrangements for tomorrow.

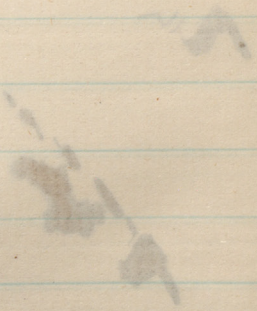
Thursday September 14

The forenoon was occupied with packing we had lunch at









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