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Dear Mr George

I received the Malurus
tusks, in good condition, as
Saturday & your kind note today
made me rather ashamed of
myself for having delayed thank-
ing you for them. I do not myself
know the relative sizes but papers tell
these things are much larger than those
he has in the museum & he considers
them very fine specimens. We have
been considering how to get them mounted

I have decided to get a small piece
of the head modelled in wood, with a
piece of skin & some bristles covering it
& the tusks inserted below; in this way
I think it can be made quite attractive.

In regard to my self I have faithfully
followed your suggestion to abstain
from partridge & potatoes - head I
have added of my accord, confirming
myself, in the matter of grains, to Graham
flour biscuits. I believe I am im-
proving altho' the pain has an aggravating
way of returning by unknown pro-
vocations. Tomorrow I propose to begin a
course of peas-meat base for breakfast

as a girl I used to like good bread -
 so now I hope it will ^{not} be distasteful.
 yesterday I had letters from both Eva
 & Perkins - the former tells me of having
 been at the wedding of Rabbin Ruller.
 He has married Miss Sanson, his brother-
 in-law's sister, a tall fresh complexioned,
 preeminently maternal girl. He takes her at
 once to India where he is settled. Perkins
 has got another patient whom he design-
 nates, "as a harmless lunatic". but he still
 speaks with bitterness of his struggle with
 poverty & disappointment. He writes fr. Hotel
 Burlington, Bascombe, Bournemouth
 but he does not mention how long he is
 likely to stay there. I remember of you & Eva

being at Baumgarten, & only on
 Saturday I went to see Mrs Hague, who has
 lately returned fr^e England, & who entertained
 me with a description of this hotel as the
 most luxurious & delightful & the scenery around
 the most charming she had seen. This morn^g
 having rec^d from a very interesting letter
 from Anne. She is having a delightful
 opportunity for reading, as it comes in
 as an impertinent factor in her duties to
 Eric — & what a blessing it is there he likes books
 of a solid & instructive kind & there gives her
 pleasure. The free library at Lake Saranac, display^g
 abundance of magazine literature & at present
 she is well off for books also. Eric's condition
 does not alter much, & she will make no change
 in her plans unless I should advise it. She will see him
 again on his return fr^e N. Y. where he is now. With all loving
 thanks for yr^e kind & repeated kindnesses to your Mother.