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from the present world

Dear George

Many thanks

for your note (May 15)

on cutting, which

I have read with much

interest. Golden Smith's

views are particularly

instructive

them on the editor of

the "Morning Post"

of course have been following

imagine I learn a lot
from the present warlike
operations, - and will
think twice & thrice before
again entering on any
such chimerical under-
taking. One speaks of
"warlike operations," for
want of a better name
or designation. I call the
childish manoeuvring,
the fruitless firing at
various seaport towns &
villages, the helpless &
aimless sailing & coasting -

sailing, and the
pride bragging about
blockading, "botting up" &
destroying a fleet that is
at once faster and better
handled than any they
have to boast of, - to talk
about this as war, would
be ridiculous.

What they may be able
to do in the future remains
to be seen. If however they
continue to be as studiously
careful of avoiding any
risk of getting hurt as they
have been, it seems unlikely
that their fleets will cover
themselves with glory.

2, the whole thing very

closely - whatever

outcome of naval or
military operations may
be, - and as yet these

are very uncertain,

the result will, I fancy,

prove very salutary & instruc-

tive to the United States

Government & people.

Deceived as they have

been for years by their

press & by their public

men, they will I should

modern & improved kind
- & she has also received
several small gifts, (a silver
my a bracelet, coral necklace
of) & that altogether she
has much to be grateful
for. I little to complain of.

My own plans & move-
ments are as usual un-
certain. Since my return
I have been looking up
my numerous medical
friends, & may any day
hear of some suitable
case. I have too had a
talk with Lord Salisbury's
private Sec^y, whom I know

The said girl is, I
am glad to say prosper-
ing amazingly - She
will I think be a pretty
little thing, & is already
bright, intelligent &
active minded. Mother
has, most generously, presented
her with £50, with which
I have opened an ac^t in her
name (Margaret Rita) - the
Bk. of Montreal (at Mont^{re}) &
we hope to be able to add to this
from time to time. Lady
Glen Coats has given her
a baby carriage of the most

I enclose an obituary
notice of Lady Shaftesbury
which it may interest
you to look over. If it
were noticed in one of
the Montreal papers, it
might do some harm,
especially if it decided
to come out to Montreal
in a year or so (which
is not altogether unlikely.)
I do not desire to
acknowledge of thanks
you for your letter to her.

He is a connection &
friend of the Shaftesbury
family. For the past two
or three years I have had
an application filed for
the post of medical adviser
to the legation at Peking or
Tientsin, and so soon as any
vacancy occurs, I think it
not altogether unlikely that I
may secure one or other -
The remuneration is not mag-
nificent, but the position would
be a useful & interesting one
With all very kind regards
& wishes, Yours very truly,
R. Parkin