

Disunited States  
Northern section  
May 25 1865.

Dear William

We had on the whole a very pleasant journey although of course it was pretty tiresome.

We are in a very nice place and I think that we shall enjoy it very much only I wish the people here would not make so much use of their noses when they are talking and garnish every sentence with a "guess". Rankine was in such a sweat to go and fish

that nothing would  
please him but to  
start of this afternoon  
he did not catch any  
fish but it kept him  
quiet for at time which  
was something. He des-  
ires me to tell you that  
the man here has prom-  
ised him a chicken which  
he means to take home?

Mind you must not  
let any weeds grow  
up in my garden or  
perhaps when I got home  
they would be so large  
and strong that nothing

could take them  
out. We have a very  
pleasant view from  
the windows of this house  
(which by the by is the  
same one we were in when  
we were here before) right  
out upon the open sea  
and there are always lots  
of ships, and steamers,  
and boats, and logs,  
and driftweed, passing  
by so that we have plenty  
of interesting objects for  
observation, and investi-  
gation.

Tell Eva to tell me  
how she liked the crackers  
which I left her to set  
off, and also how you  
spent the Queens Birth-  
day and how many  
fatal accidents happen-  
ed to you from the  
effects of gunpowder &c.

Tell me all these things  
and much more in that  
stunning long letter which  
you are going to write me  
by next mail

(signed) yours affec: brother:

This  
letter may  
be read to all wishing  
information of G M Dawson

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