

MORLEY'S HOTEL,  
TRAFALGAR SQUARE,  
LONDON. W. C.

we will return before or  
after the equinoctial storm  
but times & opinions are  
so very changeable - no  
one thing for more time  
than it takes to utter  
it - I don't dare say whether  
or not I'll sleep in the  
same bed to night that  
I did last night - well  
as the boy said - "So it  
is in mid ye" - I sent a  
book home by mail  
with some photographs  
of Edinburgh - while I  
think of it - I wish you  
would go up to Greenwich



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and see Hill's children,  
when ever you get a chance  
especially now that the  
old nurse has departed.  
I know very well indeed  
Wae - will be very much  
pleased - no use of  
talking he is the best  
one of the lot to travel  
and be with - why you  
can make a real nice  
trip - let uncle W<sup>m</sup>  
know you are going up &  
he will leave Louis the  
Gardener open the house  
and between that, the hot  
house, & surrounding shady  
nooks, you can pass  
the time very nicely

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my descriptions and enumer-  
ations must necessarily be  
very much abbreviated and  
I fear to you perhaps unsat-  
isfatisfactory - but I trust  
my miserable mis-connected  
letters would prove at least  
that you are not forgotten.  
As for describing points of  
interest so I hardly know  
when to commence or if  
I do fairly commence when  
can I end so I lay your  
curiosity in reserve until  
I reach home -  
June 29<sup>th</sup> Left Edinburgh  
at 10 a.m. arriving at London



at 8.25 P.M. (same day) the  
fastest run in the world  
nearly 400 miles (deducting  
stops) in less than 9 hours  
for distances we ran at  
the rate of 60 miles an hour  
we had a very pleasant  
day indeed and a very  
comfortable time for such  
a long travel. The cars are  
not like ours (as you  
well know) - being divided  
off in sections or compart-  
ments - that is the section  
runs all the way across  
the car being accessible  
at each side by a door  
something similar to  
a carriage door - made

Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872

Dear Mother:

Your very welcome  
letter dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of June  
was received last evening and  
I truly was very glad indeed  
to hear from you - it being  
my first letter since I left  
American shores - It seems  
strange that you have not  
or at least had not up  
to the time of writing  
received any communi-  
cation from me - but one  
can hardly depend upon  
a prompt delivery via European



mail. it hardly seems possible that there is such a wide expanse between my present domiciled position and home. it only seems necessary to jump into a train and be whirled home (as from Greenwich or some other place closely situated to New York) in a few short hours. Our imagination opens a vast field for what we would wish to realize - but true realization - when it comes but a gauzy veil of imagination is even more mysterious.

June 24<sup>th</sup>. left Belfast at 8 P.M. via Royal mail line of steamers a smooth voyage - across the Irish sea and up the river

Lough - arriving at Glasgow at 8 A.M. the next day. June 25<sup>th</sup> the day rainy damp & disagreeable - stop at MacLeans Hotel - the day and the surroundings being rather in sympathy with the weather we left Glasgow at 2 P.M. - arriving at Edinburgh at 3.35 P.M. (same day) here we found the most like American people, since our travels abroad - Palace Hotel - fine room - attention prompt and agreeable - rooms unsurpassed and meals prime - people clean affable and intelligent - a rare and wholesome improvement upon the habits & customs of the people we have just



left behind us - the Irish -  
the Scots - are a shrewd, in-  
telligent and energetic peo-  
ple - remained at Edinburgh  
until June 29<sup>th</sup>. we were  
favorably accorded pleasant  
travels for most of the  
time - and all did in-  
deed enjoy our stay at  
that city - it would be useless  
to commence and enumerate  
the almost numberless  
places we visited at Ed-  
inburgh - it being a large  
city - with monuments marking  
the famed "Walter Scott" &  
"Robert Burns" - and also -  
Palaces & towers - especially  
"Holyrood Palace" -

to accommodate six and some-  
eight persons - three and four  
on a side - facing each  
other - put you in and  
lock you up - it seems  
a very strange way of  
humming along at the  
rate of 60 miles an hour  
your only chance of getting  
out in case of an acci-  
dent to climb through a  
small window - the cars  
are much smaller than  
ours - four of these sections  
generally making up the  
size of the car - in coming  
from Edinburgh here we  
had three sections - one  
for Mr & Capt Wylie & their  
wives - one for our many



for Jennie + self + one  
for Maggie - Chailey - +  
Caesar George - that di-  
vision of the spoils + the  
last sentence only in  
reference to the separation  
between the last two par-  
cels) insuring peace and  
a pleasant trip - This  
place is a dirty hole - but  
there is a great deal to  
be seen here - we will  
remain undoubtedly until  
the first of next week -  
I very much think Aunt  
Mary will make a stay  
of some little time in  
Germany - and it seems  
very doubtful now whether

you can go up in the  
9 o'clock train arrive  
about 10.30 - remain in  
1.59 train or go in 11.30 am  
train some time between  
3 + 4 P.M. - I am positive  
it would gratify Willie  
especially if you drop  
him just a line as to  
their health and appear-  
ance - always leaning  
toward the favorable  
side for Lizzie is a  
nervous body - I can  
hardly say where to di-  
rect my letters to - I  
can find but little  
out about at what time  
or where we will be at  
any given time



Let Frank see Dick - as  
we generally telegraphs  
him every few days - as  
he can keep him as  
well posted as any one.  
If you feel any way anx-  
ious at any time you  
will get about the latest  
news from him - If you do  
<sup>not</sup> happen to get such or any  
information direct here  
and they will be for-  
warded - Send your glove  
size - Aunt Mary sends love  
& is very much interested  
as regards the East Norway  
affairs - is bitter against Mrs  
Floor - Joe & Jennie & all send  
love - Remember me to all  
Especially your dear self & all

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