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LUCERNE

Adm
Paris
Bordeaux
Grenoble

Sunday. Aug-11. 172

Dear Mother.

Last Friday we were all very agreeably surprised with quite an influx of letters - some coming through mail from Paris and another package coming from Bordeaux Bros London - with them came two from you, one dated June 28th the other July 23^d. Aunt Mary & Josie also received each one from you. I also received a letter from Dick Turner dated July 22^d - the reason that I received the June 28th the July 23^d ones at the same time is that the first one was directed in Nell's care and remained at London as the Banker subject

to his orders which were to send
all his letters to Paris where they
remained until he arrived at
Paris - when he forwarded
them and it so happened
that the mail from Boston
Bro's London to me arrived
at Lucerne the same day - so
that when I read in your letter
that you would see "Dick" and
be sure to have my letters ad-
dressed properly that if you
chanced it on him you would
be more than likely to make
a slip - I will be careful to note
any change of address that may
take place as I am more anx-
ious that any one else that
your letters should make as di-
rect a trip as possible =

although we are situated in one
of Switzerland's loveliest spots we
have been very unfortunate

as regards weather as it rains
almost every day - but rain is such
a common thing here among the
mountains that the gentlemen
and in fact most of the ladies
fully forth well protected with
a rubber cloak or coat upon
their arms ready for any
emergency besides here every
nine out of ten carry an
umbrella - I'm the one in one
of those cases that don't carry
one - I have a long rubber
coat which comes within a
board one foot of my heels
it would remind you of one
of my "Robe de nuit's" - Thursday
at 10 a.m. Josie & myself left on
the boat for how to Steggis where
3 hours on horseback to the top
of the mountain 4669 feet - the
"Rigi Klum" as it is called
every one takes a trip up to see

the sun set remain over night
 see the sun-rise - return by Rail
 "Steam" down the mountain to
 Vitznau then by boat one hour
 to Lucerne - it was clear when
 we started but when about $\frac{1}{2}$
 way up it commenced raining
 and blew a perfect hurricane
 but we were well prepared for
 mountain travel & only got a
 little dampened - it cleared again
 however before we reached the
 top - but it was uncomfortably
 cold & spite the robes & wraps
 we were cold - although the wind
 blew a perfect hurricane so you
 could hardly stand yet the
 clouds lifted for about an
 hour & we were treated to a
 panoramic view of the sur-
 rounding country - Lake & Moun-
 tain scenery which truly was
 beautiful the wind blowing.

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so very cold and with such
 velocity we were compelled to
 retreat to the house - we reached
 the top about 2 P.M. - and at 5 P.M.
 the weather was so very unfa-
 vorable that we gave up all
 idea of seeing the sun set - the
 clouds hung heavily around
 the mountain - like a heavy
 fog - and the rain came in tor-
 rents at times - it was a very
 amusing sight to see the peo-
 ple coming up on horseback
 in parties of from three to six
 looking very much like drowned
 rats (as the old expression runs)
 as it was almost next to an
 impossibility rubber coats or
 no rubber coats to keep them
 down on horseback the wind.

blew such a gale - we were very
well satisfied to retire early to
keep warm - the wind whistled
around the house all night long -
clear mornings one half hour
before sun ~~just~~ the dawn of
day is announced by a horn
which summons all who wish
to see the great orb arise from
his bed - to rob themselves of
a few hours laziness as com-
pensation for the grand sight -
but no horn summoned us

Friday morning - for when I
arose at 8 a.m. I looked out
my window and instead of
a grand sight grasping in
at one glance miles & miles of
charming Switzerland's scenery
I could not see five feet - in
fact we had been sleeping
in the clouds all night
the wind had not abated

one iota it was cold and
disagreeable and every thing
was damp - after eating our
breakfast at 9 a.m. although
the wind was terrible and
it poured we decided to
start for the 11 a.m. train
the station being $\frac{3}{4}$ of an
hour from the house - will
be finished (the Rail Road) to
the top this season - if we
did not start at that time
we were compelled to remain
until next train 2 P.m. or
ride down the mountain on
horseback - getting wet was
preferable to either - at 9.30
we started out for - in a chair
well wrapped up with shawl
waterproof - blanket over lap
traveller cap over head - to ex-
plain about the chair - they have
ordinary wooden chairs with

back and arms - with two long
arms running under each side
of the seat and extending a-
bout 3 feet in front & behind
these are carried by two, three,
or more men according to
the weight of the occupant
with a comfortable place to
put your feet well wrapped
up - you are very nicely car-
ried to your destination - I
was not so lucky - as the house
was very full about 200 people
left leaving that morning or
the majority the chairs were
all engaged - I sallied forth
on horseback & a fine $\frac{3}{4}$ of an
hour ride it was too - but
my rubber coat proved a
good investment and I
only got a little wet in the
lower part of my (short) limbs
mist rain and sleet and you

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could not see a thing - about
one hour ^{ride} in the Rail Road
which at times ran very steep
one hour on the boat and
we arrived at our destination
or at least at our starting point
with about as good success
on our Rigi Run trip as go
out of every 100 experience as
I presume that is about the
ratio of those that either see
the sun rise or set - But I mean
to try it again if we remain
here long enough - next time
taking "Charlie".

To morrow "Joe" & myself start
on a trip to "Lake Como" - two
hours by Lake Lucerne to "Fluelen"
the other extremity of the Lake
then $2\frac{1}{2}$ days over the mountains

to Lugano. Stopping overnight
in what is called the
"Langitai mountains" from
Lugano across Lake Lugano
then by distance 2 hours to
Como. Down Lake to
Como - by Rail to Milan one
of the largest cities of Italy
spend about two days there
returning by Lake Como to
Lalico. Private conveyance
two days through the Spitzer
pass and across the snow
mountains to Como. Then by Rail
one day to Lucerne - by five
about 8 days - leaving the rest
of the facts at Lucerne - the
trip no doubt will be
most interesting and
returning by a different
route will be very
and a grand idea of the

9th Augst 24th



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