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Dearest Minnie

It was a very great  
pleasure to get your letter fr.  
Cumberland Isle a few days ago,  
and I am so delighted to  
hear that you were enjoying  
enjoying it so intense (or so  
referred) that you did not  
find the heat oppressive —  
Now, I don't see how it is possible  
for any one who has not been  
here to conceive what the glory  
of color can be & the beauty of  
the Bosphorus — Europe amazed



② as it is, you can still fancy believ-  
ing in the world there as shown  
in the Arabian Nights - The  
long bridge whose name I have  
forgotten was such a delight  
to me - Of course you went out  
on Friday afternoon (or do you  
for the city in summer) to  
the Sweet Waters & I have no  
doubt you went out not by  
road as we did but by carriage  
as we did not & saw all  
the beauties of Constantinople  
in their glory - Did I tell you  
that our first day here was  
Friday & that we arrived early  
(about 8, I think) & that before  
10 we were up in the city of the

hill where there is a very large  
mosque just outside the  
gates of one of the Palaces <sup>(3)</sup>  
(The names of both of the mosque  
and Palace are gone) & there  
from the building facing the mosque  
the with all the diplomatic  
corps & distinguished chaps  
(or interfering ones) watched  
in the coming of the Sultan  
and then sent a really superb  
review of about 7000 troops  
with all in the most absolute  
perfect spring day with not  
clouds in view in the foreground  
and the whole very approach  
to the mosque simply swarming  
with people in holiday dress.



(4) I have rarely seen a more brilliant  
out sight & it was a very inter-  
esting introduction - from its  
bringing into such sharp con-  
trast the old & the new -  
I am so glad St. Sophia subsided  
you as it did me - How could  
it fail to, <sup>in spite of</sup> ~~with~~ all that they  
have done to spoil it? The  
King did disturb me, those  
bright green disks with the  
yellow inscriptions - they  
were so enormous that you'd  
not help being conscious of them -  
I wonder whether we shall ever  
again see any of the most beauti-  
ful things in the world together?  
It would be such an interest

pleasure to <sup>2</sup> me but I fear even <sup>(5)</sup>  
the possibility of a voyage and  
two weeks on land in that  
other world is not likely to  
present itself again - Sorry  
as I am on many accounts, not  
at all on the one, as things might  
have straightened themselves  
out between Marie & me, that  
I could not go with you this summer,  
I am perfectly sure it was best for  
all of us that I did not, as I really  
was very miserable & should have  
been a clammer - It is very hard  
always to have to stop to think not  
of a person in travelling who is  
not able to do as much as the  
other members of the party & partic.



(6) ularly trying when the party is a small  
one. As for the other thing, I think  
it must adjust itself with time  
and patience because it seems  
simply impossible that it should  
not. Not a very forcible reason  
perhaps except that it seems  
almost impossible that such  
a shamed condition should  
last when there is certainly so  
little to cause for it & as I hope  
a great deal against it —  
But it is useless to discuss  
it and I can only hope for better  
things & try to do what I can  
to make better things possible.  
I wonder whether you remem-  
bered to ask Bessie to send me



ones & I am glad to say my home 7  
very kind so that it was a  
great pleasure to me to be in the  
house with them - The little baby  
who is only 7 months old is  
very fair & round & soft, with  
a very round head & pale gold  
hair & great blue eyes with  
dark lashes & as she has hardly  
ever had an ache or a pain, she  
is always happy & never cries  
unless there is a good reason.  
The twins are running about &  
are precocious, with a great  
many very beguiling ways - My  
aunt Marnie would have looked  
at me with her own amusement  
perhaps with scorn  
but never mind - So I nursed  
the babies & played with them  
a good deal when on the beach

⑧ and in the house & with Mary  
(the oldest child who is 16 but  
still a child & a very sweet  
one) & Julia de Forest & some-  
times the 11 yr. old Charles.  
We bathed & sailed & drove  
sometimes <sup>we</sup> drove alone with  
Julia but I never recall what  
better & the place was long  
and the days went very quick  
by and it was very restful  
and peaceful and a very  
new & pleasant experience. Some-  
times we were more or less at the  
de Forests and you know I am  
fond of old M. de Forest. He  
has always been extremely kind



To Mr Julia & me — To-morrow <sup>(9)</sup>  
will expect to visit Desert where  
I expect to spend a fortnight  
at my brother's & Julia is to  
make Kate & me have a visit  
at Westport & Carlin — So I  
have given you who are in  
the midst of all the glories of the  
East all these dull & homey details.  
Probably this time you are either  
on the way to Athens or are already  
here and if so are probably on your  
way to the Acropolis now. In that  
again I cannot believe you will be  
disappointed, nor will you be dis-  
appointed in my beautiful youth  
and those beautiful calm women  
who would have exulted in

10 Their beauty shall come if they  
could but have known how  
I would have swayed  
is buried with such men  
and women when their ashes  
had been cold for twenty  
five hundred years -  
I am very sure that there is  
nothing in the world that I so much  
want to see again as the Gulf  
of St. Louis and the Niagara & there is  
nothing I wd love to do as to go  
here in no ark in & stay until  
the summer heat drove me away  
But we are within a week from  
Boston where he had 2 1/2 hrs. before  
starting again on our journey & he was  
longer than we so that I will  
not begin another sheet - Take care of  
yourself & give my love to my dear  
is pleasant to think of how happy you

11 I must be in what you are doing & seem - I must go myself by way of