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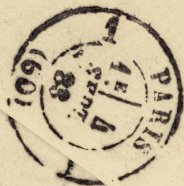


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Hotel Bristol

Place Vendôme

Paris



Sept. 2, 1853,

Engl. artists who lent me books & im-  
parted old maid Auray Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> -  
Concarneau & Port Aven were equal  
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Dear Mary,

As I was so remote the last  
time you were in Paris I will send  
you a few lines to meet you on  
yr. arrival. I am ashamed of  
having written you such a  
melancholy letter a few days ago.  
I suppose it was due to <sup>the coming on of</sup> a slight  
attack wh. had the graciousness to  
descend upon me in Concarneau  
where there was a good doctor &  
a charming view from my window  
- a quay full of white capped &  
white ruffed women & scarlet  
sashed, blue shirted, brilliantly  
capped men & a harbor full of  
sardine boats with  
red Venetian sails - and some kind



Dear Mary

I was so sorry to hear  
 that you were in Paris I will send  
 you a few lines to meet you on  
 your arrival. I am ashamed of  
 having written you such a  
 melancholy letter a few days ago.  
 I suppose it was due to a slight  
 attack of the pneumonia to  
 which you are in consequence  
 where there was a good deal of  
 a charming view from my window  
 a gray face of white coffee &  
 white coffee - water & scotch  
 scotch, but scotch, will only  
 coffee men to take full of  
 coffee of 20 scotch with  
 red blanket case - but some kind



Engl. articles who lent me books & un-  
 parled old maid remedies. Both  
 Concarnear & Park Aven were equal  
 to their reputation & quite solved my  
 difficulty about a place of refuge.  
 I believe I am now well, but if not  
 we shall return thither - My dr.  
 told me not to think of Paris be-  
 fore the middle or end of Sept so  
 we are going leisurely thro the  
 Touraine & wh every one we meet  
 tells us is charming - a Lotusland,  
 where *ca ne fait rien* is the motto,  
 where perfect French & cooking  
 and Saumon are lavished upon  
 the traveller.

The moors of Brittany are in  
 their splendor - one blaze of purple  
 & gold - as they roll back from  
 the blue sea, with menhirs &  
 dolmens for the shadows & fields  
 of half reaped <sup>coralstemmed</sup> buckwheat



Capt. Arble who lent me books & am-  
 phibed old world remedies. Both  
 Cameron & Paul Green were equal  
 in their reputation & quite solved my  
 difficulty about a place of refuge.  
 I believe I am now well, but if not  
 we shall return to the Bay de  
 la Tortue as I think of Paris be-  
 fore the middle or end of Sept. so  
 we are going leisurely thru the  
 Governor but every one we meet  
 tells us is charming - about the land  
 where a perfect French & cooking  
 and garden are located upon  
 the islands.  
 The woods of Brittany are in  
 their splendor - a stage of purple  
 & gold - as they will soon pass from  
 the blue sea, with mountains &  
 habitations for the laborers & fields  
 of half or more, but what



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for the light of the picture. Between Concarneau & Pont Aven, & here they are most splendid.

Later - for the first time I th'd of telegraphing the address of our hotel to my banker & after this I shall receive my mail punctually. A telegram sent at noon yesterday brought a pile of letters this morning - among them yrs to Marnie. We left Dinan for Lannion the 16<sup>th</sup> but if we had only known of the possibility of yr. coming to Brittany we cd. so easily have waited & if not Brittany is tiny & - I th't you said Normandy. We are now at the extreme verge & you are just starting for Paris. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we ~~to~~ crossed the railway again & it wd. have been only a few hrs to Dinard. I do



for the light of the picture  
 in the room. I had been  
 here they are most splendid.  
 been for the first time. It's  
 of telegraphing the address of an  
 hotel to my brother. After this I  
 shall receive my mail frequently.  
 A telegram sent at noon yesterday  
 brought a pile of letters this  
 morning. I am very glad to receive  
 the left Division for tomorrow. It's  
 but if we had only known of the  
 possibility of your coming to Baltimore  
 we could have waited for  
 of our Baltimore is long. I  
 I think you will be very glad to  
 are now at the expense of  
 you are just starting for Paris.  
 On the 24th we crossed the  
 railway again. It will have been  
 only a few hours to Paris.



not see how ~~any~~ older people can  
put up with <sup>the</sup> hotels in the interior  
of Brittany. Here Hotel du Pavillon <sup>Auray</sup>  
it is much better - we shall be here  
2 days more. Then go to Vannes, a  
few miles off for a day & a night &  
thence to Nantes, Angers & Tours for  
the Loire castles. At Dinard I fear  
you will stay as the hotels are  
said to be ~~so~~ good.

Please tell me whether you  
rec'd a letter sent to Morgan &  
one within the last few days to Hotel  
Bristol - The former sd. certainly  
have reached you before the 24<sup>th</sup>

Please tell me also that you under-  
stand how it happened that I have  
seemed so careless. Our person was  
one of three in Dinan - open for the  
last 50 yrs & any cabman or porter  
cd. have given you <sup>the three</sup> ~~their~~ addresses but  
of course you drove over. If you had



of course you have over. If you had  
 let have given you <sup>the</sup> address but  
 last 50 yrs + my cousin or father  
 one of them in Bremen - after for the  
 seemed to coincide. Our father was  
 about him it happened that I have  
 Please tell me also that you number  
 have reached you before the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Bristol - The former is extremely  
 are within the last few days to Hotel  
 send a letter and to Morgan &  
 Please tell me whether you  
 said to be so good.  
 you will stay as the hotels are  
 the down east. It should I fear  
 there to Paris, Lyons & Tours for  
 few miles off for a day or night &  
 I hope more than go to Lyons or  
 it is much better - but still be here  
 of Brittany. Here Hotel du Parc  
 put up with hotels in the interior  
 not see how any other people can



Looking in Murray, still as it  
most fortunately happened - the  
converse wd. have been too bad -  
~~we do not miss each other~~ <sup>meeting you</sup> ~~at~~  
nearly or so narrowly.

Be careful in Paris, every one  
we meet tells us of its unhealthiness  
and tell me how you are - I'm

now. I shall see you. ~~I~~ I try to think  
more satisfactorily perhaps than if  
~~you had been~~ <sup>you had been</sup> ~~with Paris~~

~~shopping etc.~~ <sup>shopping etc.</sup> of course - I am very  
sorry you stay out in the country  
so late next winter. As we approach

Belzac's birthplace I am able  
to buy his novels to ~~thus supply~~ <sup>supply</sup>  
myself with books. All thro' the Côtes-  
du Nord & Feniétere we cd. find  
nothing we wished to read. I have  
not read him en masse since  
I left home. I do not think I  
have become cynical but I find



him a poet & an idealist - & he  
booke the auguste mensonge he  
himself calls them.

~~Dear Mr. [unclear]~~

Very lovingly yrs

Minnie

We go to Carnac tomorrow.

~~Opposing~~ ~~paper~~ ~~the~~ ~~side~~

remain to be ~~my~~ ~~side~~ & return  
here again. Please excuse ~~excuse~~

I do not know why I write what

I have no desire to say -

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting at the bottom of the page]*