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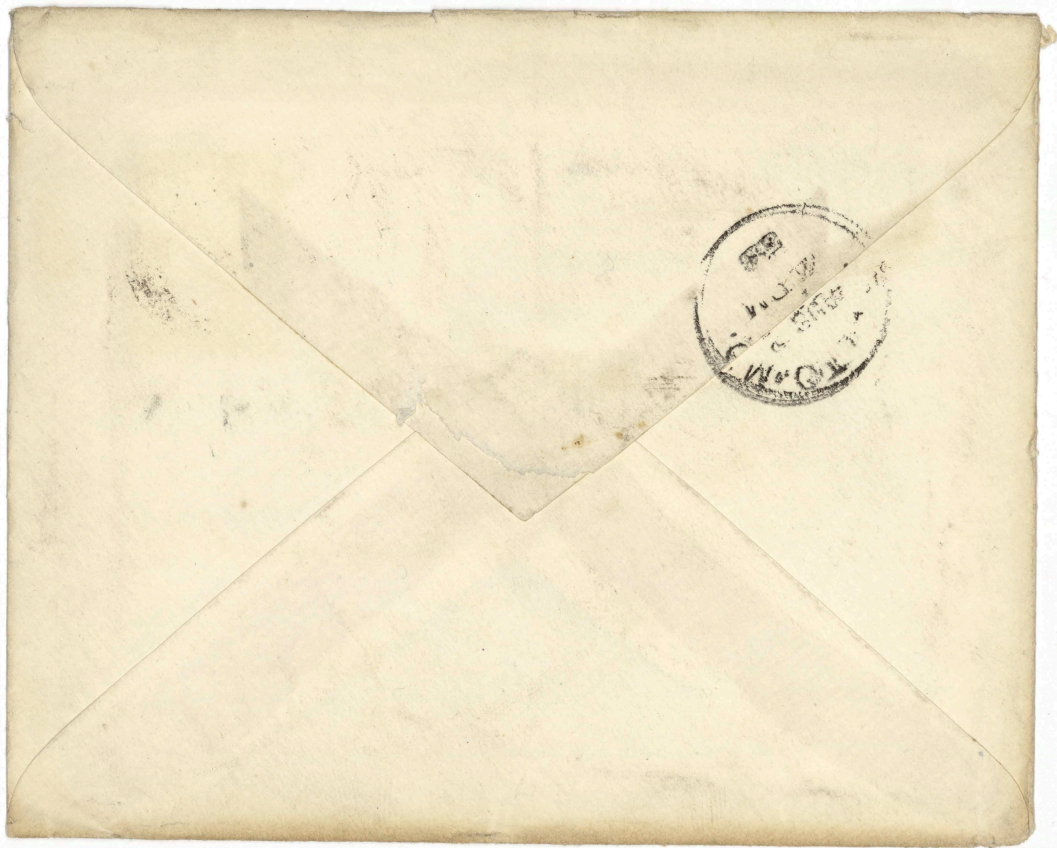


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Coombe Edge <sup>①</sup>

BRYN MAWR, PA.

Aug 2 1844

Dearest Mary,

I remind myself  
of you I am lying in bed  
surrounded by books and  
papers among wh. figure prom-  
inently Douden's Shelley, Harry  
Richmond, two Athenaeums  
wh. I have read as my days  
stint (there are two drawers  
full to be read) and letters  
I have felt too unluckily to  
write since I saw you and  
such as the novelty of the  
sensation that I find I

(2)

have to spend some part of  
the time in contemplating  
it, and get backache or what  
I try to read all the time  
over to keep from getting  
too blue - I realize how hard  
it is for you without the  
resource of books early in  
the morning, late at night  
and all day long - Books are  
~~resources~~ they are windows of  
Lithia, while letters are  
outlets of meditation and  
memory - I came home to  
find your domestic world  
in a ferment on account of  
a mighty quarrel between



Mother's maid & Grace's nurse  
 and I think a little additional  
 backache is perhaps the result  
 of my quelling the ~~put~~ in-  
 surgents - Bessie came over  
 on Monday Tuesday and we  
 had I fear rather a warm  
 argument which ended in  
 an invitation given and accep-  
 ted to Bessie & Gordello to ~~stay~~  
 sleep here last night Bessie  
 as I told you being dying  
 for a change - but alas all  
 noon yesterday came Mr King  
 to say Bessie had had some  
 housekeeping to do & had  
 overdone it & was in bed

(A) with a derisive cough. She  
however at 6 P.M. yesterday  
sent word she would be over  
today "to sit with me an  
hour" in Lorna's phraseology  
Artemus, Deana & all the  
other divines would have  
been displeas'd at our last  
conversation. Poor Beere  
she has now to arrange  
for engaging a nurse, order-  
ing baby clothes and all  
such things and we called  
in Grace & made out lists  
of necessary things. I am so  
glad we can help for it  
is an ironical situation



That grows in <sup>tragedy</sup> rather than <sup>like</sup> <sup>to be</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>mon</sup> ⑤

BRYN MAWR, PA.

dominates

Q. as discouraged at the moment that I do

Annie is much better & walked down stairs yesterday. Father and Nellie start on Monday and Mamma comes up today.

I have wondered very often about you and whether "Miss Nellie" as Mrs Hardy calls her is better. I wish you had said when you enclosed your corresponding amusing letter. I sympathized with the spelling. Tell me whether you are going to get

not like to be published  
that press in Philadelphia  
from -  
Bryn Mawr, Pa. ⑤

Annex is much better &  
knocked down than just  
taken and belie started  
Monday and never comes  
up today.

John considered very  
often about you - and  
whether "your letter" as

you hardly call her is better

I wish you had said when

you enclosed your copy  
among them. Sympathizing

with the spelling - like me

whether you are going to get



①  
Wm & sister Ad. Hunt's  
off on Monday - I hope Bradman's  
is better also. I have been  
thinking a little about your  
visit and unless yr sister-in-law  
wanted you then I think after  
you had been a few days  
at Montebello on yr return home  
from the Desert - wd be the best  
time because it is I suppose  
just possible that Father might  
wish to move down after the 1<sup>st</sup>  
week in September altho I think  
we shall stay till the 15<sup>th</sup> -  
otherwise I have nothing to do

but read and as Aubrey de Vere  
did say "retrace half my  
life with the question 'did  
one indeed while passing  
thru. such golden regions, fail  
so much to value them at  
their full worth?' He was a  
melancholy retrospective soul  
and in so far harmonious  
yet after this summer — and  
one summer is <sup>perhaps</sup> not too much  
to give to — I hope I shall be  
able to pull myself together  
and be cheerful — There is so  
much to live for I think <sup>and</sup> we



9) I (2) <sup>your</sup> <sup>dear</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>my</sup> <sup>parents</sup> <sup>name</sup>  
set we are <sup>so</sup> <sup>irresistibly</sup> <sup>glad</sup>  
that we care for the good  
things of life — & among the  
~~most~~ things is that  
Athenian tomb. The memory  
made my visit to London ~~less~~  
less needless — I was  
sorry not to be fit for you  
when I was at Montebello  
I enjoyed seeing you very  
much — but it was sufficient  
in you to ask me — I was  
sorry too that I said some  
undecidable things I need  
not have said & I hope you  
will not think because I

⑤  
I & sister went  
off on Monday - Hope Mother  
is better also. I have been  
knitting a little about your  
visit and unless you return in less  
than 10 weeks - then I think after  
you had been a few days  
at Southwell on your return home  
from N. Devon - will be the best  
time because the sea breeze  
just fresh - Holywell might  
not be more down after the 1<sup>st</sup>  
week in September as the climate  
we shall stay till the 15<sup>th</sup> -  
otherwise I have nothing to do



②  
But I can call on Led  
but read and as Luther did  
not say "release half my  
life with the question 'did  
one indeed while fasting  
tho. such golden regions' but  
So much to value them at  
their just worth?' He was a  
preternaturally retrospective soul  
and in his far harmonious  
yet often his summer — and  
one summer — <sup>totally</sup> he much  
to give to — I hope I shall be  
able to pull myself together  
and be cheerful — There is no  
much to live for <sup>and</sup> ~~there~~ we

① 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1841  
I got the two envelopes by a lady  
that we saw for the first time  
things of age - & among the  
~~things~~ things is this  
Almanac book. The memory  
made my visit to London  
was peculiar - I shall  
soon not to be put for me  
when I was at Northwell

Sory you seeing you very  
much - but it was explained  
in your to ask me - I was  
sorry too that I said some  
unpleasant things - I must  
not have said & I hope you  
will not think heinous