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Sunday, Feby 13<sup>th</sup>, 1870

I was sick in the evening after dinner. Took some Homeop-athic medicine & 9 drops  
Lauderanium then went to bed.

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>

Better this mor-ning. Wrote to Mr. Sherwin & to Vallie. Remained in my room during  
the day.

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup>

Examined some paintings. Drew some money - had hair cut & c.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Mailed letter to JH Douglass. Rode out to Villa Yalta to see some paintings of the  
studio of Gambardella. Wrote to E.A. Gibbs Esq.

Thursday, 17

Rode out to Baisa about 12 miles - beautiful ride - saw Lake Agnano & the hot baths  
there. Pozzuoli & the Amphithea-tre in ruins there & near there the extinct crater of  
Solfatara Passed by the Monte Unoro which was made by an upheaval Sept 30 1538 -  
It is 428 ft high. Thence to Lake Lucrinus & Lake Asermus & the Bagno de Herone or  
bath of herons thence to Baia & returning to Naples - passed through the Grotto of  
Posilefe.

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>

Rode out to the Studio of Gambardella & sat for my portrait- rained in the after-noon.  
Mailed letter to Dr. Johnson.

Saturday. 19<sup>th</sup>

Went to the top of Mt. Vesuvius.

Sunday, 20

Went to Scotch church & in the afternoon went to see Dr. Nazolillo about the sore on my nose. He gave me prescription & is to call on me tomor-row morning.

Monday, 21

Dr. N. called. I took a sulphur bath & he cauterized the sore with Nitrate of Mer cury.

Tuesday, 22

Took bath. Remained in doors most all day according to the Dr.'s advice. Took dinner at 6 ½ P.M. at the Grand Caffé.

Wednesday 23

Rode out to Mr. Gambardella's studio & sat for my portrait one hour.

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>

Did not take a bath. The Dr. Touched part of the sore with caustic this being the third time he has cauterized part of it. I wash it with the same fluid of which the bath is composed. Rained to day & I remained in doors - finished letter to Mr. Hunt dated Ronus 3<sup>rd</sup> Mailed letter to Carrie & Effie ? Phillips & Barnard Started for Rome this A.M.

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Nazolillo called at 8 ½ A.M. said my nose was looking better. He said his price for a few visits would be 10 frcs each but for 12 to 20 or over 5 frcs each visit. Consultation with another physician will cost 30 frcs. He suggested Dr.Pali-ciano. Took a sulfur bath. He touched the sore slightly with caustic again.

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup>

Dr. N called I told him to consult with Dr. Palasciano to morrow. Mr. Noble and I went on board the U.S. Frigate Sabine.

Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Nazolillo & Dr. Palasciano called. The latter said a surgical operation must be performed & the flesh from each side of the nose from brought up so as to meet. Rained this fore-noon, wrote to Vallie.

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>

Dr. N. called- sore looks better. Walked out did some shopping-

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1870

Pleasant day, Rode out to the Portrait Painters S. Gambardella. Col. B. Noble accompanied me. Sat 1 ¼ hours for my portrait. Returned to our hotel at 4 ¾ p.m. Wrote to B A Belmond Geneva in regard to the bill of music boxes I ordered of him. Paid Dr. Palasciano 30 frcs consultation fee. Take bath every other day.

Wednesday 2

Henry & Col. Noble started for Salerno ? & c. Dr. N called on me after-wards. I went out to Villa Satta & sat about 3 hours for my likeness. Beautiful day- wrote to Vallie.

Thursday 3

Another fine day. Took a bath, visited the mu-seums. Wrote some & studied French some. Henry ? this evening.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

Col. Noble & I went to Gambardella's studio & had a sitting.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>

Dr. N called as usual. My arm is getting sore from a blister put upon it. Took a bath sore getting better.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>

Went to Scotch Church twice. Communion season. I remained & partook with other Christians in Com-memoration of our Lord. Wrote to Vallie – Recd a letter from her & from Effie – and altogether have felt happy to day. I ? Vallie's letter in one I wrote yester-day to John Douglas in which I asked him to have £100 sent to me in Draft on London & bal of 1000\$ deposited to my Cr at Com Ex. Bk. & to have the Draft mailed to me care of Munroe & Co. if he rec'd the letter before 25<sup>th</sup> Mch & if later to have it sent to Misters Brown, Shipley & Co London.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Rainy day. Very windy. Staid in doors all day. Did not bathe.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Portrait Painters – sat 2 ½ hours. Took sulphur bath. Nose getting better.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Day fair. Went shopping – bought bracelet for Vallie – also two scarf ? & a pair ? buttons.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Took a bath. Went out shopping, Bought several water colored views of Naples & Vicinity. Nose is healing rapidly. Suffer some with headache & indigestion.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Headaches yet. Walked out called at American Consuls. Paid bill of water cold paintings Wrote to Patek Philadelphia & Co. & Ad, Lang & Co Geneva

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Noble Henry & I rode out to Gambaradella's. The portraits are nearly finished. In the forenoon bought some oil paintings.

Sundays 13<sup>th</sup>

Took sulphur bath. Nose is healing rapidly. Wrote to Vallie – went to church in the afternoon.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Wrote to JHD. Looked for some pictures. Paid for Bill oil paintings of Vases & ? 150 frcs.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Recd letter from V. also from T.B.W. - Had Photo graph taken for the Dr.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Took sulphur bath. Mr. Nobel went to Sicily accompanying Mr. & Mr. Goodall who have been fellow borders here for several weeks past.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Visited the Museums mailed letter to my wife. Wrote to Tainter in the eveg.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Took bath this morning & changed the pom-ade to that called the Glycerine & starch pomade. Wrote to Brother William

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

Nothing New

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

Took sulphur bath. Heard Rev. W. C. Van Weber preach an affecting & effective discourse in the Pres ch. As a result over 250\$ were raised for a ? school in Naples.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Walked out for exercise. Day pleasant.

Tuesday 22

Henry & I went out to the Campo to see the ? of about 2000 calvary by Prince Humbert heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Italy. The princess Margharetta quite a young woman – rode out in her carriage to the grounds to witness the ?. Day warm and dusty. Took a bath before I went to breakfast & took some cold ? either a result of the bath or having my hair cut too closely & then & then shampooed & afterward walking from the Barber shop to the Hotel in a strong wind.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Cool & windy day. Rode out to see some paintings. Read part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vol of the Transformation by Hawthorne. Rec'd a good letter from Vallie. Rec'd one from Mr. Noble from Palermo

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>

Visited the studio of Fredrico Cortese & the museum. Wrote home.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

Bought some photographs of scenery in & about Naples. Gave order for box to put my paintings in. Took bath this A.M. Rec'd a letter from Mr. Stout & two from Vallie – Wrote to Vallie again this eveg.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>

Called at the Consul's office. Bank – went out to S. Gambardella's & got my portrait & also bought a picture of him ? a baby having his morning bath. Had my paintings which I purchased here packed this eveg.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

Took a bath for my health as usual. Went to Scotch church this A.M. Wrote to Vallie & Effie this eveg.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Dr. N. called as usual. Nose getting better though not quite healed. Windy.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Dr. N called this morning asked him for my bill for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> time. He does not give it to me. Henry has been complaining of a headache for two days. Spent the day in buying Photographs of Naples ? Roman scenery. Paid 29 frcs 65 ? for views to day. Paid Mr. Turner £278.38 for cask Marsala wine. This is my 45<sup>th</sup> birth day. I am pretty well and feel it in my heart to thank God for his mercies in sparing my life and blessing me greatly.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Paid Dr. N- this morning Fr 250 – 50 fr being a gratuity to him. He tried in true Neapolitan Style to act meanly & get 600 francs – Packed pictures & c. Tired to night.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

Made out bills for articles purchased here & had the Consuls certificate appended thereto Settled with Mr. Turner & paid him 10 francs to ship my box of pictures. Drew bal. of 20£ on the Letter of Cr from Brown Shipley & Co. ~~Paid Hotel bill~~ Paid Bal on pain-tings 305 francs

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>

Left Naples at 10.30 for Rome Fare 30.75 each – Arrived in Rome about 7.15 P.M. Day pleasant

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Spent the day in visiting some sculptors studio's & an Exposition of works of art.

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Went to the Scotch Pres. Church at 11 A.M. Rev. J. Lewis Pastor preached a good sermon – after which the Lords supper was com-memorated. In the afternoon heard Rev. – Cappella Catholic preach. Mr. & Mrs. McKeon called upon us at our Hotel in the evening.

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April

We left Rome at 6.40 A.M. for Florence. Col. Noble and family accompanied us. The day was fine – The ride pleasant & through an interesting country via Folegino Perugia Lake Thomas inene & c. Arrived in F- about 7.45 P.M. – Put up at Hotel de la Parix.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Visited the Baptistry – Duoma & Church of San Lorenzo Medice Chap pel – Ch of San Armunziata The cloisters of San Marco the church of ? Loce & the Uffizzi Gallery. Rec'd a letter from D & C MacIver – saying they reserved for us berths No. 33 & 34 in the "Russia" Steamer of the Armand ? which sails for New York on 14<sup>th</sup> May. Replied to their letter – also wrote to Gambar-della & to my wife. My nose is a little sore again – hope it will not be so a great while. Henry's quite well to day. Thank God for his Mercies.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Bankers Eyre & Matteine – Drew 250 francs. Visited the Pitti Gallery – Rode to Connelly's Harts & Meads studio's. In the afternoon went to Poners studio. Balls studio & from there rode to the hill of Bello Squardo where we had a fine view of the City of Florence. Henry was not well enough to go out in the afternoon. He suffers with headache again to day. Weather fine.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

We left Florence in the 10.40 A.M. train for Bologna – arrived in B- at 3.10 P.M. Henry had headache again & remained in the Hotel Bologna while Mr & Mrs. Noble & I rode to the Picture Gallery where we saw some good paintings by Guido Rine – Cossack – Albani – Raffed – Domencino & C. Also visited the church of San Stefano which consists of 7 churches 6 of them below the main one. Altogether it is the most singular pile(?) of churches we could in-quire - Also went into the church of San Domenico which is a large & beautiful church – In it is one of the Domes of the ? is a fine frescoe of the transfiguration of the Saints by Guido Remi. We visited the largest church in the town. S. Petronico 360 ft long – 147 ft wide. Columns at the base 12 ft in diameter. The original design was to make it 750 ft long. Went into the Court of the University & returned about 5 ½ P.M. to the Hotel.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Left Bologna at 10.20 A.M. Waited at Padua 1 ½ hours for train to Venice & while waiting rode out into the town & saw 3 churches vz the Chathedral San Antonio & St. Ginstina Arrived in Venice about 5 P.M. – Put up at Hotel Barbese – on the Grand Canal.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

I took Gondola & went to the Bankers C & A Blumenthal & Co. where I rec'd three letters from my wife & one for Henry. Went to the English English Homeop-athic Pharmacy & to the Ascension Consuls.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

In company with Mr. & Mrs. Noble & Rev. W.C. Van Meter & family we went to the top of the tower in the square of St. Mark's & then around the outside of the city in a Gondola.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Hired a guide & visited the ~~churches~~ of Palace of the Doges which is magnificent & unique both in its style of Architecture Moorish Gothic & its internal decorations. The largest painting I ever saw was in the Library covering the entire end of that great room. ~~The room of the~~. It was painted by Tintoretto & is called Paradise. We went into the rooms of the three inquisitions of the Republic & the Chamber of the Council of ten – also on to the Bridge of Sighs which connects the Doge's Palace with the prisons all of which was extremely interesting – Meantime the rain poured down in torrents. We next visited the Royal Palace which is said to contain 600 rooms. In the afternoon went to the Frari church & Rialto Bridge – Slylocks house & c.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Started out this morning in a Gondola with a guide to see the sights of Venice. Henry not well enough to go out with us. He is taking some Homeopathic medicine prescribed by Dr. Urbanetti for Rheumatic fever. Bryonia every two hours & I think it helps him.

We went first to the church Della Statue opposite our Hotel – San Giovanni Academia of fine arts.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Left at 9.50 going from the Hotel to the Depot in the Hotel gondola two rowers in Uniform. Arrived in Verona at 12.55 noon. Henry & Col Noble sat down to dinner while Mrs. N- I took a carriage & drove out in the town of V- & saw the ancient Roman Amphitheatre which though in ruins is still quite well preserved & looks something like the Coliseum. We also saw the tombs of the Scaligers & returned to the depot in time to take the 2.12 train for Bolzano. Soon after leaving Verona we visited Austrian Tyrol & the mountains of Tyrol. Route picturesque. Arrived in Balzano at 6.20 P.M. & put up at the Hotel Kaiser?

Friday 15

Walked out in the morning and saw the country people flocking in to town to spend good Friday. The costumes of some were curious & interested me. Departed in the 10.40 A.M. train for Innsbruck where we arrived at 5 P.M. The route to day lay through wild mountain scenery & over what is called the Bocumer pass – by sail. Put up at Hotel de Europa. Walked out to see two of the principal churches – in which were exhibited the scenic Spectacle of the Savior lying in the sepulchre

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Left Innsbruck at 8 o'clock A.M. & came to Munich where we arrived at 4.05 P.M. Put up at the Hotel Four Seasons.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

Rained last night – cleared up before noon. Went to the King's Chapel at 11 A.M. where we heard some excellent singing. Spent the remainder of the day in my room.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

Took a ride around the city – thence to the Old Pinacothek which contains the finest Collection of old paintings I have ever seen one room is devoted entirely to ~~Corregio~~ Rubens. There are many fine works of Murillo here – also very fine game pieces by Weeniger Serghers & Fyt. After luncheon we went to the Glyptothek a collection of sculptures in Marble – thence rode to the Kunstverein where we saw some good modern paintings. Took a look at the Hofkirch and Franenkurche. The latter is particularly large & fine. Munich is altogether a fine city.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Visited the National Museum which is filled with curious old things – many of them very ? The whole is an interesting collection & much like but superior to the Cheny in Paris. We spent from 11 to 12 in seeing the interior of the Kings Palaco the rooms & things I found most interes-ting there were the Royal bed Chamber – the room which Napoleon occupied when here & the bed & tapestry round about is embroidered in pure gold to the value of 800,000 floreins. The room containing the pictures of 36 of the most beautiful women of Munich & the room containing pictures of the battles of Bavaria & in which Bavar-ian troops took part. The suite of rooms called the Festsalhaus We next went Wimmer's collec-tion of modern Paintings. I admired some Landscape by Millner. Thence to the New Pinacothek filled with beautiful pictures by modern artists. Visited Schwanthaler's Atlien the Bronze Foundry – the immense statue of Bavaria (60 ft high in Bronze) – outside the city – thence rode to the Auer Korch – which has most beautiful stained glass windows – which cost 35,000 florians more than the rest of the edifice – then returned to the Hotel Four Seasons. In the evening went out & bought about 20\$ worth of porcelain pictures.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Visited the Royal Theatre building from Cellar to garret & was surprised at the amount of machin-ery & fixtures it contained. Bought some m? pipes. Visited two or three churches.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Took the 6 AM train for Strasbourg via Ulm Stuttgart Carlsruhe & c. Arrived in Strasbourg 5 P.M. – Visited the Cathedral which is the most interesting object in Strasbourg.

Friday morning 22<sup>nd</sup>

I went to the Cathedral where I listened to the beautiful music of the great organ. It filled the immense Cathedral with harmony & filled my soul at same time. After a brief period listening to this beautiful music I climbed the tower two thirds the way up say (left blank) ft & then came down & hastened to the cars – leaving Strasbourg for Paris at 10 AM The day fine & very warm with much dust coming in the cars. The trees all along the route were clothed in green & the first trees were filled with blossom. The farmers were plowing & the wine growers putting the stakes to their vines Arrived in Paris 8 P.M.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Went to Munroe & Co. where I found many letters awaiting me also the watch I had bought of Ad Lang Co. of Geneva. Paid the balance due on it 1500 francs – met DW Kilburne

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>

Went to Dr. Robinson's church & on the way returning to the Hotel stopped in to the Artists Exhibition of Paintings which contains several thousand paintings & other objects of Art – Sunday is the opening day instead of Monday as it would be in Paris (This paragraph has an X through it with May 1<sup>st</sup> written across)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Went out shopping to Bank – Had trunk sent from Munroe & Co. to Hotel Maurice.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Went out to Versailles in Company with Col. Noble – Mrs. JS. Gilberts & Mrs Adelia & Mrs. Fanny Gilbert. We were admitted to the public & private apartments of the Palace and saw the private dressing & library rooms used by Mari Antoinette – they are very small. The window was shown when King Louis & his wife Queen Marie Antoinette appeared to appease the French populace. The grounds around the rear of the palace are large & have many fountains but did not meet the expectations I had formed. We also visited the Grand & Petit ? which are located in the same grounds. Returned to Paris about 5 PM & went to the Italian Opera in the evening where I had the pleasure of hearing Adelina Patti sing in the Daughter of the Regiment. The house was crowded - & music excellent.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Went to see Drs. Laillez & Casenano – about my nose. Both pronounced it Acne & prescribed accordingly. They both gave me much encouragement in regard to its being ultimately entirely cured. It is nearly well now.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Col N. Henry & I rode out to the Jardin des Plantes – where we saw the Museum – the garden of flowers & the Zoological Department. All of which were very interesting. In the evening Mr. & Mrs. Noble & Henry & I went to the Comic Opera.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

With Theophile Maidet for a guide & interpreter I went again to see Dr. Cazenane & get some further explanations of his directions for treating the nose. With Mr. Noble I went in the forenoon to the store well known as the "Ben Marche" and purchased there a dress pattern of Drab satin a silk dress ready made & a sack coat & a silk sack ? & c for Vallie.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Packed our trunk & Valeries. Settled Bank account at Munroe & co. Paid my boot & shoe bill. ~~Hotel bill~~ & c & c. preparatory to starting to London Monday morning. ~~Sunday M~~ also bought & paid for cask of Claret wine of Napes Henri Cuvillier Frines Rue de la Paix said wine to be shipped in double cask next week from Bordeaux to New York by sailing vessel. Bought some photograph views of Paris & glass to look at same.

Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

Went to Dr. Robinson's church in the forenoon. Afterward stopped in to see the Exhibition of paintings at the Palace of Industry which opened to day. Sunday is not observed in Paris in a religious manner. Shops keep open business seems to prosper as usual on week days. The Lord will chastise the French people for their neglect of the Sabbath day. There were from 8,000 to 10,000 people in the Palace of Industry & the Exhibition art works amounted to over 5000 pieces. I called at the Grand Hotel this morning before going to church & saw D.W. Kilbourne of Keokuk.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

We Left Paris for London via Dover & Calais at 7.40 A.M. arrived in London at 5.40 P.M. having had a pleasant day for traveling. Put up at Chains (?) Cross Hotel.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Went to Brown Shipley & Co.'s & presented Draft of Brown Bros. & co. New York for £100 . Drew on £15 on it. They require six days to pay it in as the Draft was drawn at 3 days sight. Went to Henri Ivanes & Shingleton Tailors 31904 ford street & ~~got~~ ordered some garments made for Henry & myself. Called at the Langham Hotel and got my trunk which I left there in October last. Paid 4 shillings to the Porter for taking care of it.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Tailor's to try on the clothes. Ordered some shirts made 50/- half dozen. Went out to South Kensington by the underground ones it is called here the Metropolitan Rail-way. Visited the Museum there which we found very interesting. Rode back through Kensington Garden & along ride of Hyde Park to the city. In the evening we went to the Adelphi & saw the ? box performed.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Did some shopping – Went to Rank & D? 25£. Went to see the Exhibition of Water Colours & Exhibition of Paintings by B? artists called on Mr. Gilbert & his nieces this morning at 7 King St. Cheapside(?).

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Bought a trunk & packed up things so as to send our trunks direct to Liverpool while we take a turn into Scot-land. Paid bills of clothing shirts & c.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

We took the car of the Great Northern Railway at King's Cross Station at 10 A.M. for Edinburgh. The day was pleasant the train a fast one. We passed through Polertaro(?), Retford, York, Darlington, New Castle & arrived in Edinburgh before dark at 8.30 P.M. Put up at the Royal Hotel, Princess Street

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

After a good nights rest & refreshing sleep I awoke in Edin-burgh the chief city of Scotland & look out upon a clear sunlight sky about 9 A.M. & across the street from my window I look upon a beautiful mon-ument in Gothic Style 200 ft high erected to the memory of Walter Scott.

After partaking of an excellent breakfast we went to Dr. Canlist ch (Presbyterian) but as the Dr was unfortu-nately absent we had a tame sermon from someone who supplies the pulpit in his absence. In the afternoon we walked to the top of Calton Hill at the eastern end of the city where but for the smoke we would have had a fine view of all Edinburgh.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Hired a cab for the Day 21 shillings a guide 5 shillings & rode out to Roselyn Chapel and castle 8 miles distant. The day was pleasant & the ride over a beautiful country. Roselyn castle is so much in ruins as scarcely to reward one for going 8 miles to see it. We returned to the city stopping in the outskirts to see a novel built cottage of Mr. Gonan Architect. The conservatory connec-ted with it contained many beautiful flowers grape vines & c. We next visited the Herriot Hospital – a school for boys – thence to

the Edinburgh Castle which is garrisoned by English troops. Here we saw the room 8 ft square where Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to James 6<sup>th</sup> afterwards James 1<sup>st</sup> of England. We also in a room kept for the Crown jewels saw the crown of Robt Bruce & with which all of Scotland's Kings & Queens were crowned. After getting lunch at the Hotel we rode by the house where long ago lived Jon Knox the celebrated performer – thence to Holyroad Castle & Chapel. The rooms in the Chapel occupied by Queen Mary & in which her private secretary & musician Riccio was assassinated – are well preserved and interesting only from their historical associations. A ride through some of the principal streets ended the days excursion & altogether we were well pleased with Edinburgh & its surroundings.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1870

Left Edinburgh at 6.50 A.M. & at 8 o'clock arrived in Sterling 36 miles – breakfasted at the Golden Lion Hotel. After breakfast walked up to Sterling Castle noted in history as one of the strong fortified castles of Scotland. It is garrisoned now by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders. We were shown the room where James 2<sup>nd</sup> killed the Earl Douglass and a smaller room in which he was dropped & from which he was thrown out of the only window in that little room. His body was buried immediately beneath that window. We were also shown the Armory by Mrs. (blank) the custodian. From the castle can be seen Wallace's monument & the battle field of B? & c. Taking the 11.25 AM train in one hour we were in Callendar where we took an open Coach to the Trossacks and the Loch Katrine distance 10 miles – stopping on the way one hour at the Trossacks Hotel (a good hotel finely situated for a quiet retreat) where we dined. One mile more by coach & we were at Loch Katrine rendered so famous by Sir Walter Scott in his beautiful poem the "Lady of the Lake". Here we embarked on the small steamer Rob Roy 52 tons ? & soon were under way down the Loch passing soon after we started Ellens Isle. In ¾ hour we landed at or near the foot of the lake at a landing called (blank) 6 ½ miles where we took coach 5 miles to Inversnaid where we remained half an hour & embarked on the steamer Prince Consort 4.30 P.M. bound down Loch Lomond – to Balloch 20 miles. The scenery & Lake of Loch Lomond is very beautiful. Near the North end the mountain Ben Vorlich tower over 3000 ft high & on the east side rises Ben Lomond. At Balloch took car about 6.30 P.M. for Glasgow (blank) miles arriving in the latter city at 7.45 P.M. Put up at the Queen's Hotel in George's square.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

We hired a carriage & rode around the city of Glasgow – visited the Cathedral which is 320 ft long – built in the pure Gothic Style of sand stone of light color. There are a great many beautiful stained glass windows in it & the Crypts are the finest in Europe in point of Architectural Style & workmanship. We also rode down along the north bank of the Clyde of which steamers there are many more ships in process of construction. We left G- for Manchester at 2.15 P.M. & arrived in Manchester at 10.30 P.M. a distance of about 350 miles – put up at the Queens Hotel.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Called at the store of Misters Potters & Tayler hoping to see Mr. W.H. Barsvise. He was not there. Mr. Wilson showed us through their stock of goods & sent a ? man to show us around the city. Left M- at 2.15 PM for Liverpool where we arrived in about on hour time – distance 30 miles – stopped at the Washington Hotel.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Paid passage for Henry & myself in the "Russia" the Cunard steamer to sail to morrow morning for New York. Fare £26 each or about 13 dollar each in Gold. Got two of our trunks taken to the Hotel where we repacked & put in such things as we purchased in Liverpool. Bought some shirts & under clothing for Henry & HdKps(?) Rug & c for self. Rubber over coat 16 shillings, Rug 18/6 – Ribbons for Vallie £1.95.3.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Did not rest well last night – Arose early & after break fast took carriage & rode to the Prince's landing & went on board the Tender or small steamer which left the Dock at 9 oclk A.M. & took us to the "Russia" which was laying out in the Mersey & when the passenger over 200 in number & a boat load of luggage was all on board the mails men brought out to us in another small steamer & at 10.25 A.M. we were underway for America. Home Home. When we were fairly out in the Channel the wind freshened & the sea became rough & at 4 oclk P.M. I went below as did a majority of the passengers & their heaving up the contents of stomachs commenced. I was quite sick and Henry soon came in sick also.

Sunday morning 15<sup>th</sup> found us in the Harbor of Queenstown about 8 oclk. I went ashore in the tender & took a walk in Queenstown at 3 ½ oclk the mails having arrived we went on board the Tender & were soon out to the Russia & as soon as the mails & provisions were embarked the Russia steamed out of the harbor & before dark we had passed Fasuechl(?) a lone rock off the South Coast of Ireland.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Wind dead ahead & ship pitching a good deal. Passengers generally sea sick.

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Took on a Pilot from Pilot boat No. 14 this morning. We are now over 400 miles from New York.

May 25<sup>th</sup>

This is our Eleventh day out from Liverpool 8 days of which time the land has been right ahead & the ship pitching all the time. The past two days the sea has been tolerably calm with light favoring breezes. We were glad to catch sight of land once more – our native land. How joyous we were when we steamed up New York harbour.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1870

The weather this morning is cool Ther 68° for two weeks past the Ther has ranged from 90° to 102° in the shade. Generally the Ther has indicated 90° to 92° at 6 AM & 98° to 102° at 12 to 3 PM & 94° to 96° at 6 PM. This may be called the hottest we have known since our residence in Wisconsin.

July 4<sup>th</sup>

We were awakened this morning at 4 oclck by the firing of the brass cannon on the top of Meadow Hill. The Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. Van Waters proprietor of the "Lean Wolf" & a good Oration delivered by S.W. Hurst Esq in the lots east of the Cong & Meth odist churches. The Baptist society had refreshments on the grounds day & evening. The Germans had a pic nic on the Norwegian Settle-ment road & the days passed off well. Last evening there was a fall of rain that laid the dust & cooled the air.

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Cool this mor-ning Ther 68° at 6 ½ A.M. Mr. Edwards called & I paid him 50\$ that Mr. McLain paid me yesterday on account of the Cong. Ch. Four men to work on my home to day.

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Rev. J.C.S. & Burnham T- & I went up to the 2 fords of Otter Creek and camped at the forks in the N.E. Corner of the S.E. ¼ of Sec 12.T30 Range 13 where I intend to build a small house for haying & hunting purposes. On the way up we saw some Sand Hill Cranes on a piece of marshy ground. Burnham & I got out to look for young cranes or the nest & Mr. Sherwin held the horses. Very soon owing to the flies being very troublesome to the horses Bess became restless & kicked her leg over the tongue of the wagon – I ran up caught her by the bit. She lay upon the tongue then commenced jumping & kicking & ran around & round through the brush & came near getting away from me. Fortunately & providentially we got them stopped & unhitched & then got Bess off the tongue & proceeded on our jour ney – thankful that I escaped being hurt & in saving my team from a disastrous run away.

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Looked up some land lines – cleared the road out from the camp & returned home arriving at home about 8 ½ P.M. having left the bridge at Otter Creek at 4 ½ P.M. We went up via Moore farm & returned via Hay River Bridge Lambs Creek & c.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Attended the Dist. School Meeting this evening. Carol Lucas was elected School Director for the ensuing year.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Attended to the interests of the church to day. Mr Bailey has nearly finished lathing. The carpenters commen ced laying the roof on my barn. Blair com-pleted the tin gutters on same.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

I started to Reads Landing at 7 A.M. – The Chippewa is low. The Pete did not come to Dunnville last night so I took the Monitor at Durand.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Spent the day at Reads looking at the Mill property & lots along the River belonging to K.S. & Co & trying to agree with Mr. J.T. Dodge of Hastings & Judge Baldwin of Lake City in regard to the Right of way for the R. Road through our property. At T.B. Wilson's I met Judge Gamble of Lock Haven PA & family.

Wednesday 15

Came home on the Monitor to Durand & stage from thence to Menomonie.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Geo w. Francis commenced work on my barn & made  $\frac{3}{4}$  day. I agreed to try him a week & then set the wages I would give him.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Allen Crampton 17 years of age Com-menced work at 20\$ the month.

Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>

J.F. Edwards agrees to finish & complete all the wood work for the Congregational Church & finish all material except flooring & some joint for raising floor at ? & to have the work done by 15<sup>th</sup> day Sept for the sum of \$675. Ends & back of seats Wainscoting & Doors & Deck & finish on windows & c. to be all of butternut lumber.

July 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Warm weather & the month closes as it commenced & has continued almost with out interruption hot & latterly much rain & sultry.

Aug 1<sup>st</sup>

Hot & sultry. Raised the center part of the Ventilation of the new barn. The work progresses slowly.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Loaded 4 mule teams with lumber & Mr. Edwards 2 horse teams & my own & started about 9 A.M. for the forks of Otter Creek where I contemplate building a small house. Took our lunch at 12 noon at Lambs Creek. Had to cut out some new road through some dead pines where we got within about a mile & a half of Otter Creek. Arrived at place of destination 6 ½ P.M.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

Returned via Moore farm & on our way stopped & built a bridge across the South fork of Otter Creek.

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>

Started this forenoon with two teams E.F. Edwards & my own & two Carpenters Simon Hermenson & ? Larson ? – Mr. Edwards John Krieser – Ferguson & Harry – for the place I selected for building my hunting house in Sec 12 T.30. R12 We went via Moore farm where we took dinner. I shot 9 grouse on the way from the Moore farm to camp where we arrived at 6 ½ P.M.

Aug 17

Commenced to build the house & a small stable. The House is 12 X 16 & stable 14 X 18.

Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Work progress-ing well. Weather warm. Rained this P.M.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Edwards with his team & driver Ferguson started home at noon. Commenced to put on the roof.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Finished the stable to day all except door & hay door & finished roofing house & nearly ceiled it over head by noon. Henry & John Krieser & Andrew & I left for home at ten minutes to two & arrived at home at 6 oclck P.M. Left Simon to finish the work.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Sherwin preached an excellent sermon on the Commandment "Thou shall not steal"

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rain commenced falling about 3 A.M. & rained all day – a very heavy rain.

Tuesday 23

Rain fell this forenoon slight & heavy during the night heavily. Sent Henry & John with the team & some provisions to the camp. Two painters worked this afternoon.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Repaired Pump & both ? ? ? worked all day & two painters ½ day.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Stout arrived yesterday & to day we rode up to the Moore farm & shot 20 chickens.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Stout & I rode out with Mr. Mason on the road towards 18 mile creek & bagged 16 chickens.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>

This eveg. Geo Paul came to work for me – no wages specified.

Friday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

Burnham Tainter took Mr. Stout Mr. McMaster & me to Mather's near 18 mile creek on a chicken shooting excursion. We bagged all together about 34 grouse & returned at 9 P.M. We commenced shooting about 2 ½ oclck P.M.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

Rev. J.C. Sherwin pronounced an obituary on the death of Dr. Rich T. Langrell which occurred at Ottawa Canada on the 7<sup>th</sup> night. After the Obituary notice & remarks he preached an excellent sermon. In the afternoon I rode out to Teegar-den's with Mr. Sherwin – where he expected to preach at 3 P.M. The afternoon was warm. The foliage on the trees is most beautiful & variegated in color.

Sept 21<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Sherwin & Mr. Edwards & John Kreiser went with me to my wild farm which I shall hereafter call "Hunters Retreat". We expected to hunt some. I shot 4 grouse on the way up. The day was very warm & was quieter at night ? rain set in before night.

22<sup>nd</sup> September

Rained all day. John cut brush & cleared off the ground around the shanty. Mr. S- returned out twice to look for deer but came back each time wet. Mr. E- & I worked at putting up shelves & making the shanty comfortable. The storm came from the North & the creek was out of its banks.

Friday 23

Mr. S & I took a look for deer this forenoon. Mr. S-saw one but did not get a shot. We left the Retreat at 12 ½ PM for home where we arrived about 6 ½ P.M.

26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Mr. Wm E. McMaster commenced painting Vallie's portrait for which I am to pay him \$300 frame included. Weather settled & pleasant.

27<sup>th</sup>

Very warm & fine weather. The flowers in bloom grass green – no frost vegetables large & c. & c.

28<sup>th</sup> September

Warm & pleasant – Ther 85° in the shade. Greer put cold air box on East side of our house yesterday & finished the porch to Wash house to day. The month of Sept so far has been remarkable for great fall of rain absence of frost & very warm weather

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

Warm dry & very pleasant weather.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup>

We still have very beautiful warm Indian summer weather though it can hard-ly be called "Indian Summer as the sky is clear night & day & no smoke. The past month has been remarkably mild & without frost. The Dahlia's are in full bloom & no signs of frost. The firs leaves are falling & the woods still bear the vari-gated appearance of autumn. ? Warren Greer Simon Hermenson worked on new kitchen. Jim Blain & John Ro-gler worked ¾ day at putting on tin roof to addition to kitchen. Slaker & Louis worked at laying drain this being 5<sup>th</sup> day at it. I got 500 brick from Richardson to day. Geo Paul hauled them. This makes 2000 alto-gether I have had from R-s Kiln to date.

4<sup>th</sup>

Geo hauled 600 more brick from Richardsons

5<sup>th</sup> Oct

Vallie & I left M- for Chicago to buy carpets etc. for the church. We went to Eau Claire in our Carriage. Mr. McM accompanied us. On the way over we met a ? of ten cam-els belonging to Carletto Circus & the horses were terribly fright-ened. Bess got sick & could not return to M- to day. Took cars at 3 P.M – Weather warm.

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Arrived in Milwaukee 6 A.M. Looked for church furniture carpets & c. Mr. Goldsmith took us riding in the after-noon to the upper part of the city and out to the soldiers Home.

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

Bought of Bischard a safe & two chairs & a table for the church for \$87. Left for Chicago in the 3.35 P.M. train – Arrived in C- about 8 P.M. Put up at Sherman House where we met John D- & Mr. Mason.

Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

Spent the day in shopping

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>

Went to cong Ch in the morning & to Baptist ch in the eveg. Warm.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Busy buying things for ourselves. Frost last night.

Tuesday 11

Rainy

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Rainy & very disagreeable weather – Completed purchases.

13<sup>th</sup>

Left for home at 9.45 A.M. – In Milwaukee at 1 P.M. stopped at P? in H. Heavy frost last night said to be the first frost of the season. Left Milwaukee at 7.05 P.M. for Tomah. Arrived in Tomah about 5.20 AM. Left there at 8 A.M. & arrived in Eau Claire at 2.10 P.M. Took stage for Menomonie where we arrived at 9 P.M. Found all well.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

Paid Warren Green 10\$. Rainy & Cold.

17<sup>th</sup>

Gave U T ? an order on K.S. & Co. for \$20.

19<sup>th</sup>

Gave Warren Green an order for twenty dolls in Mdse of K.S. & Co.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1870

Cong church was dedicated to day. Sermon by Rev. F.B. Doc collection of over \$2000 for payt of church debt was taken. In the eveg. Installation of Rev. J.C. Sherwin as our pastor. Sermon by Rev. Radcliff. It has been an event-ful day for our little church.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

Drove up to Washburn Farm.

28<sup>th</sup>

To day John Kreiser drove to my home on Otter Creek. Took 2 yoke of oxen & two men from Washburn farm to do some plowing there. Mr. Sprague & I went out hunting deer. Did not see any.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

John & I came home this afternoon.

Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Sherwin & I started with my team for a hunting trip in the South fork of Hay River. John Kreiser went along to take care of the horses & to hunt also. The roads were very bad & as we did not get off until 10 AM we only got to Roberts 25 miles where we staid all night.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

We went out West of Roberts farm about two miles to look for deer. Saw one. Started about 10 AM for Connors Camp 6 miles distant. Found Mr. Connor had gone to New Richmond. Found two hunters at the camp. Mr. ? & ? Jones from Fultan City, Ill. Spent the remainder of the week at Connors Camp & hunted faithfully & without success except to John Kreiser who was fortunate enough to kill a "big buck".

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

Started this morning for Washburn farm. Had to go Lock Bess' place & then take a road byway NW course via Brun-nell's – Kalb & c & c. to Vanceburg – thence South to Washburn farm. Rained hard & cold.

Tuesday 8th Nov

Rained heavily all night with thunder & lightening & rained this A.M.. Notwith-standing the bad weather I went out hunting & succee-ded in shooting a fine doe about 1 ½ miles East of Wash-burn farm. In the afternoon we drove up to Prairie farm.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

I went out with Mr. Sherwin hunting east of the farm & I shot a fine large doe when she was running through the bush. Mr. S- saw 3 does but they were far off.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

We went out again east of Prairie farm this AM but had no success. There are so many leaves & brush that it is too ? to hunt. Went down to Washburn farm in the afternoon.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Wm Sprague Mr. Sherwin & I hunted for 3 hours west of Washburn farm & saw 10 deer altogether but did not get any. I was home to Menomonie this afternoon in 4 ½ hours.

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

This month has been mild & pleasant with only one fall of snow & that ½ in. I saw a team plowing on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It is the mildest Nov. I have ever witnessed in Wis.

Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Weather mild & delightful. Ther 32° at daylight & the same at Dark about 50° at noon in the shade.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>

Henry & I left Menomonie in stage for Eau Claire. The stage was full. The morning was cold & the roads rough. It took the stage 5 ½ hours to reach Eau Claire. At 3 oclk P.M. we took car arrived in Tomah about 8 P.M.. Got sleeping car on the M & St. P. R.R. for Milwaukee. Henry got of at Portage about midnight. Arrived in Milwaukee Friday mornng at 6 A.M. Bought some furniture of J.F Birchwood or of his salesman JM Damon. Left Milwaukee at 3.40 P.M. for Chicago.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

Bought several bills of goods from store in Menomonie to ? Groceries Tobaccos, Glass,  
Horse collars etc. ? & ? Hardware & candles.