

Dear Sister

Rome March 4. 1860

On the 21st of last month I gave No 43 to Mr Partidge of New York, and also a small package - The first for you the latter to go in my drawer. Luckily the season here has been quite pleasant, no rain of any consequence for 10 days and weather generally bright and very pleasant in the sun so that I walk some without a shawl. Yesterday I walked to Monte Mario, whence is a fine view of the city of Rome, the valley of Tiber and the Appenines. I saw English Robins were here - The Strawberry tree (wild in the hedgerow) is in leaf and also ~~it is~~ in flower bud - The Stone pine buds are grown out from 2 to 4 or 5 inches already covered with a sort of moss colored down yet, like the young antlers of deer. Spruce & I think some pear & plum trees also are in flower, The Elm has been so more than a week, and the Blackberry has got its last year leaves, green, and so have the wild rose bushes. The Elder is quite green with nearly half grown leaves. I see oranges on some trees yet - in courts of monasteries, and some lemon trees full of apparently <sup>(various *Cynodonia japonica* are in flower)</sup> ripe lemons, some of them very large and <sup>rich</sup> golden colour. I see no lemon excepting in well sheltered places, and even then they are often on a wall & covered with matting. Rome grows more

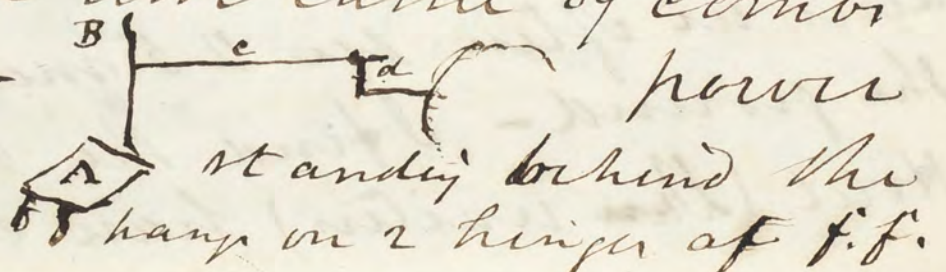
and more interesting. It is painful  
 however to see how in every wall, yard  
 or court, <sup>or ~~not~~</sup> rich sculptures of the ancient  
 days have been broken up to supply  
 men rubble. At In a blacksmith's  
 shop I noticed <sup>in</sup> the water vat for cooling  
 the heated tongs &c, an ancient Corinthian  
 capital dug out into a water trough.  
 These things are the result of early lessons  
 on the value of ornaments as compared  
 with more substantial uses. In every  
 farm yard we see the same testimonies.  
 All new foundations I see digging are only  
 revelations of some previous structure.  
 Robert and myself went out a few days  
 ago to the new excavations. Two tombs  
 are there, both in good, one in perfect  
 preservation. The stones perfect, and in  
 one are fresco benches, of birds and drapes  
 &c &c all in perfect keeping nearly.  
 Though subterranean not a particle  
 of water appears to have ever penetrated  
 the admirable masonry. The scene is  
 now a pasture on the Campagna, 2 miles  
 from Rome. I saw it 2 years ago when  
 first opened. A foundation of a Basilica  
 460 feet (140) long is also exposed.  
 I observe the marble saws here save the  
 dust therefrom (or rather mud) I hear it is  
 used for Sogliola. The price of Statuary  
 is very high, a best even from 500 to 1000

dollar, and Mr Page an American (3  
artist here has from 1000 to 1500 dollars  
for a portrait on canvas - such a price  
is poor of course - It is interesting to see at  
the head of the steps in the Spanish square  
the fine house in which Salvator Rosa lived  
and just below it - the one (next to that  
in which the Oxford had their rooms 2 years ago)  
in which Keats died

My Irish friend Mr Mac Carthy, a  
former member of parliament, informs  
me that in bogs of Ireland have been  
found horns of a short horned race  
of cattle - These appear to have been  
reproduced in the famous Durhams -  
Thus it appears an old race revived only -  
at least so far as horns go -  
An English gentleman informs me he  
went 2 years ago to mountains in Ireland  
to get some young falcons to train for  
sporting with - He found their nests  
on almost inaccessible cliffs, and to his  
astonishment great numbers of nests of  
small birds in their vicinity, which did  
not appear to be disturbed by the Falcons  
often when I go into a field or garden where  
men are digging, I am offered copper coins  
just found - In a small vineyard of a few  
acres we often see 25 men at work spading  
the ground - I find the servants of this  
Hotel (the waiter) have each 25 dollars per

month for 6 months of the year, but 4  
 are boarded and lodged the whole year  
 or it is  $12\frac{1}{2}$  doll per month - This surprises  
 me - They are Italian - The cook is french  
 and has 40 dollars per month - There is  
 little or nothing to do in the summer -  
~~visited~~ I visit the church after and  
 last Sabbath went into 2 a 3 when Priests  
 were instructing many children in classes -  
 many of the little ~~parsons~~ very handsome  
 and their tutors appear to be very kind  
 and gentle to them - as I also always  
 find the Priests and monks - These people  
 are said to very fond of children

There are multitudes of monks, and some of  
 the orders (capuchini for instance) look like  
 the lowest of people and I believe are so  
 derived - some of these however are only  
 "lay brothers" and are servants to the others -  
 The only one I ever saw at work was a  
 fellow the other day who was leading a  
 donkey with panniers of wood - Also I saw  
 one in a little carding factory by the  
 Capitol who appeared to have oversight of  
 the work there - They had 3 good <sup>30 inch</sup> carding  
 machines, one of which was a finisher -  
 This one was run by power of man,  
 whose work was very hard & at about half  
 speed as run by water - 30 perpetual rolls  
 of good white wool came by combs  
 from two doffers -  
 applied by a man  
 standing behind the  
 platform A. which hangs on 2 hinges of f.f.



He holds the top of the upright wooden (5  
bar B in his hands, stands one foot on the  
platform B, and thereby works the crank  
d, through the ~~shaft~~ bar c, a very  
simple and it appears to me economical  
application of manual power to such a  
purpose, but to what it ought not to be ap-  
-plied to at all unless for a very small  
period at a time - it appears to me  
but a contrivance for a churn or a  
grindingstone on farm might be economy  
of strength over the usual modes.

A spinning jenny of 60 spindles was in the  
same room - a good many hand looms are  
heard in Rome - and near this carding  
place, is a building devoted to weaving  
cotton checks on a large number of hand  
looms. I went in was assisted by a young  
girl for almost immediately - she  
was one of the operators.

(quid) the apples  
a cider maker here says he makes his  
cider by steam power - and they are now  
endeavouring to improve its quality - He says  
cider has been so long given in Herefordshire  
for water that the labour is generally drunk.  
This agrees with some Johnsons acct also -  
they desire to make better cider so as to sell  
it at prices that will bear transport and  
so consume less of it at home - My Irish  
friend says in Ireland they make some  
cider of the sunny side half of the apple  
only, and that this brings 70cts per gallon by  
the hoghead, and that his father used to give  
a hoghead of claret for a hoghead of such cider.

The Herford cider is usually worth 12 cts (6  
per gallon but in scarce years it brings from  
18 to 20 cts. During the harvest season there  
is such competition for labourers that farmers  
offer the people as much cider as they can  
drink, and great drunkenness is consequent  
thereto. This gentleman says he has known  
his <sup>some of his</sup> men on a rainy day while lying in the  
barn to drink 18 quarts each in 24 hours  
the usual allowance per day being 5 to 6 quarts  
per day. It heats and weakens the men  
Thou labourers who drink beer instead are  
much stronger & more efficient labourers.  
It has been remarked however that no  
cholera has appeared in this cider district  
Mr. Wilde the artist here, who spent 3 months  
at the Alhambra with the Fields says he saw  
no goitre there - I think I noticed that the  
streams were not turbid as glacial streams  
in the alps always are, I believe.

~~At~~ ~~before~~ Yesterday were 4 robbers on the  
Corsu alone - I was one of the victims. Three  
fellows "huddled" me between a post and the  
Palace Ruspoli at the corner of the Corsu and  
the Bayese street - I missed my watch on  
getting by them, turned about and followed  
the gang, seized two of them by the throat,  
one of whom soon got away by undoing of  
his cravat - The other I held on to a long  
time but let him after a while for  
no one dare interfere, though I stood with  
them some time at the door of Gen. Goyens  
residence when 2 sentinels stand - People  
are so afraid of the knives of these fellows  
~~also~~ of their future vengeance if they

escape immediate consequence (I  
stockton (our minister here) says I was  
fortunate not to be stabbed, so am every  
body else. Tell S. (on whom I called after  
having made my statement to the Police)  
immediately did all he possibly could  
to reinforce my case with the police, and  
has been as kind and interested as possible.  
The table at this Hotel is interrupted by  
rows of pillars which support the ceiling.  
Between each<sup>2</sup> of these posts are 6 seats -  
of the 6 in ~~the~~ compartment where I sit,  
the 3 gentlemen next to me have all  
been robbed in Rome. I make the 4th  
The 5th person I do not know any thing  
about, the 6th is a lady - one of them was  
robbed on a previous visit, the other 3 more  
lately - Mr Stockton says he has no  
doubt there are 6 or 8 Robberies daily,  
on the Corso alone, there is great suf-  
fering in the city in the city from poverty  
& began generally abroad, but I have  
no doubt desperate characters from all  
parts of Italy are collecting in Rome  
against the approaching crisis which  
they probably hope will leave the city  
mine or left to pillage. Already the  
mob has declared no one shall smoke  
in the street, and one gentleman been  
stabbed for refusing to extinguish his pipe.  
The object they say is to impair the Papal  
revenue - The same experiment, I hear,

has been frequently tried before in Rome (8  
but has heretofore been speedily given up  
as impracticable & will probably be so again.  
The disturbances in Milan commenced  
with a similar to bass movement.  
5th Last evening I was at a small  
party at Mrs. Stephens, Mr. Newton  
a famous Archaeologist was there, also  
Mr. Beecher Stowe, or as some call  
her, "Mrs. Beecher too." Mr. Newton is  
now appointed consul here by the British  
Government to give him a chance to per-  
sue his researches at this place. He  
is the discoverer of the Tomb of Mausolus  
at Halicarnassus, where he sent many  
valuable marbles to the British Mus-  
eum, a portion of which I saw. He  
informs me that the sculpture of arms  
(Heraldic sculpture) which I saw on the  
font of the granite house of the Knights  
of Malta, at Rhodes are of the 14<sup>th</sup> or  
15<sup>th</sup> Century and not recent restorations  
as I had been led to apprehend from  
the extremely freshness and sharpness  
of the lines and angles.

I see none of the 4 winged revolving  
fishing nets which I saw in the Tiber  
when I was here before. Perhaps the season  
is yet too early & cold for them, but I suspect  
the chivetta Vecchia Rail way to the sea  
furnishes fish from thence instead. The  
Fish of Rome are poor but we had some  
good shrimps to day and I see Oysters.



9th. Last night I was at a party  
at Mrs Stockton, Miss Dupree of  
Phelada or New York seems to be the belle  
without a rival since Miss Grunough  
has left - Miss Cushman was there  
I also met a "the Stout" now of Cass  
and Agnes N.Y. but formerly of Philada  
where he knew Uncle Joseph's family  
and most others I knew in Philada  
at that time. Day before <sup>day before</sup> yesterday  
Mr Stockton gave a very handsome  
dinner to Robt. C. Winthrop of Boston  
Mr + Mrs Stockton and 20 guests beside  
were at the table I was one of the  
number - We sat down a little after  
7 and rose at a little before half past  
ten O'clock - 18 courses, with Sherry,  
Claret, Sauterne, Marcella, Champagne  
deux and frozen Roman Punch. All very  
quiet and pleasant - Mr Winthrop  
is evidently a man of acquirements  
but exhibited no flow on this occa-  
sion - Robt Banning (whom I know)  
also Mr Story, a son of Charles Lyman  
my friend Mr Wailes he was there.  
Mr Hosier the sculptor thinks he sells  
as much statuary as any other in Rome  
but that he has never made a dollar  
by his studio - and thinks that there  
cannot - marbles and labour

has become dearer, while Statuary (10)  
has become cheaper - at least lower in  
price - The bad matter is quite an  
item - pieces that prove imperfect  
after working into more or less, in  
volving loss of labour as well as of  
stock - Given the English sculptor  
has made a large fortune here in  
40 years, but Mr. M. say it has been  
done on work for Government of  
Great Britain - Statue of Robt. Peel  
Peel, for instance, for which he was  
paid 25,000 dollars, though 2000 would  
have been deemed a fair price for  
similar work, for a private individ-  
ual - Large prices are also paid  
for statuary of which there is to be no  
duplicate, the model destroyed by the  
contract, a species of "patronage of  
art" that it seems difficult to com-  
prehend on any principle that recog-  
nizes any influence of a love of art.  
This most disgusting in fact atrocious  
sort of selfishness that destroys models  
and engraved plates ought to be con-  
sidered and treated as a crime.  
No man has a right to appropriate  
the production of any man's pen or

to his own special use - more (11)  
than he would have to render any favor  
he might ever utterly unfruitful  
by his will, if such a thing were  
possible. I find the Cameros are cut  
on portions ~~of~~ the common large  
conch shell, such as are used often  
for horns - a young American here who  
is just to Egypt and much addicted to  
brandy has made very familiar acquain-  
tance with a Priest, who drinks with him  
in his room, and gets too drunk to walk.  
The priest tried to prevail on him to  
loan some money with him to pay  
for maps, he would pay for him during  
his peripatetic sojourn in Egypt. We  
began by asking 30 francs for 10 maps  
afterward he lowered his price, and  
at last got as low as 10 francs for  
the 10 maps - The young American  
out of patience, cursed his maps  
and the idea of paying any thing for  
such stuff, but handing him a 5 franc  
piece, said if he was bigger he would  
give him that for a mis sake,  
I ate at Stockholm for the first time  
twofers simply boiled whole like black  
potatoes or walnuts rather - Not so good

honor as either. I like them much <sup>(2)</sup>  
better in the usual way of placing them,  
as draping for other dishes - Truffles  
grow in England, when they are found  
by "truffle dogs" instead of by pigs.  
Milk is said to be the most unpleasant  
milk in Rome - There was much rain  
and hail yesterday - This is the coldest  
day I ever saw in Italy - Some rain  
and much high wind, pretty high  
winds are frequent here - I presume  
London is now warmer than Rome, but  
the winter has been unusually severe in  
Europe - Mount Cenis, usually kept  
open all winter was choked with snow  
by late accounts - The pass over the St.  
Gotthard is usually open through the winter  
also - Evening before last I spent with  
Madame Scherwitz (Garibaldi's friend)  
and whom it is said she refused) whom  
I have known 2 years, a most lady  
like and pleasing woman, a German,  
If she ever come to America I hope you  
will see her, she has the simplicity  
and innocence of a child - Her great  
hobby is Horse, but does not talk  
at all about it, she rides or drives  
every day, Has a nice gentle and playful  
Italian Grayhound, that jump over  
the fence to warm himself.

16th - The decree of the movement (13  
party against smoking in the streets  
appears to have been pretty generally  
respected - It has been resound - I hear  
that the government discharged the em-  
ployees in the tobacco manufactories. These  
persons presented their grievances to the  
leaders of the movement, who com-  
passionating their distressed condi-  
tion, ~~eventually~~ revoked their decree  
and with a procession on an appoin-  
ted day, marched through the streets  
with little caps on their heads and  
cigars in their mouths - Such is the  
might and at the same time the  
consideration of the popular will  
in Rome at this time. It is now  
about 5 years (or more) since I took  
a cigar, yet occasionally, though  
not often, I feel quite in the human  
frame. I find that good oak wood  
ready sawed for the fire is ~~not over~~  
only 3,60 cts per cord in Rome, delivered  
at the house. This Roman cord is  
about 1/2 of our cord. There is a city  
tax on wood too.

I was last evening at Mrs. Story's when  
she brought out her elegant gold watch  
(which I had declared to take when at  
a party there a few nights before, and  
once before that also) desiring me to use  
it ~~whenever~~ in such a manner that I

felt it would be discretionary to 14  
refuse. Mr Aphur had also more  
than once been so kind as to offer me  
hers - a man who has broken more sees  
all the broken now he meets - I find  
every body has been robbed by Pickpockets,  
Four <sup>English</sup> persons (two ladies and 2 gentlemen)  
made a party at St Peter on Purification  
day a few weeks ago - Every one of them  
was robbed in the church - another  
bought a valuable watch a few days  
ago, it was taken in 5 minutes after  
she left the shop with her husband,  
A most agreeable English gentleman  
here (who has been robbed of a watch also)  
told me he was one day just getting  
into a carriage in London, when he  
heard something rattle on the side walk.  
Looking down he saw a sovereign  
before him. He picked it up and  
seeing a (having the glass) respectable  
looking man standing by, remarked  
to him "you have dropped a sovereign"  
The stranger thanked him and took  
the proffered coin - My friend on  
getting home put his hand in his  
pocket for a sovereign but found  
nothing but a hole in the bottom  
where the ~~part~~ of 5 he had put in  
pocket in the morning had slipped  
and the lint of which he is dis in

curiously gave to a stranger, etc (15  
Story known a lady who got into an om-  
nibus and was at once struck with a  
very brilliant and valuable diamond  
on ~~the~~ finger of the person next whom  
she <sup>had</sup> seated herself - on getting out of  
the vehicle, her purse (which had only  
2 or 3 shillings in it) could not be found  
to pay her fare from - In its place how-  
ever the magnificent ring was found  
and kept as a just equivalent for

Yesterday I walked about the fields  
and grounds of the Borghese Villa -  
open to the public 5 days every week  
and I think the pleasant stroll  
any where so near Rome - not 25  
minutes from my Hotel, The Pink  
Anemone am purple the ground  
and abundance of a sort of wild  
Mary gold is just flowering - It is very  
like the late deep golden Mary gold  
that bloom with us in October <sup>& November</sup> in our  
gardens, about 6 inches high. The  
Common English Daisy is also very  
abundant and pretty - The Lombard  
Poplar is in flower - The weather is  
quite cool in the shade and at night -  
and slight showers are pretty frequent -  
still. The number of Palaces in  
Rome is very great - I think not  
less than 200 - <sup>they</sup> <sup>books</sup> <sup>say</sup> <sup>80.</sup> many are large - The

Famuse is I think the finest ex (16  
terially - it is <sup>(200)</sup> 220 by 240 feet with a  
rich quadrangle. The Cancellaria  
near by it is 300 by 270, also with a very  
fine simple quadrangle.

I call frequently to see Mrs Brunning  
a most interesting woman - simple as  
a child - deep as the well where truth  
is said to lie - Her health is feeble  
she does not go out - utters at 8 and  
writes (I hear) generally ~~or~~ only in the  
morning - Mr. B. is an author also,  
but I should think a weak man -  
He has a wonderful memory, which  
is worth as much (for many purposes) as  
a strong mind without one.

I met Miss Cushman frequently at  
parties, but do not know her - She has  
a rather strong but not very pre  
serving face. I lately had a letter from  
Erich von Schomburg in which he says  
the last I wrote him had been opened -  
He supposes at the office in Rome - Gov  
comments that trouble at letters in these  
days must soon fall, I think.

An Englishman here Mr Brin who knows  
Frederick Mann of Philada, says there was  
a club in London that styled itself "The  
Lads that can do it" None being allowed to  
join who could not walk off with after a  
dose of three bottles of wine - a cousin of  
his who belonged to it fell from his horse (in  
consequence he thinks) and died of the wound.



An Irishman living near Dublin informs me that it is difficult in Ireland now to get hands enough during harvest. The wages during that season about Dublin are 36cts per day - Ireland generally 28cts per day for harvesting - for common farm work about 20cts per day - It is also customary to pasture the labourer's cow on the farm where he works for about 5dolls a year - The labourer finds the winter fodder, much of which is cabbage.

NAMES in Wales commencing with P. are usually abbreviations of Ap - Powel was <sup>Ap</sup> Howell - Pritchard Ap Richards etc etc The Corso of Rome is often mentioned as the only street with side walks - It is perhaps the only street that has them throughout, but there are several others that have them partially - There is not a good wide side walk in Rome that I remember to have seen -

I saw 2 labourers going home the other day each with his thin sharp pointed spade (←) on his shoulder - on one of these spade blades was stuck a dried codfish, on the other half a loaf of wheat bread -

3rd 25th - On the 20th I saw Sparrows building their nests on the Luccinal - Yesterday I noticed an Elm tree on which shoots nearly as big as my thumb and 2 feet long had grown this season already - The Elm trees are looking green and bright

is in young leaves - Wiping <sup>over</sup> willow in small leaf (18)  
I was at a Musical Party a few nights ago  
at Mad. Schurty - a most pleasant evening,  
a soldier performed on the Violoncello most  
divinely - I thought I never heard any  
thing finer than his simple music -  
among other things "The Last Rite of Homer"  
was at one of Mrs. Storr's receptions a  
short time since - She is very simple  
in manner and interesting - Her  
two daughters are with her, <sup>and</sup> exactly  
alike in face I cannot distinguish  
them, one I thought a particularly  
agreeable young lady - Must expect most  
perils in Rome, with considerable appre-  
hension in many minds as to the safety  
of remaining - So long as the French  
troops are here I ~~think~~ we are safe -  
and they will not be withdrawn  
without warning, I presume -  
a great outrage was committed by  
the Roman Police on pretext of extin-  
guishing a demonstration last week.  
The order was given by Gen. Goyon -  
a man is apprehended this afternoon  
and people are cautioned against  
going to the Corso this afternoon.  
Weather continues generally cool, save in  
the Sun - The affair with the Police occurred  
on Garibaldi's birth day about 6, O, Clock P.M.

and about 90 persons were wounded, (19  
but I believe nearly of them only very  
slightly - The outrage was a great one,  
there being no real provocation, or  
very little - It commenced with kidnapping  
~~a few days~~ some of the numerous police  
who had been provided by Government  
in strong force, apprehending some demon-  
stration on Garibaldi's birth day - which  
had been announced as probable, some  
days previously.

I rec'd a letter from  
John Wakefield a few days ago - He  
mentions paper and a little from Spain,  
on the Pincian hill are double flowering  
barbaries 6 or 7 feet high, just coming  
into large clusters of yellow flowers -  
I suspect these are in bloom - The yellow  
flowering willow like shrub lately intro-  
duced from India, is also in flower -

March 27th Drove out to day (a party of  
4 of us) to Ostia, where little is to be seen  
but the pine wood and swamps like  
our New England ones, when are many  
shrubs or small trees in flower. That which  
them like our Service berry, but I thought  
it was the blue/black thorn, or wild plum,  
as ~~they are~~ it is called in England, plenty  
of which was near us on the road side  
when there were hedges or bushes there.

The Pine wood reminded me of the Pines  
and sand of Jersey - Many pretty wild  
flowers, and an evergreen shrub, abundant,

(I think myrtle) very abundant and (20  
sweet in plenty of Arbutus, and other  
congenial shrubs. A parcel of Hunters  
with goat skin breeches & ragged jackets  
and old fashioned single barreled  
guns (in some of which the trigger  
guards were made of wood) were hunting  
with about a dozen little bits of lean  
ratty dogs - They had two roe deer  
and a wild boar of 250 lb probably,  
hanging in trees, which they had just  
killed - The scene was very picturesque.  
The sun pretty warm and the walking  
in the sand none of the easiest in  
some parts - We had a very pleasant  
day & walked over a mile through the  
wood & then bushes to the sea, where  
dead bushes are stuck to hold the  
sand and thus acquire more  
territory by the sand that blows back  
from where the sea constantly deposits  
it and thus encroaches on the sea.  
There are few houses on the way, though  
I noticed at 50 people hovering in a  
high field of wheat.

A wild and very sweet Johnquill or  
Narrower nearly white with a yellow  
center covers some of the pastures.  
I saw a few Curlews on a wet marsh  
and there also numerous hawks of  
various sizes screaming all about  
the <sup>stone</sup> pine forest - Two of very good size.  
White blue bills are also in bloom.

4th Mo 1st. The Papal bull appeared (21)  
on a few places a few days since and  
all are eager to see what the various  
papers out of Rome will say about it.  
I am glad the Pope has decided to thus  
declare the imbecility of his church in  
this particular. It reminds me of some  
child making mouths at his grand  
mother for denying him all the sugar  
plumbs in the world. I find artists &  
lover arts are almost as creed bound as  
Christians - Walked out to the Pharnaculum  
Doria Villa to day - It would be pretty  
in America, ugly in England - but has  
5 or 6 fountains - There is abundance  
of water in Rome if they would only use it.  
Magnolia shrubs are in bloom there  
both the purple and the white - One of  
our videan creepers on a south wall  
is just opening a few leaves - We have  
had asparagus 2 or 3 times on table, the  
first about 10 days ago. A Florida  
Cyperus is also just getting green - It  
stands on a little Island 20 feet in  
diameter, that is not over 15 inches  
out of water - Above the ground project  
some roots from the roots, only an inch  
or two as the water probably never over  
flows, but only keeps the ground very  
moist among the roots - This example  
quite confirms me in my theory of  
The use of this appendage of the Cyperus -

Nearly 20 years ago, I concluded from  
 observations in our South that these  
 knots were merely breathing tubes  
 in a tree that has its roots in Southern  
 swamps half the year under water.  
 When they grow in dry land these tubes  
 are not found - Some at Pratt's garden  
 have them, also at Fountainebleau,  
 both in wet ground - I planted a  
 Gypso at Peace Dale in a wet  
 place many years ago for the purpose  
 of testing this problem. I saw a poor  
 wood chiseler dead from a caried  
 position of a stump of a branch of a  
 pine 40 feet from the ground - He had  
 doubtless worked his way after insects  
 and grub in the hollow of the branch,  
 until extrication became impossible.



~~The weather is so mild.~~ The storm  
 Pine is trimmed up to near the top  
 at an early age and kept so even  
 in the forest! The branches are cut  
 off of the older trees at a distance  
 of 3 or 4 feet from the trunk that  
 gives them a peculiar appearance  
 and detracts from the beauty of the trunk too.  
 The weather has become mild enough  
 to do without a shawl evening excepted.  
 Rome doubtless has 7 hills but nearly all  
 the all the city lies in a low hollow  
 which is damp & chilly at night.

The Tiber frequently overflows much (23  
of the town - The vestiges of the foundations  
of its ruins become as exhibited in every  
step foundations usually of enormous  
masses of concrete (solid and enduring  
as granite apparently) strikes one more  
and more as he remains in Rome -  
The ruins expected by their evidence of past  
grandeur & beauty so unutterably and has  
barely destroyed to build palaces and  
Churches are at times very painful -  
Some 200 people are removing the debris  
from the floor of the baths of Caracalla -  
The fallen arches and earth are about  
14 feet thick within the building, where  
so much soil came from, a how there  
at least, is hard to guess - Scarcely any  
of the beautiful sculptured marble (of  
which there are thousands of tons origi-  
nally) are left save the chippings, that  
are left of the work of vandal sledges -  
Enormous columns have been destroyed  
and removed for meaner buildings,  
and entire acres of mosaic are  
being revealed that made the floor  
of this vast and beautiful structure.  
Beautiful wall flowers are in bloom and  
have been for 2 weeks on Ruins H - There  
is a bird I hear here with a note very  
like that of our "Blue Bird"  
I find they grow wheat for slaovoni

into a meal that is even & full (24)  
like our corn meal - The Japonica  
(Camellias) are yet in flower and very  
beautiful, though no shrub of them  
I have seen are over 8 feet high - at  
Middleton place <sup>S.E.</sup> there are several over  
25 feet in height - The buds of the Elm  
are now falling, and the trees are  
green ~~now~~ them, but I see no foliage  
on the Elm yet. I see the Bellini  
~~fish~~ in market here, and great  
varieties of molurks like our  
jelly fish -

April 3d - I went to three of the  
prisons to day to see some thieves  
the police have taken - I recognized  
the fellow who stole my watch, and  
I am told there that I shall never  
most probably receive it - but I have  
very little hope - Went to Palace of  
the Caesars, more and more won-  
derful it becomes with familiarity  
The baths of Caracalla are nothing  
to it, and those of Diocletian were  
larger than the Caracalla - Spent  
the day among the ruins and in  
the Jim quarter - These Jims appear  
to be very industrious, ~~East~~ and  
the women busy sewing - East here  
is a shop, Old Iron, Ray old shoes



side from different & distinct branches (25  
of trade among them - The old shoes are  
ripped to pieces and sole and upper  
leathers separated for sale in different  
parts according to their respective  
values - Even then close calculating  
men turn into the street what I saw  
"Chiffoniers" sagely gathering again  
into their sacks - In another part of the  
town I saw a man cutting headless  
tacks an inch long with lever shears  
& another man was at work hammering  
and straightening old horse shoe  
nails to be sold for use again -  
A few days ago I was talking with  
Mrs Brunning and gave her my views  
of the Duke of Wellington - She appeared  
much gratified, saying that she  
entirely agreed with me - She then  
adverted to Ferrispen eulogistic  
ode to him remarking that if it  
~~should ever fall to~~ had fallen to  
her lot to write it she would have  
treated him in a very different  
manner - I expressed my wish that  
she might get do him the sort  
of justice such men deserved -  
She says he was a bad son and

bad husband, had no friends, (26  
and that even his army, that was  
proud of him did not like him.

I see the Romans pick over their wheat  
as is done in Spain, but appear to  
seek only<sup>a</sup> particular clap of the foreign  
substances it contains, while in Spain  
every thing is carefully picked out  
from the wheat. The Root of the Med.  
Cane is boiled and eaten, like carrots,  
for dinner at good houses in Rome  
but I have never seen it. A very  
great variety of Fungii is eaten also.  
In England others than "mushrooms"  
are eaten, some that are as large  
as desert plates - Rows are in  
flower in sheltered places, but I think  
some have been to be seen for a long  
time past, if not all winter -

The season is a month later than  
usual they say - but the great crimson  
Sauris are in flower on the Pincian  
Hill, also the common Flour de Lis.  
and Judas trees.

I was at Home Cardwell's studio  
where I saw a bust of John Dalton  
he made 10 years ago - a strong and  
fine face - Mr C. gave me several

anecdotes of him. He appears (27)  
to have used the plain language to the  
last, and always bold on Sundays -  
even refusing invitation to dine  
in that day - Story Statue of  
Jonas Lacey Snr, is now in Plaster  
a noble dignified graceful thing -  
and I think must create some  
sensation in Boston one of these days -  
when the marble gets there - He is  
modelling in clay a bust of Theodore  
Parker - In the Etruscan Museum  
of the Vatican is an old Bronze  
Chariot, a man clumsy, ugly  
in ornament uncomfortable affair  
than these ancient Chariots seem  
to have been could hardly be imagined.  
I have seen the Buller party - Healy  
and his sister and Mr & Mrs Silla  
It is remarkable how few Philadelphia  
I met in Europe - I see more Rhode  
Islanders - There are 5 of us <sup>Rome</sup> now  
that I know of, and three others were  
late here - What I am most proud  
of in this connexion is to see so  
many Americans in Europe from

claps coming in of which in other (28  
cases are done to hopeless drudgery.  
Aristocratic countries may boast  
of timid bedazzled representatives  
abroad or at home as they blindly  
do so often, while they yet may but  
better things are coming also, and soon  
too. I met an English mining engi-  
neer here, from Newcastle (where a  
late explosion of boilers has just  
occurred at the Hazard Pit of the  
Blaydon mine) who has much in-  
teresting detail in his speciality.  
He says the coal pillars left for the  
support of mines are removed by sections  
of 5 feet wide, and the top falls in  
as the section is removed; generally,  
but sometimes the stone roof is so  
strong that spaces of 12 to 15 acres  
do not fall at all. Often large  
areas of flat roof remain several  
days cracking and a fine sand  
of the grinding rock falling out of  
them until suddenly all comes down  
together, causing such a peck of  
wind through the rest of the mine

as to tear every door from its hinges (29)  
and throwing down the miners -  
who are obliged to leave the mine  
until the ventilation be so can be  
rearranged - Mining is a great  
science, and requires a constant  
attention to the adaptation of circum-  
stances to the safety & health of the  
miners as well as to the economy,  
and practicability even, of the work  
they are engaged in. One of the ballast  
heaps, I spoke of ~~the~~ the Tyne, was,  
some years ago, found to be so heavy  
upon the clay soil that it was  
settling and thereby raising the bed  
of the river - Further accumulation  
on this heap is prohibited, though  
I find I was mistaken in supposing  
that the entire ballast of return  
colliers from London was all thrown  
on board at sea - As has always  
been the case these vessels lighten  
themselves when near <sup>the</sup> port, here to  
keep enough ballast to sail in with.  
It is probable that each pound of  
this ballast mountains on the Tyne

represents many Tons of coal (30  
gone from that port to London alone,  
could make a remarkably easy Cays,  
The "Betsy Kearns" that brought the  
Prince of Orange over to France, ~~totally~~  
laid her wreck at ~~Stee~~ in the Tyne  
over 100 years old.

5th - Walking in the Vatican  
today, to my great surprise and  
delight I met Mr & Mrs Edward  
Law and their son Eddy, who arrived  
in Rome yesterday, and are at the  
Hotel London where I spent an hour  
late this evening with them.

I have had several conversations with Mrs  
Ston lately and find her interesting  
She has an appearance of diffidence  
when she first meets me, but it is  
quite as probably I think that it  
is only a little difficulty she finds  
in collecting wandering thoughts to  
her subject. She appears to be a very  
sincere and excellent person, but  
I think Mrs. Browning has higher  
qualities of mind. They say Charlotte  
Cushman is an excellent woman. I can see no  
great indication of it in her conversation which  
is full of acting as I think, and apparently  
a continued & fixed stage habit.

13th a few days ago at the "Stamps" (31  
of Raphael in the Vatican, I saw a  
motto "It is not the part of men but of  
God, to judge Bishops." I suppose this  
is on the old principle of right that  
all men should be governed by their peers.  
I see fish in market here that look like  
shad, and am told they are the same  
as ours - This is not probable - ours are  
rather larger - Apples still continue  
very abundant and quite good - They  
form a portion of dessert every day and  
apple puddings are very frequent  
also on table - The first green peas at  
our hotel were on the 8th Inst. - very  
nice and plentiful. No African Quails  
yet this late cool season - The snow  
yet covers the Appennines - A flood is in  
the Tiber and the rapid current is  
chased with bent wood and some trees  
20 feet long - Yesterday at the Palace  
of the Caesars when the soil is rich and  
protected and early, a few leaves are  
on the grape vines - The almond fruit  
is large as Almond sugar plumbs, and  
beans have been up a week or more  
and potatoes 4 inches high. From that  
point the vast walls (inside view) of the  
Colosseum look like a lofty natural  
cliff of rocks, yet the Palace of Caesars  
must have been much more vast -

I went to look at the Curia where (32  
the Mutara boy was stolen too, it is  
surrounded by a high wall, and the  
windows of two upper stories of houses  
that overlook it, are blinded with  
great thick iron boards fastened with  
iron rods in front of them. This Curia  
is in the forum of Nerva, next 4 great  
marble columns. I went to see "San Clemente"  
a church under which another has lately  
been found, the columns of its ~~basilica~~  
basilica still standing of polished  
marble, and the foundations of the new  
church built a wall between them  
but without hiding them, so that the  
recent excavations expose them, as  
well as those said to be of the 5th  
century - It seems strange that  
these marble columns should have  
been thus left - being entire & hand  
some, and the new wall being found  
did as low as they are - I ascended  
the Palace of the Lateran a few days  
ago in which is a sort of balcony -  
about 110 feet from the ground and  
from which is the finest view in Rome.  
It is central to the vast ruins that  
are so grand and distinct on every side,  
beside the Appennines, Alban Hills  
campagna, the city, and over to the sea.



The Wretch who stole my watch is (33) condemned to 20 years imprisonment, I re-  
monstrated at such a sentence, but  
the judge told me he was an old and  
very bad criminal (he is not over 30)  
and the Pope might pardon him at  
an early date. I was examined several  
times, and a record taken each of my  
testimony each time, but no oath was  
administered. Night before last was an  
illumination being anniversary of the day  
on which the Pope had a narrow escape,  
but the rain has prevented the grand  
illumination ~~and~~ of St Peter's that was  
to have been 6 nights ago and also the  
fire works on Place Popolo.

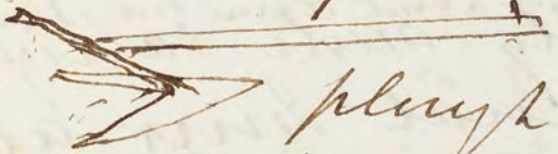
Quince trees are in bloom and trees generally  
are leaving out. Some quails (African) in  
market, but none at our Hotel. The  
Forests about Ostia abound in Deer  
Boar & are to be - and shooting is free  
to all, I saw several snakes of small  
size near the ~~forest~~ Grotto of Egeria  
that is by the wonderful Aspicin way,  
a little off from it, and near the old  
Temple of Neptunus near a Cheek -  
Corrent Frolich about 80 years of age  
was 3 miles from his house catching  
Nictinjalus in nets at a very early  
hour a few days ago. He is like a boy -  
and about to publish a book I hope to  
see this summer.

Florence April 22, 60 (34)


A week ago to day the illumination of St Peter's in Rome took place, one week after its regular period, on account of rainy weather. The next morning I started thence by Veterano via <sup>Falco di Teroni</sup> Perugia and arrived yesterday afternoon at this pleasant city after 6 nights & 7 days on the road our Passports were examined at Foligno and also on leaving the Papal states and on entering Tuscany again, and our Baggage passed unimpeded ~~to~~ the line as well as at the gate of Florence upon our ~~statements~~ negative to an enquiry if it contained any thing dutiable or contraband. The weather was quite tolerable though showery all the way. Most fruit trees such as Apples Pears Cherries and some <sup>few</sup> Peaches were in bloom all the way, and the Black Thorn a slow wild Plant was generally out of flower. Amidst considerable of other grass I saw a <sup>all</sup> few bushes of the English which was in bloom though the other kinds were not. Varieties of Beets are common and a large white variety in flower. Wild grape vine in small leaf

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Silvers are in early stage of  
flowering along the road and the  
Fig trees and Helianthus and English  
Walnuts just leaving out. Oaks in  
a few instances in small leaves.  
The Judas trees are wild every where  
and in <sup>Honey suckle</sup> full flower. <sup>vine</sup> is in half  
green leaves. Cornella a Bladder  
Summa beautiful with golden flowers  
wild among its native rocks and cliffs  
which are also golden with wall flowers.  
A small sort a cane about 2 feet high  
is common toward Rome that seems  
to correspond to our "Chicken cane" of  
Kentucky & South, but is smaller

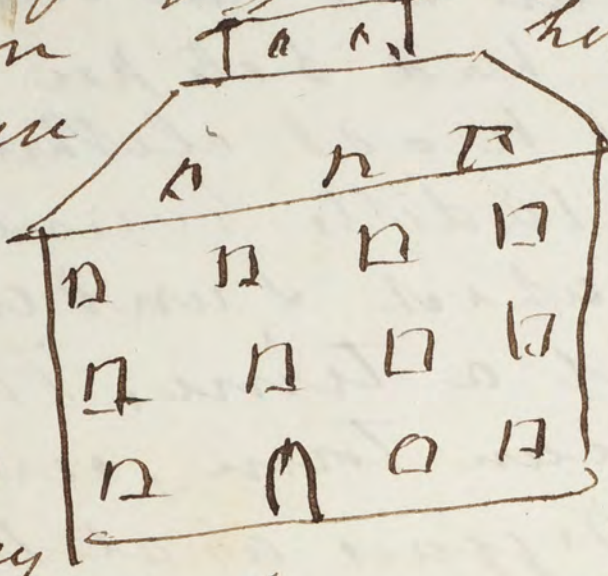
 The most simple  
play of wood is used all the  
way which even draw without a chain  
being yoked to a tongue of wood  
that is nearly as ~~heavy~~ stout as those  
of our ox carts and considerably  
longer. The Harrow is equally  
primitive all of wood, and drawn  
and attached <sup>to the oxen</sup> in the same manner.  
Weather rather cool and I think vege-  
tation about London is doubtless  
more <sup>than here</sup> forward. I know it was last  
year I noticed men trimming  
the grassy edge of the road to a line

as they do in Great Britain, a circumstance that surprised me, and not at all in keeping with management of things generally in Italy, where matters as a rule is totally disregarded. Men at work on the Roads in Spain have an iron Rod stuck in the ground with "Cantonal" de de in it, On this hangs the musquet and powder + ball, They also have a badge on their hats - I observed the same thing along the road the gun + ammunition excepted. The cultivated grape is only in opening bud, but the wild vine in the bushes has small leaves <sup>Hawks of various sizes are numerous, also</sup> The birds were generally quite satisfactory better than our Rural birds are generally and oak and other wood plentiful <sup>220</sup> west of the 200 miles of our way in a sort of open forest generally oak, and some fine trees - No charge was made for our fires on the way - Myrtle is common At Spolito I found <sup>Kid</sup> Kid was about 6 1/2 cts for 16oz. Beef 10 cts - Eggs 9 cts per dozen - The meats are very fair and as we approach Florence the beef is fine and hand some cows + cattle of a sort of white pinkish or brownish white with small horns I never saw - The fried ham is excellent

(37)  
a Papal soldier whom I accented  
spoke English well. I found he was one of the  
mercenaries, a German who had been in  
the United States. He had 5 cts per day  
and rations of soup & bread & clothes for  
his services, besides 10 dolls bounty at  
time of Enlistment, which I understood  
was only for a year at a time. This  
was at Spoleto a clean town, with  
but few byzans. Byzans as at Rome  
carry a little earthen Pot of coals  
very frequently  to keep their hands  
warm and often sit in the churches  
with them. Byzans all all the way  
but diminish in number as we  
get North and in Florence they are  
comparatively few. Every body along  
the road appears to be rich enough  
to carry a great large umbrella  
of a very coarse quality, and frequently  
covered with oil cloth, instead of muslin.  
At Certoflora I noticed on nearly  
every house a placard "Long live Victor  
Emmanuel our King" and very frequently  
~~in~~ the country houses. In the Tuscany  
The farmer live on the farms, generally  
in very large ~~houses~~ square houses of  
stucco & whitewashed stone or brick  
60 to 80 feet square - ~~with 4~~ ~~to~~ ~~4~~  
stories high, the lower one for cattle

The others for the farms, and probably all the labourers - with a large thing on top 20ft square - apparently observatory & house - This is especially

the case with  
around  
are  
it is  
murray



about the great alluvial plain arezzo - when there scarcely any fences probably quite to be able to look over

the level farms of the plain from the house - I am told in Florence that

Farmers will not make butter for sale in town, but men are here in town who buy the milk and make the butter in town for regular customers, Italcan eat but little of it; On the Continent of Europe I think we come to consider any butter good that does not taste absolutely bad - when we say its tolerable, it is only eatable. Apples and Peas are got plenty apparently - I ate some of the Pumpkin seed yesterday that are offered so much in European shops and found them very good - They were natural in colour but I think were parched nevertheless -

One of our fellow passengers was a Copper miner & farmer in Australia

Captain near Adelaide - Capt (39)  
Bapt, an Irishman. He says day  
wages there on farm is from 1.00 to 1.50  
his day <sup>shepherd</sup> <sup>there</sup> <sup>4.00</sup> <sup>year</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>bound</sup> the land at  
Campfire in India, where thousands of  
people were employed during the  
season of the year that is partly in  
making ice in small forms called  
vats. It is done in the night and  
taken out <sup>of the vat</sup> at a very early hour in the  
morning, and pounded down in ice  
houses very hard and compact.  
Families are supplied with this  
ice at from 15 to 30 £ sterling  
per year - at the latter price in  
sufficient quantity for every thing  
a large family may desire to use it.  
Great joy is in Tuesday, every body almost  
looks happy - Victor Emmanuel is here  
and his Portraits and Carous and  
Sarcis Napoleons on every Print Shop  
and Caricatures of the Austrians and  
the Popes bull - A small wood cut  
of Victor E. with some text is pasted  
on every door apparently preparatory  
for his reception. <sup>many</sup> of these are  
now more or less mutilated or removed  
but banners are flying every where on  
church & town & Rail stations and  
the other places still hang in arches

erected for the occasion as well as 40  
or more substantial structures.  
The "Cure" is lined with poles on each  
side found in the trees at top, repeating  
in the branches of its flowers & foliage  
the *Camelia japonica* tree of  
15 feet height, that must have  
been very pretty at first.

I hear Mrs Thompson Brown & family  
are living here. ~~Nictu E. has gone~~  
23d April Nictu E. has gone to Legun  
to day and you to Arezzo & soon. He  
laid the corner stone for a new road  
to the "Ducome" yesterday, and had a  
sort of chariot race display in the  
afternoon. I suppose the poor man  
must be greatly bored. He is said  
to be a good soldier, and an honest  
and liberal man, but his portrait  
is that of the most supercilious monk  
I ever saw, displaying to see.

24th went last evening to see Mrs  
Thompson Brown. She appears very well  
but does not go out of the house. She  
retains a lively interest in Rhode Island  
people. One of her daughters is married.  
One at home also who appears to be bright  
and sensible as well as her brother Jacob.  
I sit at table by 5 double epauletted  
Majors all good looking men. One of them



to day took out a small pocket (40  
hair brush and without even turning his  
head from table brushed his hair and  
beard. These folks pick their teeth  
or beard at table with the same  
tooth pick - I see to one well in a  
court 20' from Rods (reaching from  
as many different windows) varying  
from 25 to 60 or 70 or 80 feet in length -  
Each of these is a guide for a bucket  
with which the various families of the  
flats of the surrounding houses supplies  
itself with water from the same well  
without coming down stairs - They are  
very common in Rome also -

I see here Chestnut trees nearly in blossom.  
but it appears to me the weather is  
as cold as it is with us at this season,  
to the feeling at least. Even the fleas  
appear to be laid. I am told such weather  
is very common here in April. Snow  
is on the hills, and we had some on the  
way from Rome that ~~fell as it melted~~  
as it fell, but there is recent news of  
nearly 2 feet of snow about Perugia -  
Asparagus is abundant but small -  
That we had at the Inn on the road  
between this and Rome was not larger  
than Hop sprouts, and in the markets  
looked like them & felt as hard as wires.  
Solan are in flower, so are very fine Chinese  
Pionies. Swallows are abundant, coming  
from the Po on the other night, I heard

The delightful song of the Striped Gull.  
 On the 29th I saw Gould at his studio  
 yesterday. He desired to be remembered  
 to Mary + Isaac. There are very few  
 Landscapes in the gallery here, not one  
 in the Uffizi. I think the more I see  
 of galleries the less I like them. I am sick  
 of sickly looking madonnas & vile portraits  
 of monks & butlers King H. I see the boys  
 here too following the funeral candles  
 to get a penny catching the dropping wax  
 from the lights, same as at Rome.

I believe every kind of tree is in leaf more  
 or less - The Ailanthus is just open in  
 bunches at the end of the branch &  
 so is the Indian Creeper vine -  
 Some roses are in bloom, and a small  
 yellow variety that runs like a honey  
 suckle, is in full bloom - Beautiful  
 white species also - This species I saw  
 in flower in gardens all the way from  
 Rome - Parrot tulips are in full flower  
 and double tulips are just opening.  
 Catholics sit in their churches in silence, as do  
 Jews, in many places but especially in  
 Florence where I see sometimes 50 or 60 in  
 silence sitting for half an hour or so, some  
 on their knees. I think a larger proportion of men  
 attend than in any other Catholic country I have  
 visited, sometimes perhaps 1/3 men here while in  
 most other countries scarcely any attend - In  
 Spain the men attend a good deal -  
 The Crown has a coat of Arms hand - etc

hang in his studio with several others. (43)  
An Englishman came in one day and Mr  
P. observed one of them looked very attentively  
and fidgety at the cast of Stumes. Said  
Mr P. do you notice any thing particular  
about that hand. It is a very nervous  
looking hand and somehow affects me  
very unpleasantly said the stranger.

The Catawba grape is cultivated here and  
is not at all affected by the disease which  
so impairs the European vine and wine.

I still continue of the opinion that Italian  
skins are not to be compared in beauty with  
the American though they exhibit some fine  
characteristics that are perhaps in degree  
peculiar. Evening colouring on the hills &  
mountain as sometimes very marked  
and beautiful - I never saw this before  
in any degree in Italy even, approach  
the rich clarity mulberry purple of the  
hills or mountains west of Florence last  
evening. About sunset. The Eastern sides  
of these heights from top to as far down  
as I could see on their distant side  
exhibited a red purple almost like that  
of fine Paphos. Snow is yet on Valumbrosa.

May 3d I went last night to the Opera  
tickets in pit about 32 ct. - very few were  
in the boxes the pit being very nicely furnished  
with cork chair seats. There are 10 Theatres  
(one of them for day performances) in Florence.  
Government pays them enough to enable  
the people to go at low prices. The opera  
last night was "Ivato" a terrible plot  
to will performed that it was entirely unbear-  
able to me. They made dreadful faces

and worse noises - The whistling and (44)  
howling that is eternal in the streets of  
Florence or there are music to the deaf  
dreams & yells of last night - I am fond  
of birds but if one were to make such sounds  
about my house I would certainly take  
much pains to have him killed if he could  
not be driven away - The only part I  
at all liked was hisped, so I suppose  
the wrong is entirely in my own ears.  
I hope it will stay there -

Since the last day of March (now 33 days)  
there have been but 5 days without rain -  
We have <sup>in R.I.</sup> a good deal of rough weather  
~~but~~ in April but I believe not often  
so much rain as this season in Italy.  
Our nights are colder but I think  
the days of April quite as warm as  
those here this year with occasional  
exceptions for our winter ones of this  
season - Yesterday was showery but lovely  
for a few hours and so was the day  
before - I noticed from Piasquado  
some snow yet on the summit of  
Nalumbona, the sides are densely  
wooded in parts -  
The silver Franciscan is the coin here, about  
10 cents divided into 10 Pauls, and  
each paul consists of 8 erape. There is  
no gold, but the Sardinian decimal  
system of Lanks will soon be introduced.  
I cannot account for having received  
no letters from you of later date than  
Dec 30. 59. I got one from Tom

Potter of 4th of March in which  
he mentions you were still in Philadelphia.  
Theodore Parker arrived here from  
Rome a few days ago, and I fear will  
never leave Florence. He is very low.  
He will be a world wide lip, but he has  
opened the way for many to follow and  
further ecclesiastical influences.

much is doing in Florence, three  
of the principal churches are being  
renovated or rather resumed in course  
of completion. Streets are being nicely  
repaired with slabs of sandstone nicely  
laid in mortar. The laborers are very  
active and diligent, but I do not  
know how much labor they accomplish  
at compared with ours. <sup>But I hear the men are very inefficient as might be expected.</sup> <sup>They sleep on they have at nooning.</sup> <sup>But I hear it if some inefficiency, as might be expected.</sup> <sup>They sleep on they have at nooning.</sup> <sup>But I hear it if some inefficiency, as might be expected.</sup>

men turning the stone for the streets  
have 4 1/2 Tuscan Paoli (about 45 cts) per  
day and find their own chisels & hammers.  
(without board) Marble facers have  
about 32 cts per day - hard work - and  
common farm labor about 20 cts -

From what I can learn, the work is about  
10 hours per day - Servants wages for  
house work by the year are 2 Francs  
about 2.10 cts per month and boarded  
men servants 5 to 6 dells per month  
and boarded. I frequently see Negroes  
in Florence, generally nicely dressed.  
In the "Santa Croce" are monuments  
& tombs of Galileo, Dante, Alfieri,  
Machiavelli & Michelangelo.

That of Dante one of the greatest { 46  
I can see on a Tomb, On a slab  
are 13 names of victims of the  
Revolution of 1848 - alphabetically  
arranged by the surnames -  
Yet they commence with the letter  
~~M~~ M, Not one initial being of  
the portion of the alphabet preceding  
this letter nearly in its middle.  
Hare bean race, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  grown  
almonds are eaten here - the latter  
being apparently unripe - but per-  
haps only the beginning of fruit on  
the trees - They look like green peaches  
2 weeks old, but flatter. <sup>Raddus is said</sup>  
The <sup>some of the</sup> <sup>labourers</sup> <sup>to be the chief food of</sup> <sup>of</sup>  
vial here is very fine and in  
Europe is considered a wholesome  
meat even for invalids -

6th The Buller party is here  
from whom I hear of the death  
of Doctor Bernard Benz - poor  
fellow, I believe an excellent man.

The weather is improving, no rain  
today, and the country about Flumina  
is looking beautifully green, and  
the very numerous white villas in the  
midst on the sea sides give the  
neighbourhood a cheerful agreeable  
air. An amphitheatre of hills  
surround the place & some fine  
mountains are seen in the distance

Mrs Wm J. Brunka of the old  
 "mansion house" in Broadway N York  
 says she has always found Italians  
 beds clean & nice - so have I, she  
 also says the French are very care-  
 ful to have the insides of their cook-  
 ing utensils clean, but I should have  
 doubted - The french are only less filthy than  
 the Italians - I saw a fellow at dinner today  
 brushing his teeth with a silver fork <sup>The markets here are</sup> <sub>the dirtiest I ever saw</sub>

I spent this evening at Mrs Brewster, they  
 with Mrs Perkins all asked particularly after  
 you and your brothers also. I ascended the  
 beautiful bell tower of the Cathedral today  
 It must be 270 feet high - about 50 feet square  
 and afford a beautiful view from its summit  
 on every hand. ~~Mrs Brewster~~ (Nanny Mann)  
 reminds me very much of cousin  
 Patty Hazard - sits like her, speaks  
 like her, ~~and~~ holds her hands  
 clasped like her, and though that  
 feathered, looks like her in face  
 of the - Last evening I was at a  
 small party at Mrs Powers where  
 I met a very agreeable man in  
 Mr Sidney Brooks - Mrs Brooks  
 there also - The last few days have  
 been very fine - I have eaten the  
 best Ice cream in Florence I have  
 seen in Europe - I saw on a cent a  
 box of "Pure old Monmouth Whiskey" and  
 hear an Italian deals in it, keeps it  
 for sale -

I visited the beautiful Medice Chapel 48  
in the "San Lorenzo" to day - also the Protestant  
cemetery just over the "Punta Punta" a pretty  
place where I gathered some roses from  
the tomb of Mary Lawrence for her mother  
one lady appears to have died "Having  
a desire to depart and be with Christ"

The repairs and work toward finishing  
churches that were suspended hundreds  
of years ago are going on all over Florence  
The "Choir" of rather howling of one  
of the churches I visited to day appeared  
to be very rich one great thing of silver  
something like a pulpit in it.

10th I shall probably send this by  
Mr Sydney Burdett who leaves soon  
I am very well but think this climate  
weakens me - I shall be off North in  
a day or two - Love to all

Yr affectionate brother  
J. A.



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