

12 W. Cedar St.

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My dear Mr. Henry –

More than once I have taken up your kind letter from Lake George for the purpose of answering it, but have each time been prevented and I am sorry to appear such a careless friend. My Aunt writes from Delaware of a pleasant call from you last week, and Mother and I regret that we could not share it. However, we shall hope to see you there again, and I wish you had the dear old place in the beautiful October days when the garden was still lovely and we felt tempted to spend every possible minute out of doors. You have heard about our coming on here to spend a few months with Aleck. It is a great pleasure to us to be able to enter into his life after years of separation, and I feel that is a good thing in every way for Mother. Boston certainly offers much that is of interest to those who are living quietly, and I enjoy the musical atmosphere that prevails. Aleck's friends, too, have been exceedingly kind about calling on us, so that we feel quite at home in this strange place-- Instead of dividing my [?] as I had expected between New Castle and the Adirondacks my time was very much broken up, as I made visits to cousins and old friends at Nahant and Spring Lake besides the two weeks and a half spent with my Grandmother and Aunt at Atlantic City the latter part of June and early in July- We hope to be here until early in January and on our way down to New Castle, I expect to stop for two short visits in New York - I wonder whether you are still thinking of crossing the ocean this winter. If so I hope you will thoroughly enjoy your voyage and sojourn abroad, and in any case I trust that you may have a pleasant winter. I was glad to hear of your delightful trip early in the summer, and doubtless you found Lake George as charming as ever. I hope to visit it again some day [sic]. Mother joins in kind remembrances for yourself and Sidney. From

Yours very sincerely

Mary Coufier Proudfit

