

Congress Hall [Engraving of hotel and printed place
and partial date]
Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Sunday [19 August]1883

My dear Loulie,

So I telegraphed you I arrived here yesterday afternoon from New London which I left on Saturday morning. I left Sag Harbor at 1 on Friday by Steamboat (Manhasset) & arrived at NL at 4,30 PM - The weather had been & still was so cold & dreary & I was so used up by a cold I took coming in the cold [? ? ?] from Montauk that I thought it folly to go to Watch Hill as it would have been impossible for me to bathe for 3 or 4 days – so I spent the evening at the Pequot. I met there Albert Gray – he had just come to join his brother whose young wife had ~~just~~ died in a cottage they had taken at the Pequot, leaving five children I believe – She was a Miss Gunther. Albert says she was sick for a couple of weeks with what they thought a little fever of no importance, when to Mr. Grays [sic] horror the Dr. announced that she was dying – He did not say what was the cause but I suspect bad drainage. The Pequot is now a small city of closely built cottages & will be I fear a fever nest as I have no doubt the soil is fast becoming saturated & vile.

I am better today of my cold as my nose has stopped running, but I have some bronchitis & a little [?]. I will take the Congress water faithfully & hope to be all right when I see you all on Tuesday – I feel as if I have been gone a long time & shall be so glad to be back which we are. I am getting a little homesick – This place is full of “horsey” people as I have had the bad luck to stumble on the time of the year when the Races take place – the hotels have horse notices put anywhere & horse talk [?] but as I am quite hoarse myself I suppose I cannot properly complain. I went to the Episcopal church this morning & after took a walk around the Park by Dr. Strings to the Windsor & back “sampling” several waters which you know I like.

You know I have not heard a word since I left home except your telegram, which happily assure me that you are all well –

I wonder who has come & who left the [?] & if their [sic] be any news – I trust all has gone pleasantly & happily but that you will all be glad to see me back again. Not going to Watch Hill I did not get your postals. I wonder if you have heard from Frank & if there are many letters for me – I hope I may get a letter from you tomorrow. I have put out some things to be washed by Tuesday. You can look for me any time Tuesday but I can't say exactly what boat.

If the day is fine & I don't arrive by [?] at 2½ [Honecow?] at 10 ½ I've had better come up on Louis – I will be at 72 West [??] – If Louise ant [sic] there by 4 PM I shall not expect her – I've had better leave as soon as he gets dinner -- Love to Joe & children & kind regards to Miss Taylor.



Your loving husband

JBH

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