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My dear Mr. Henry

My congratulations and good wishes & truly are somewhat [text missing] the less hearty [text missing] for all that [text missing] Indeed – indeed [text missing] cards went the way that so many other things as intended and moment to me have gone – astray.

To my 1st names of [?] came [?] days since [?] your letter from Naples. The hotel [?] [?] it back to me so vividly because [four lines missing or illegible]. to meet Mrs. Henry unless in [text missing] by chance should run across [text missing] – and then the insurmountable difficulties nearly having met ~~her~~ but I [?] see a red head – ‘comme moi’ – very heavy braid – with two ladies in morning one elderly (the mother) one young (the daughter) – the red braid will be my family – Bernchitis almost finished – for me what nervous penstrating started this summer – Paris, I consider has treated me very badly – buy my observation has been that one always has a hand [general?] with Fate – and thats [sic] mine at present. The rest of no (bar – in Italy) have this week for Riviera – Nice 1st – I think—after I know not – for some 2 months one prepare staying and after that no plans whatsoever. We might dip into Italy just a little – particularly the lake region – since my sister, too has that in prospect as part [of the] trip – but it all depends on that [text missing] energy and health I can [text missing] that time. So much [text missing or faded for three lines] I too had my abiding place there – with the beauty of it – comes the inevitable longing to see it all again. I need to sit and [moon?] by the hour on the corner balcony – and there from had to be rudely routed out on more than one occasion to improve my mind.

Will you be proud? I’ve definitely and forever abandoned [text missing] the [imprisonment?] of said mind [text missing] to henceforth [enjoy?] myself – the [text missing or faded for four lines] event I would drop [?] a line to be on the lookout for us. My address will be [text missing] care American Ex [text missing] Scribe – Paris [text missing] continent – so [text missing] drift north – [text missing] Who knows? Say to Mrs. Henry, please for me that I shall look forward with the keenest possible pleasure – 1st to meeting and then learning to know her – for I can [?] count already on her friendship – the many nice things I have thought of [?] in times past I shall reserve for her private ear but [?] be too embarrassed in the transmitting.



Take pleasure, my best of wishes for you both – in all [text missing] all good, all happiness to [?] [text missing] believe me

Most [text missing]

[El] [missing or faded text] [Johnson]

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