

*Please mark on your envelope,
via England. The Station Correspondence
& almost acceptable*

Rotenburg in Hannover

Nov 20

My dear Watson

Yours of 2^d inst. is just at hand,
having been a longer time on the way than any
yet, except one from Mr Gilman to my wife, which
came in today's mail & had a Cambridge postmark
of last month!

Answering the business part of your
note first, I will say that I agree perfectly
with you about the floor. You & will, of course,
have the Garden pay the bill; for the house
is Garden property, & the safety of a floor is
something that a landlord should look after.
Next, about the Telephone. I think I have
about £34.34 in the bank & so venture to draw
my check in pay^t of the unrighteous bill. There
is no sense in their charging for the long time when
their wire was wholly silent & useless. So
much for that.

Next, as to your White Mt breakfast adventure.
I am truly glad you got an outing, and were able

Be sure remember me also to your father, & to the Nurses. Father when you happen in. I'll be sure to tell them that this new phone will be a great help.

make such good time up and down the Mt; but it seems to me ^{that} you ran some risk in coming down the rails. You ought not to let the fate of the rest of the Bibliographical Index ever again hang on so slender a thread as that. Your good newsy letter quite cheered me up. I was getting rather down in the mouth about a good many things, & needed just such a tonic as you note. By this time, you have received a lot of Copy, & so on from me, & more is coming: that is the worst of it. Dr. Hay is of course quietly back in the study, & hard at work. You must tell him how disturbed we have been at the advertisement in a Boston paper about Jackson's 102 photos. We feared they might have been Mrs. Hay's which she collected with on the late journey. As they say here "Hoffentlich nicht." Give lots of good messages to Dr & Mrs Hay, Debarlow, Penhallow, Jones and Falconer & all. I have tried to write out a great many notes here which I trust will interest you. Pres. Eliot's note about the annual report was answered in the next mail by my report sent. Mrs Gooden & the children add all good wishes:



Goodale, George L. 1835. "Goodale, George L. Nov. 20 [no year] [to S. Watson]." *Asa Gray correspondence*

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