

If I don't get sick away from home,
I truly enjoyed so much -

I have written to Mrs. James
that I will take the 11.15 train on
Tuesday, & to Joe that I will go there
on Thursday, & shall write to the
Duncans that I hope to get there Satur-
day - Then I shall try to go to Hastings
on Monday, come down Wednesday
Aft., & start for home Friday or Sat-
urday -

They are all very kind here in
urging me to stay, & I have enjoyed
myself very much - But, in your car
only, I get a little bit homesick when
I am not well, & am longing to be with
you again -

I went over this morn., & Annie Lang
showed me all over the Hospital, & I
sat & talked with her for some time -
She came over to tea last Ev -

I got a note from Mrs. James yesterday
morn. wondering where I was - Say. your
letters were waitg. for me there -

I mean times with kind remembrance, I am thy loving friend

Tell Hannah to pass in the week all the toiles round the house that need it; & the toilet ones

as far as baldio, from flannel to lace, are called -
Both Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Thompson have been in India
a good deal - He had a very pleasant Eq. - Mrs. Smith
had been staying with the Hortons - Dr. Gray met
Col. Baird Smith at Charles Norton's some years ago,
& was greatly fascinated with him - She was a
daughter of De Quincy's -

Sir Wentworth Dilke asked us to come with the
Hortons & pass Sunday in their country place, some
hours journey off with them - But the Hortons could
not go, as the Governor is away on holiday, & we were
expecting mother Saturday Eq. -

Friday we had Dr. Reichenbach, a botanist from
Hamburg now staying in Kew, (the one who wanted
Dr. Gray to send him my photograph) to dine - He is
truly a character!

Saturday I went to call on the Thompsons, after
finishing our letters, & had a pleasant call - Dr. Gray
ran off to London, to go thence to call at Clepham
& see if Ann Ward had got home, & to dine at
Mrs. Pantony's, who had invited us before - The young
man is a student of medicinal plants, the firm
being in the drug business - Dr. Gray had a nice
time - They are an old Quaker family, though they have
dropped the blue & thaw & dress - He met there another
son who has been a great deal in China, & knows Edw.
Cunningham very well - He passes his winters at a place
he owns on the Mediterranean between Mentone & Monaco;
& Dr. Gray has promised to pass a day or two there when
he takes up the line of march towards Egypt -

Sunday, but for a walk in the garden ^{at a distance of three} Dr. Gray quite
lazy - Dr. Gray went to Dr. Horton's in the Eq. a nice Eq.

Kew - finished up Oct. 11th ¹⁸⁶⁰

My dear Jee, I think I am getting into the
old way, of ~~being~~ running on too much into detail
& making such an immense journal, that it
certainly is some labor to write it & must be some
to read it! - I must try to condense -

But I ought to say before leaving Kew, we passed
in the market place, an old stone canopy covering an
ever-running fountain, built by some good Bishop of old,
who laid water pipes from one of the springs in the Bishop's
gardens to supply the town's people - He saw the little
old stone house in the grounds over the Spring "St. Andrew's
well" - Such a good deed, though not in running water,
should be remembered. & the old Bishop's honour, if his
name be forgotten -

Mr. Church waited to take a later train & I
& we rode him good bye in the station - Coming from
London we had the carriage & Salisbury & ourselves, &
there being no arms to divide the seats I could lie down
quite luxuriously - In most carriages with arms, each
side holding four, they leave one arm out on each side,
so you have a nice chance for reclining, if the carriage
is not full - I took advantage of it until we had to
change to another train at Salisbury - We picked up our
luggage at home, & reached London at dusk - (Did I say
we all went back to lunch (meat & pudding & cheese & bread
& (milk) at Mrs. Church's?) Oh, the disagreeableness of arriving
in London by one of these great trains! The immense waiting,
the confusion, no checks, & us to keep an eye on your traps,

Vulgar who has travelled in Arabia so, & written a book there - & lived at Salisbury, a friend of C. Hall's -

And now, my fore and nearest, good night from I hope to be with you again.
I had a lot of talking to do -
until I left this morn. at 10 -
Mr. James went with me to the Car,
on a journey - Gen. Hooker sat nearly
all the way - Recognized him from
his photograph -
Went to walk up here, but found the
day - Pleasant house, all very cozy & com-
fortable - Very kind welcome - Martha
& Joe both look uncommonly well, &
Willie is a charming little boy - I wish
you could have come, it would have
pleased them - Only I suppose you &
Joe would have discussed, & I avoid
dangerous subjects -
Saturday I expect to go to New
York - Monday to Bractins, back Wed-
nesday, & I will write when farther move-
ments decided - Thank Mrs. P. for letter
I will answer it if I can - Money came
safe - Love to family & friends - Ask Hannah
if she has remembered the bed valance -

Elizabeth - March 23. 65 -

My dearest love,

Here I am so far
on my homeward way, in truth
I wish I were going direct, instead
of stopping, for it gets tantalizing
when once my face is set towards
you, to stop - But everybody is very
kind & everything made so pleas-
ant for me, I am very ungrateful! -
And I ought to be a proud & happy
woman, when I get such a sweet
letter as greeted me here from
you today! You make me very happy,
& all the time I think what a
nice husband I have! And how
much better he is than all the men



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