

I compare him with:

I left Washington Tuesday—
Monday morn. Carry & I went to
call on Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Potter,
Mrs. Loring, Mrs. Baird. — Only job
in at the latter place, saw Whip,
Mrs. very sick again — Then we went
to the Garden — saw Mrs. Smith who
was very polite & kind — Gave us
some beautiful flowers, showed me
over so many interesting things, &
said he was writing to you — I asked
him to come to Cambridge & showed
off my science beautifully! —

We got home only shortly before din-
ner — I told Prof. Henry in the morn.,
I did not think it right to take either
his or the President's time to call, but
I found he had been there to ask if Mr.
Lincoln would be at home in the Ev.

I was tired, perhaps to do, & Company
in the Ev. — But after that I could not
lay me, or after a little rest, dressed in my
best, & we started, Carrie, Prof. & I & the
black man, & poor little Whittier to tug us —
We saw Mrs. Lincoln, handsomely dressed,
talked uncommonly well — Came back,
found Gen. & Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Hetzel, Major
& Mrs. Potter, a very pleasant Ev.; but I got
to bed very late & very tired —

Mary went to the Cars with me in
the morn. — Had a shorter journey than
I expected, reached Phila. at 5 1/2, an hour
earlier than I was expected, so Mr. James
did not meet me, but I made my way
nicely alone — Had a kind welcome —
Yesterday morn. Mrs. Brown came, took
us in her carriage to the Soldier's refreshment
room, sanitary rooms, &c. — Called on Mary
Frothingham — very kind & agreeable Mrs. B. was —
Aft. Mr. Durand & Mary F. called — Had
a quiet Ev. with the children — If ever Mrs.

Monday I tried my first trip to London - Mrs. Lombe was going back to Torquay, & she kindly came in the fly, & took me with her to the Station. We all went to London together, & bade good bye to her & Dr. Lombe, hoping before we go home again, to see them at Torquay -

By the help of cabs & omnibuses we got on with very little walking, & I went & ordered a pair of boots, all kid, double-soled, buttoned, high in the leg, 18/6, not so very cheap when you put it into fold - gloves are cheaper, 4/6 buttoned 4/6 common 2/6 - both good - As for the rest I enclose my ^{latest} shopping account for your amusement; but if you put everything into fold you see things are very little cheaper, many the same, some cost more in fold than I should have given in paper at home -

London did not look either, as impressive as I expected - I think New York & Boston have improved much more in these 20 years - The buildings looked low & dingy - We called at the British Museum on Dr. & Mrs. J. E. Gray - She told me she was over 80, such a bright, quick, active old lady, looking so vigorous I should not have thought her much more than 70 - People look so much less changed than I expected - Have my eyes grown older?

Yesterday came at last tidings that mother would be in London in the Evg - It was such a pleasure - I had made great preparations for Saturday for lunch, thinking surely they were coming, & was so disappointed. Mrs. Hooker called in the Aft. while she was here, Dr.

slow train all the afternoon made the ride through it the more beautiful if we had not felt we were missing our appointment —

All here are much as usual — Dr. Gray's mother is feeble but brighter than I expected to see her after the poor accounts they had given us —

Clara & Alice have not got home yet, but are expected tomorrow — Clara was quite sick with a cold when Dr. Gray left Elizabeth —

Dr. Gray went to the Inauguration at Hamilton yesterday — met Mr. Woodford & Mr. Brighton there, so Cambridge has well represented —

We expect to leave next Monday & go to Rochester, on Tuesday & Niagara, on Wednesday & Detroit, on Thursday & his sister Rozanne's — So please direct to us at Saline, Washtenaw Co., Michigan, Care of ~~Dr. Gray~~ ^{E. A. Cobb}, until Thursday next —

My darling John is much admired & the fellow is a beautiful fit — but I think the shoe has had some.

I am stupid
& I can't write
wreatly — feel
much as usual
Dr. Gray complains
of cold & hoarseness
his feet
Crank & hot
seems jolly
& is enjoying
being idle.
Over so
much love
By me all.
Your ever
Wm. Parker —
after Charles —

My dear me,

Many thanks for your nice letter, giving me news of you all, which came yesterday —

We have had a nice journey so far & successful enough, except for my losses & heavings — I believe my brain must be softening I do forget so! Take up a thing & then never know where I lay it down — I shall have to have a maid & watch me —

Dr. Gray left me at Springfield carried out his complicated plans most successfully — stopping at New Haven, seeing Dr. Brewer, Mrs. Hopkin, Profs. Eaton, Hadley & Dana, then going to New York to sleep — next morning over to Flushing & Mrs. Parsons' place —

Gray came in, saying the Princess of Wales was calling at the Duchess of Cambridge's, just beyond us; so I kept a sharp look out, & had a glimpse of her, & took look at the equipage, when she drove back - A low carriage, she driving, a pretty pair of small grey horses, her Uncle, Prince John of Suckburgh by her side, a groom in the little seat behind - An outrider on a grey horse - All the colour & livery, red rosettes on the horses ears - She looked like her pictures, all the glimpse I caught of her, ^{a sweet, delicate face -} rather thin - A little plain dark hat, & brown cape round her - One would only say "what a pretty neat equipage!" -

I was writing a note at dusk to Mother, when she & Mr. Among appeared - They had come from Watford & Bedford that morning - They dined with us, & there was only too much to ask & to tell - I think Mother looked thin, but I can scarcely say - Mr. Among has full beard & moustache, & I thought looked tired -

They are to come tomorrow if fine, to do the gardens & Hampton Court - I have been hoping that they might come this morning, it was so pleasant - But I suppose shopping was too necessary, as they only stay 5 days - I wish I were strong enough to go to London & help her, & see more of her - We have scarcely talked about plans as yet, & must hear from Charles before deciding -

She had just got a batch of letters, from Jon & from C.

We expect to go & make a visit to Mr. Darnley on the 27th. when we hope to see the Morses - They had arranged to come & pass a day here, but have had to give it up -

Mrs. Darnley will I hope come again on Saturday -

Miss Sullivan has invited us there, & so has Mrs. Munro.

Much love to you all & each, from your ever affe.
Jane -



Gray, Jane Loring. 1867. "Gray, Jane July 18, 1867 [to S. M. Jackson]." *Asa and Jane Gray travel correspondence*

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