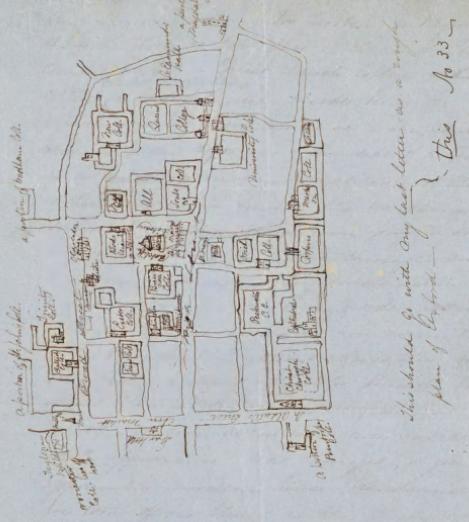


out by until 11 o'clock, & as it was then 10 to 11 we had 2 hours to pass in this dreary station with heavy rain, so that we would do our best to stay where we were. But to pay for the time for himself a fine illustrated news paper, so you may be sure he was happy - On our way from Hindon we passed Eton, a collection of fine old buildings of red brick with stone dressings, in the Elizabethan style -

We reached Oxford about 3/4, had about 1/2 a miles drive from the station into the town to our hotel - Dr Gray went out at once to make calls & deliver letters of introduction, having ordered dinner at 6/2, and I cleaned my dress; I was just nicely completed and established in the sitting room, when he came in, & said in calling at Dr. Foy's they had invited us to dine at 6/2, so there was no trouble to be gone through again! - As poor I must always wear a cap, & it is inconvenient, & the streets were wet with rain, we took a cab - On Dr Gray's ordering it where he dined, in some Court behind the university. To my surprise & amusement, the Dr Gray explained that the quadrangle took its name from the Bell, Great Tom of Lincoln, which was on the corner over the gateway leading into this Court of Christ Church - Now to give you some idea of Oxford Colleges, you must know that a College is a great building of stone built around a square court yard; the entrance is by a great gate with high door, generally in the centre of the side fronting in the street - Of course they are in different styles of architecture, having been founded at very different times, but almost all Gothic, & you may imagine the fine effect of these stone buildings, some quite old & weather beaten, surrounded by their fine embasures with the trim grass plot in the centre - And the curious antique effect it has the streets, these long ranges of buildings in these ancient styles broken only by curv'd winders, which generally in the street on the ground floor, (though often there are porches like the second story) are panelled with iron bars - Where the College is large there is another court yard behind, also surrounded - One side of the back yard is generally occupied by the Chapel & almshouses, sometimes the chapel has an entrance from the street, but often only through the Court yard - There are 14 Colleges in Oxford & Halls all

are separate & independent of each other - The Halls are different from the Colleges inasmuch that they have not endowments of lands etc & are more subject to the students fees - Attached to the Colleges & establishments they keep very dear of Divinity, & a small Church & a Rectory of a sort & best endowed of the Chapels, is a Cathedral, are houses in the College, & is internally arranged very well - And now behold me, where stands great Tom house close to the College, I had only then taste the man pulled up at the gate, "Who are you?" I said "I am going out to my cap flying back in it (for it had only just got it & then great some old wooden door the & yourself in an arranged & furnished; shown upstairs to the person, I went to his brother - He was a stern man in a dressing & the most abrupt of what he does say fellow of Magdalen - He is a极 clever little boy & though it is quite a sort of town, & I believe attainments - After drawing room, for the dining room is on the ground floor, & Mrs Jackson prepared to take me up stairs & show me her children, Mr Lady Wodehouse had told me I must see her baby - There are 8 children, the oldest is 9 years



Sketch of Oxford with my last lesson as a model
plan of Oxford - Date 33 -



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