

I have told you a deal about our doings, but I hope you will consider ~~them~~ it optastical - The fact is that, this being general vacation time in England everyone is plaguing & not much work going on. The great event just now is seeing how the Ballot is going to work in the next Parliamentary election. So far, in ^{the} 2 instances. Things seem much as they were with or without the Ballot: but as yet it is hardly possible to tell how it will work without more practice & experience. Certainly travelling in a Coach does give you an insight & a pleasure in the doings & knows from them that you never had before. & I read the Nation with much greater interest. My brother has always taken it since he was in America & I fancy it is as good a paper as you can take. We also have the Times & he is much interested in 'Life on the Plains' by Frederick which is coming out in that. I was very sorry to hear of the fire in Emerson's home. We called on him & sat with him for half an hour in his library. The very room I fancy which suffered most from the fire. Truly seems to have no chance now & I see C. F. Adams has written strongly in favour of Prout. I have not yet seen about your Waste, but as soon as I return home (in about 3 weeks) it shall be looked

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(even though we understand it)

was never indulged in, & we made not even
picnics enough, for a pace a whisk. The principal
passenger was Shoddy, & Knobby, & mostly from
the U. S. & - we many times wished we had some
of our old Russian friends with us. We were
both quite well and so far nothing I have been
better. I like the "Russia" as a vessel fully better
than the "Scotia". As soon as we got here i.e. England
we were at home for a week & then came to our
Institute quarters. You will see from the address
that it is as unpromisable & unprofitable as
a proper Gullie name sh^d be, & to help you I may
add that to give the sound & spell ~~it~~ ^{it} shortly, we
generally write it "Gullyoch". We have had a
very stormy Autumn, incessant rain nearly &
the crops of grain are nearly ruined in the North
of England. Sheep look bad for the winter, but I
think poverty, will put an end to these strikes. The
people are too well off. They can make enough in
a few hours work a day, & spend their leisure in
drinking, & trying to make other people big dear
& sell cheap. I sh^d not wonder if we have a

Paucity of some kind before long. Whenever things get
too hot, there is a storm to clear the atmosphere -
I have often thought of how you & Mr. Kennedy with
your love for country air & life w^d like this out of the
way place. We are half way up the side of Loch
Rannoch which is 12 miles long & from our windows
have a splendid view from on both sides. On the lower
looking right up towards Glencoe - & from the moor
above the house, see nearly across Scotland - ~~the~~
a splendid Panorama of mountains. The sport
has been bad, no rain & cold killed many old
birds in the nest & prevented the young from
from hatching & when, or if hatched they were drowned.
I annex a list of game killed though it is not up
to the average. But it is various. The Hares are the
same as the Arctic ones. Blue in summer & white
in winter. We drive them up to the Hill Tops & shoot
them there. Yesterday with 5 guns we got 232.
Games of course are the things -

Totals.	Hares.	274.	Antlers.	1.
	Blackgame.	43	Snubs.	2.
	Partridges.	14.		<u>134.</u>
	Goose.	1000	Partridges	Snubs. As above hardly
	Rabbits.	27		open & look for get: but the Grouse
	Snipe	13		are nearly unapproachable if
	Woodcocks.	6		we get 200. More it will be all we
	Managers.	8		shall do.
	Golden Plover.	5		
	Game	1		



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