

I have told you a deal about our doings, but I
hope you won't consider ~~that~~ it exaggerated. The fact
is that, this being general vacation time in England
everyone is plaguing & not much work going on.
The peat-court just now is seeing how the Balfe
is forcing to work in the Aug Parliamentary election.
So far, in ^{the} 2 instances, things seem much as they
were with or without the Balfe: but as yet, it is hard
possible to tell how it will work with not more
practice & experience. Certainly travelling in a
Carriage does give you an insight & pleasure in
the scenery & hours from time that you never had
before. I read the Nation with much greater
interest. His 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 Galaxy & he
is much interested in "Life on the Plains" by Gen.
Custer which is coming out in that. I was
very sorry to hear of the fire in Emerson's house.
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. Gorley seems
to have no chance now & I see C. F. Adams has
written strongly in favor of Grant. I have not
yet seen about your Motte, but as soon as I
return home (in about 3 weeks) it shall be looked

up. At present it will be too soon for such a removal. I hope Mrs. Huntington is still
at Highwood when away from
Hampstead it is liable to removal:
but if so think you have got time.
I am sending you Mr. Henderson's
newspaper & guess I must be in Hampstead &
you are his audience. Will you
please send me both
these papers & the Galaxy & Age & Times again &
I have some
news for you. I have always
figured myself to have
been born & brought up
in Scotia & Quebec & Toronto & Montreal &
I have always thought
myself to have been
brought up in America &
to have had a good
education & a good
pleasure & attraction from a new friend
the New World. I think you had them ~~on either~~
sides of the Atlantic. Your wishes were granted
successful & we had splendid weather all the
way home. We did not make a rapid one,
as there never was wind to help us. What the
was, being ahead and so hot was it at first
till we got across the Gulf stream, that the Winnipeg
could not fire up & the condensers did not
work properly. The sea water was 76° = a
warm bath - we had not nearly such pleasure
passengers as we when with you. The game of Cricket
is the ~~most~~ ^{best} game in the world.

(even though we understand it)

was never indulged in, & we made all our
picnics except, for a game a whist. The principal
passenger was Shoddy, & Scotby, mostly from
the U.S.A - we many times wished we had some
of our old Russian friends with us. We were
both quite well and so far nothing cheerful been
better. I like the "Russia" as a vessel fully better
than the "Tecla". As soon as we got here i.e. Taylor
we were at home for a week & then came to our
Northern quarters. You will see from the address
that it is as unpronounceable & unspellable as
a proper Gælic name shd be, & though you I may
add that before the sound & spell ^{it} shortly, we
familiarly write it "Tullyoch". We have had a
very stormy Autumn, incessant rain nearly &
the crops of grain are nearly ruined in the West
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 buy dear
& sell cheap. I shd. not wonder if we have a

Panic 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 would like this sort 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 - upon the moon
above the house, see nearly across Scotland - we
a splendid panorama of mountains. The Sport
has been bad, as rain & cold killed many old
birds in the nests & prevented the young from
parr hatching & when, or if hatched, they were ~~drown~~
I amay a lot of Game killed though it is cut up
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 8 guns we got 232.
Pheas of course are the treeing-
Total. Hares. 274. Curlew 1.
Blackgame. 43. Ducks. 2.
Partridges. 14. 1394.
Pigeon. 1000. Partridges ducks &c have hardly
Babbits. 27 begun to look for yet - but the Geese
Sparre. 13 are nearly unapproachable if
Woodcocks. 6 we fit 200. None it will be all we
Mallard. 8 Pidgeon. 5 shall do.
Golden Plover. 1. ~~do~~



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