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My dear Dr. Kennedy

My daughter and I arrived here two days ago after a very favourable passage. It was a great treat to me to see the Southern skies from 35° S. Orion was upside down the highest stars of that constellation in Europe are the lowest here and vice versa. Then too the Cross becomes circumpolar and never sets and as you look in the direction of the South Pole all the stars seem to turn the wrong way; my daughter was much struck with the topsy-turvydom of everything celestial. Whenever I have been in latitudes where the Southern Cross is visible arguments have always arisen among the passengers about this same constellation and the same occurred this time and they, finding I knew something about the matter, ^{made me} ~~had constantly~~ deliver a little address on the subject and as I had come prepared for this sort of thing I had it all my own way.

Mr. Drew looked me up yesterday and asked ~~me~~ ^{us} to lunch with him and his wife at Hurlingham where the Americans & English have a sports club and play all sorts of athletic games. We have just returned after a very pleasant day; they are to dine with us here in two days time and I feel sure we shall have a very good time together. They both seem very nice people.

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I notice in your last letter that you had been disappointed about a fine copy of Montaigne. I often see copies advertised in booksellers catalogues but I do not know the commercial value of them. All the old copies seem to fetch long prices. I have still been working hard at my Spanish and find even the little I know come in very useful. Would that I could talk as well as I can read. I have read through four more volumes of my favorite author Juan Valera and also Don Quixote. I like "Pepita Jimenez" better than Valera's other works but still they are very interesting. The fellow had a head on his shoulders and did not write twaddle although as an Englishman I cannot agree with everything he puts on paper. I am expecting to be ~~home~~ home again about March 21 so that if you are coming across in the spring I hope you will let me know. There is an enterprising newspaper editor here who possesses a hideous steam syren and whenever there is any important news he sets this thing going in order to induce people to buy his paper. In the middle of last night we were all alarmed by hearing this thing going. It was on account of the Portuguese tragedy, but as there is ~~as~~ rather an alarming political state of things here just ~~now~~ ^{now} people thought that a revolution had broken out and were much frightened. The authorities here have

I find the enterprising editor to be a good advertisement. With kind regards to Mrs. Sullivan I remain
Yours sincerely W. B. Oyster



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