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## Ida to Sis, August 25, [1892]

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Paris - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> 1849  
Dear Sir  
I really cannot find  
the time to write you  
of all the horrors and  
Cholera reports and  
number of our Secretary  
his wife's death. It  
seemed a pity for us to  
leave Paris as we had  
come to hear and give  
to the expense of getting  
here. Of course we  
were enjoyed every moment

Of our time in this wonder-  
ful bustling City which  
such a mass of ideas we  
have jealously done all  
the right seeing - I spent  
many days in the Louvre  
have seen Versailles and  
in fact, tried to think we  
know something about  
Paris though that, it seems  
is impossible unless one  
could stay here a year.  
We have not had what  
usually tries out Americans  
Paris, the shopping

more than to go to the 'Bon Marche'  
to get myself a new flannel travelling  
dress for Switzerland and Julia some  
few pretty little things with some of  
your present, which she had left me.  
and has been counting upon using  
her. It is a real comfort to have bought  
the children on this trip as they now stand  
out so much interest. We feel quite  
pleased with Julia's being so well informed  
on historical subjects and to quite a  
degree in matters of art. By the way we  
met Charlie Dyer calling at the Minis-  
ters last Monday when he pressed us to  
come to his studio, which persuaded  
Fred to do this afternoon, with Julia.  
They have just returned and seemed  
to like his paintings very much,  
being particularly enthusiastic on



an anticipation of St.  
Marks which he is doing  
for you he said. I  
met here Mr and  
Mrs Hannell of Chicop.  
(remembered her face when  
she came up to speak to  
me) and they were really  
over believing in all  
their praise and admira-  
tion of you. Mr Hannell said  
in the most touching  
manner that though  
he had heard of you &

Your talent before he  
had never realized until  
late, what a truly great  
Wonderful woman you  
were, that no one in  
America or Europe could  
fill the position you do  
now with the same ability  
and that those who knew  
you could never say  
enough in your praise.  
They both said they hoped  
I would be at home  
next year to witness my  
Sisters' Great triumph -

It is very lovely & he related to some one  
so distinguished and famous.

We have put in a little sociability here  
as far as though the Minister & his  
family have seemed bent upon showing  
no every possible attention - We have  
dined with them when they engaged us  
before hand for a night & then they could  
have Lord & Lady Dufferin whom we  
knew as well as the Prince & Princess  
Biancamano of Rome whom we also knew  
The Coolidge's seemed to wish especially  
to have us all together. It was quite a  
large & fine dinner party. We also  
lunched there with 17 Americans -  
several others - They are now had dinner  
but dinner in the Minister's carriage  
which is very fine etc. In fact they have  
been most attentive, though I did

90  
As much as possible to  
keep out of Society - as the  
one knows better than  
to know the same it is  
to be trying to put in society  
duties with other affairs  
in travelling

We go from here to Guernsey  
and shall probably pass  
by the Bay of Biscay to see the  
Stamps de (We have been  
telling us very much better  
about travelling to see the  
etc - & bringing pleasant

news from Washington -  
Open the road Austria for  
most conveniently through  
(Switzerland) I am afraid  
I am in a bit to  
the Liechtensteins with  
whom Fred continues to be  
intimate & who have uni-  
ted w<sup>th</sup> I am rather afraid  
of them - as they are really  
talking of going over to  
America next summer  
and I am sure will ex-  
pect a great deal for in  
return not being able

for one moment to believe that we  
have not a Chateau nor even cottage  
or anything to live in one. Friends  
upon being cordial in the same and  
tells them all about our country and  
Exposition etc. has spoken in most  
glorious terms of your home as the  
most beautiful one in America etc.  
By the way your friend Princess  
Winndisch-Getz had the last thing  
when I asked her that she thought of  
going over with one of her cousins (a  
high Duchess related to the Royal family)  
when she hoped to see you. She said  
if I get over we are sent back before  
the regiments are through visiting there  
I shall have to hide some where. They  
think General Grant was such a great  
man that we must be most important  
there. I do every thing I can to intercept

with Fred's continually  
talking to them about  
going over but it seems  
he must go on —

I have just gotten your  
letter from your camp  
in the Adirondacks.  
I am really so glad you  
are there if only for a  
month though that is a  
very short time & you had  
more rest — I am afraid  
you will get overworked  
like the great men of  
our country and not

Realizing it yourself as you are as  
wonderful, until you are brought out.  
I hope that is of your own free choice  
We have been in Paris where you are  
so much at home. I never expect to  
be here again. And perhaps it is just as  
well so as ever. I have a very good  
with many thousands. I expect it will  
be too late that you are making some  
much better for the world. We are going in  
please come to you and also at home.



Dear Sir  
 I have the honor to receive your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named case. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named case. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named case.