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Chester.
August 9th '80.

My darling Larry -

The letter you wrote on your first night in Berlin arrived this morning. I am
[underlined]very[/underlined] glad dear that you decided to remain as your Mother and Father
wished, and are sure that you will always feel so in the future. You know dearest how very, very

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much I want to see my darling little boy again, and, perhaps for that very reason, can understand
how much your father's and mother's enjoyment of their life would be taken away should you leave
them earlier than you had at first intended - and then think, dear, how very soon September will be
here, you have been away now just half the three months, and see how quickly the time has flown,
why we'll both be old and grey haired before we can say Jack Robinson. I have been reading
"Vanity Fair" the whole live long day and it has actually almost made me feel there. It seems to me
that all the characters in it are either rogues and adventurers, or miserable, hypocritical [milk?] and
watery creatures, and of the [two] kinds I think the former

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are decidedly preferable, and yet people call it a very natural book. I don't think it compares to "The
[Virginians]," do you? The [faint?]ing fever has abated very much indeed, appearances indicate a
thorough recovery. The very best cure for this malady is, I think, to place the results of it before you
and look at them several times a day just to see what horrible [illegible] we can make. This
treatment [ensures] a speedy recovery. I intend to spend] the morning to-morrow arranging the
Mechanic's Library, the one

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Aunt Laura is interested in, you never saw anything like the ways the books are [illegible]ed up, and
the librarian has no more idea how to keep them straight than the man in the moon, rather less I
should say. I can't write about such things tonightt, tho, I can only think of you - and feel as if there
was that one thing to tell you, and that is I love you with my whole heart. You can always feel
perfectly sure of that dear. Good night - Please to be glad that you decided not

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to come home any sooner.

Ever your most loving,
Daisy -

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