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Dear Larry,

Yours of the 8th reached us last evening on our arrival here. Glad to hear such favorable news of the Baby and that Dora feels all herself again. My affairs I feared might give you some trouble about the first of July. I am very glad to hear you say that they do not take much of your time. I presume all the dividends are about as usual. I should not [page 2] think they would be much affected by the times. I have lost the run very much of things during the past week. Today Central, out Sight for Me, Our plans are somewhat disturbed by the cholera. It seems this far entirely confined to France. Of course, I shall keep a very close watch upon it and [avoid?] most carefully its neighborhood. The Quarantine is the great source of vexation to travellers. Nobody wants to be [page 3] detained four or five days in Some inconvenient place. We shall go on from here to the Engadine [sic.] and remain in Switzerland, mostly in pretty high places during most of August at any rate until the later part of it and then determine what is [miest?] when the time comes.

Yesterday we took from Bingen, a trip to the National German Monument inaugurated last summer by the Crown Prince. It stands in a lofty hill opposite [page 4] Bingen and overlooks the Rüdeshheimer [sic.] Vineyards. You go up in a white mountain railway officer's call a ferry and encounter multitudinous [sic.] difficulties: [Hoards?] of smoky Germans. The Statue and pedestal are colossal. The former (representing Germany triumphant) of bronze and very fine. Excellent likeness of Bismark. Your mother [met?] lots of Americans traveling. Yesterday, we came across Judge Miller of Annapolis. The man who tried Mrs. Wharton the Poisoning woman a common but very [page 5] entertaining old man who kept us alive all day with his observations of men and things.

English politics are getting very much excited and are likely to be more so. The [Lords?], you see some days ago threw out the Franchise bill. They declared when they did so that they approved the bill, but that they would not pass it unless accompanied by a reconstruction bill that they might act upon the law as whole and see how the new Franchise model full, the bill's adds 200,000 votes, and the liberals want to put it through and go to the country with those additional votes [page 6] and redistribute afterwards. It's said in England that if they can do this, the new Parliament will be so largely liberal, that they can redistribute in a way to make it probable they can hold power much longer. Meantime Mr. Gladstone is getting up demonstrations and threatening the House of Lords with all his might. I find that a great many people sympathize largely with the conservatives, = [sic.] Unfortunately we are on pretty much our old line of travel. It seems impossible just now to [avoid] it much less to [illegible?]. I hope you won't overwork yourself. Weather much pleasant. The last fine days too come. Affe RML