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THOMAS W to SISTER
RACHEL HARRIET

I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this letter will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and am still engaged in the same business. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and am still engaged in the same business. I have not much news to write at present. I am still in the same place and am still engaged in the same business.

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PARIS

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HARRIET
DEAR SISTER HARRIET,

HUZZA! HUZZA!! ~~HERE~~ I am once more in the Queen city of the world and the paradise of frenchmen. you can not ~~amag~~ ~~im~~ imagine how happy I am. I feel at home among my friends. The pleasure I felt upon arriving here last Saturday the (6th) is similar to that which will be when we meet. I need not say but what my friends were equally delighted. I believe that I kissed and was kissed by everyone. so is the custom here. though I have seen many cities, yet still I like (Paris) where I would very much like to spend another ~~winter~~ winter. I also found to greet me a case ~~package~~ package of letters from you and mother, which I was pleased to receive, ~~so~~ so much, so that I spent most of the night reading them through. I had slept little ~~some~~ two nights before there is a list of the letters I received. one from ~~the~~ you and mother

At the date of June 30th,
these from mother of June 29th, July 16
and 30th, which last is the latest.

~~Advices~~ advices I have from you.

I found one from the MR. Porter,
BUSHNELL

Written Feb 27, one from Charles I ~~Porter~~
LL of the date May 13. there were

also two letters from Mr John A. Dix
to ~~QUITT~~ ^{QUITTERMAN} ~~QUITT~~ ^{QUITT} ~~TERMAN~~ ^{TERMAN} IN ~~ROME~~ ^{ROME}. I must

also acknowledge the receipt of two Newspapers
of the date of June 21st and 28th.

Mother has ~~g~~ indeed very intensitive for she
has written me more letters than I
have sent home. since I left

Paris I have recieved no less than
~~twelve~~ from her and, I have sent

but ~~2~~ ³ ~~seven~~ which is about ~~one~~
I thought I should have been
able to have an answer

at last one every two weeks
 as promised but, a person travelling
 has little time to ~~and~~ possibly
 anything else. I regret very much
 that I did not receive the letters
 from MR D — in time ~~so that~~
 so as to be ~~service~~ ~~serviceable~~

serviceable? an, particular the one
 from Mr. Porter, ~~with which~~ which
 gave me as old as it was,
 no small degree a ~~of~~ pleasure
~~perceive~~ ~~perceive~~ perceive.

The letter is A valuable one,
 I shall ever keep it.

I have been engaged
 during past in visiting my friends

whom I am happy to find^{at}
without an exception. My
circle acquaintances at Paris.

Pretty, ^{is} large, perhaps, more
exclusive than New York:

You may then Judge how
pleased I am to return here,
and how much I shall regret
to leave, since I have visited
all my friends. I feel myself
now at liberty to write to those
who ~~are~~ are at a distance.

I have several letters to answer
from Mr Porter, Miss Devereux, Anson
Bushnell. I intend also to write
to my friends Harris ~~and~~ ^{and} Cornwall.

I wrote yesterday to ~~Dr~~ Mallet^F
 In answer to a letter which he
~~adressed~~ addressed to Madame
 DROURARD to hear I have yet
 returned to Paris. My friends
 had become ~~when~~ won

ON MY _____ I have been
 traveling some five or six weeks
 longer than intended. He will
~~know~~ ~~do~~ no doubt be glad
 to receive the letter which I
 sent him yesterday. I requested
 him to answer me as soon as
 possible as I did not know how
 long I should remain at Paris. He
 wrote Mrs D. that he thought of
 coming here in the course of six
 weeks or two months. I have tried
 to persuade him to come sooner.

that ~~I~~ I might have p. 6
an opportunity of seeing him before
I left for home. I have also made
him a proposition to return with
me to ~~the~~ United States, and told him
that if he had any intention of returning
soon not to let money be the least
obstacle to him as I was certain Mother
would become responsible for his passage.

I made him this offer because I knew that
he is getting to be pretty short of funds and may
wish to return to America, yet, be deterred by
doing so because — he could go like a —
I am almost certain that Mother would be willing
to render him any assistance for the kindness
and intention he has shown me. She would
not have anything —, but, only ~~to~~ become
responsible for him — I shall attend Mr. Mis
answer with — as I wish to know when
he is coming to Paris and what he thinks of
returning to New York. He says nothing in
his letter to Mr. R. about his health, so that
I have reason to believe he is enjoying
himself. I remembered you kindly to him as
well as Mother and the Misses Devereux.
Since my return I have been to visit Mrs.
Cochran several times. She gave me
a ~~a~~ cordial reception, as did her
husband. Her three little daughters were
delighted to see me, the youngest one climbed
upon my knee and covered me with kisses.
I must say that Mrs. C. has the three finest
and prettiest girls that I ever saw.

Helen, the eldest, who is very much attracted
 to me now speaks French most beautifully,
 and without the least bashfulness, whenever
 I go there she and I have ——— conversation
 in French, which is very pleasing to me, not
 because I can speak French but because I am
 as ~~interested~~ astounded at ~~the~~ improvement
 which a child of ten years has made in six
 months. She is a girl that can and will learn
 most anything. How happy I am to know the
 Cochrane family, I can at any time go there
 and spend a sociable evening and get a tea
 served up in the way — la! Mrs. C. ~~will not~~
 give me the address of Mrs. Smith so that if Mother
 is desirous of knowing there is no other way than
 to inquire at the office of Laure Linc & packets
 in N. Y. for Capt. Robinson who will be able
 to furnish it to her. I didn't forget to mention
 you and Mother to Mrs. C. who in return
 desires me to present you her most hearty
 salutation. I wrote you last, dear sister, from
 Ostende, Belgium, under the date of August 31st
 and mailed it in time for the steamer which
 left Liverpool the 5th last. I hope that this
 letter will — — — — — of my travels
 from the time of my writing from Martigny,
 Switzerland, July 28th. I hope that — will
 not be offended with me because I have of
 late addressed my letters to you, I have an
 object in doing so which you and she must
 plainly perceive. This time, however, I shall
 not write all to you. I wish to thank Mother
 for her many goodnesses.

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In my last I gave you full particulars of my travels until my arrival upon the Riggs, ~~at~~ Aug. 9th, together with an account of the manner in which I suffered upon ~~that morning~~ during the same night. I also furnished you, in the same letter a continuation of ~~my~~ full particulars of my travels from ~~that time~~ till I should arrive at Paris. I hardly think that I ~~shall~~ shall be able to keep my promises, to you and shall likley ~~be~~ ~~home soon~~ ~~as I am~~.

and, besides, it can make little difference to you as I shall likley be home soon. I expect, as mother says that where I return I shall be looked upon as a great curiosity, as something wonderful. but I won't care, provided the good folks will only give me a time to relate what I have to tell them. For a moment ~~letting~~ ^{me} change the subject. - Now my dear girl listen to me. I am not angry with you, ~~though~~ your last letter displeases me very much. I think it the most selfish epistle that ~~I~~ ever saw written, too, at such a time. ~~How~~ How could you Harriet, at the time when mother felt as much anxiety

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for me an account of not having
received any letters for over two months,
~~Commence~~ a letter to me in the cool
manner in which you did, and, finish
it without expressing the least concern.
I do not put this to you as a question,
but merely to express my surprise.
I say that your letter was selfish
because you commence it in this
manner. Rather Thomas, We are now
waiting very anxiously for a letter so
as to be informed when you return -
to Paris to commence your purchases,
The orders I now write, you must consider
Special. First, we want two silk
dresses each to contain 14 yds. Mother's
must be rich and dark and mine must
be light. &c. &c. This is enough!
I have no more to say, and, I trust
dear sister, I shall ~~never~~ have
occasion to reproach you again for
the like.

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Since arriving at Paris I have been
examining some memoranda and I
find that I wrote either to you or mother
March 16th and Mar 26th. You
acknowledge the letters sent ~~just~~ before

and after this of the dates of March 6th and, April 9th from Marriell but you make no mention of those of the dates of Mar. 16th and 26th so I conclude that these are the two letters which are lost. How I am ~~for~~ they were both ~~long~~ long and might have proved interesting to you, besides the former contained a letter to Mr. Porter and notes for letters of introduction to Messrs. Earle, Haussell, Whiting, Frazee, Busted, McGay, Funk, O'Connor, Taylor, Mrs. Sanford, Van Blockland & Shulick, and the letter of the date of Mar. 26 contained a letter for Charley Harris. I don't care a fig for the notes that are lost but I very much regret the letters. Mr. Porter and my friend Harris must have thought that I had entirely forgotten them. I hope you will explain to them how it was. You nor mother have not a single word to say against me for since leaving home I have not been more faithful to write than I was about that time. You will perceive that in little less than five weeks I sent you as many as four letters.

It appears very extraordinary to me that two letters in succession should miscarry when you have received all the others. I wish that you could obtain these letters they no doubt contain information which would be useful to me if ever I take the ——— to write up my Journal. Perhaps in looking over the list of letters remaining in the P.O. for the last two or three months you may possibly have them. I know if John is in N.Y. he will oblige me by going down to the Sun Office and looking over the papers. The letter to you of the 16th of March contained nothing about money matters but the one of the 26th of March to mother did. The sum and substance of which was that there being a deficiency of 150 — in my funds. I have borrowed an equal amount from Mr D — which I wish mother to — her next remittance. I am very glad that you received the little present I sent you from Marseilles but I did not intend that it should cost you so dear. The Captain told me that there would be no other expense than freight upon it. Mother acknowledge the receipt of my letter to you of June 8th written from Rome. The least you can do, Harriet, when

I take the trouble to write to you. ^{pg 12} is
to have the goodness to answer my letters.
If I do not find you more amiable when I
return home I shall be very very much
disappointed. I intend by my kind office
to merit your love and attention. There is
a strong reason to induce me to love you
you are my only sister and you ought to love me
because I am your brother. Let us live
happily together and I promise to procure
you many comforts and pleasures. I think
of you often and look forward with no small
degree of satisfaction and hope to the joyful
hour of our meeting. God grant that I
may in no wise disappoint or be disappointed.

I have many little presents that you know
not of which some day I hope to have
the pleasure to offer you. If ever you
see them you will say, my brother must
often have thought of me. Do you remember
the lock of your hair and one of your cards
which you refused me upon parting?

I have them still. I intend having
some of your hair braided with mine
and placed in a small pin that I may
wear it. You, at least mother
~~will~~ acknowledges all the letters I sent
home while travelling up to June 8th.
You have ~~not~~ yet to receive two others
besides this one from Martigny, Switzerland.

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of the date of July 28th and one from
Ostende, Belgium, of the date of Aug. 31st.
I have written letters of late at long
interval. I _____ now _____
as it will _____

Neither of _____ contained any others.
I have attended to your commissions
in part, forgiving you for the manner
in which they were delivered. I went
the day before yesterday with Leopold
to a whole sale shawl establishment
and afterwards to a silk ware-house
where I bought articles at the same
rate as through he was buying for his
employer. The things however appear
to me pretty dear but it is because they
are of a far superior quality to those
which are imported at New York and
of a kind with which I am unacc-
ustomed. I bought them with a friend
in whom I can confide & that I must
believe that they are reasonable. Whatever
I take to New York I wish to be of the
best — something that cannot or can with
great difficulty be had there. Shawls of a green
or blue ground are the only fashionable
colors for young ladies and as you are of a
marriageable age I chose the former it being

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the most appropriately suited to you.
your shawl is large and with a very
deep ~~low~~ border with which our certain
you will be highly delighted. In fact
it is most all border for this is only
a small place ~~to~~ centre of them
about 18 inches square and this even
is intersected with ruins or something
else of the kind. For in a degree, —
me as to the — but as I know
mother leaves things to my discretion
considerably ~~THE~~ sum named One hundred
Francs would indeed have bought a very
nice square shawl but as you were
bent on having a long shawl I bought
one and paid 155 Francs for and
which in NY would be worth
sixty or seventy five dollars I am no
judge of shawls as you know therefore
I can form no idea but merely write
what Leopold says.

There are shawls some worth 400, 500, and even 600 francs. As you will perceive that you have not the very best but you may be sure that it is better than most peoples of New York. The silk dresses one for you and mother are equally as rich as your shawl and will appear as expensive to you. I was not limited to any particular piece but was told to get something rich which I have done. So that I doubt not you will be pleased. Yours is rich and changeable and mother's is striped and becoming.

Perhaps you recollect the quality of the silks that Mr. Desneufbourg had in his store. Well, Mr. D. says that the silks which I have bought for you and mother are of a superior quality to what he saw. I bought the wide kind of silk so that not as many yards were necessary as would have been of the narrow. Each of the dresses contains ten metres which is about three inches less than eleven yards. The merchant said that that was sufficient. Your dress cost 70 francs and mother's 65 francs. I had allowed for the two 112 francs so that you will perceive that I overran my calculation only thirteen francs. I don't think that \$25 or \$27 is too much to give for two good silk dresses.

A few day ago I went to enquire after Capt. Funk of the Baltimore. I was told that he had not yet arrived at ~~Flavre~~ Havre and that another vessel would take his place upon the 16th inst. I hope that nothing has befallen Capt. F or his vessel. In a day or two I will go again to make inquiries for him as I would be very much pleased to make his acquaintance. I intend sending by him some few things that (he) mentioned in my last letter. I would also like to send the silk dresses and your shawl — (3rd page) as I may have some difficulty in passing them through the English Custom House. Whatever I may here that I think I may be obliged to pay duty upon in England I will try to send with Capt. ~~Funk~~ or some other Captain whom I may know sailing from Havre but — in case I can not find an opportunity in this way I must take the things with me to England and if there is no possibility of my entering them free of duty I shall enter them upon bond that is leave

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them in the Customs House till I left
London. This I am informed would be
attained with little expense. I am ignorant
as yet as to how I shall ——— these
things but I am in hopes that I
shall get (all) through without difficulty
or expense excepting the china and glass
ware which it would be very difficult
to conceal. I intend buying nothing at
Paris that I can get as cheap and as
good as at London. It would be nonsense
for me to buy ~~nothing~~ china ware in
France and be obliged to pay duty
upon entering England and very probably
the U. S. too. I have now got your
letter before me it is very short
(so that I shall have answered it (in)
a few minutes and be able to commence
writing to mother. (Since I have not
got the number of yards of silk you desired
I shall not cut it but let the pieces remain
as they (are). If I am obliged to taking
with me I think I shall be able to
conceal it effectually in my trunk
to(gether) with the Shawls (I) recalled
writing to you about gloves but I hardly

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Think I shall buy any unless
I ~~(have)~~ plenty of money ~~(DAET)~~
Good french can be got quite as
cheap in New York as here. Mr.

I ~~traps~~ gave ~~four or~~
five cents ~~(upon)~~ a pair. And say
if I have money to ~~(Spend)~~. I
will buy I ~~as~~ not

~~gave~~ this four ~~upon a~~
pair but the Custom House
duty, as I could no doubt enter a
couple of dozen with out suspicion.

~~Good~~ gloves here cost from forty to fifty
cents a pair, in N.Y they are worth 75¢.
I have not yet bought your cambric
hand k(e R chief) ~~as~~.

Mrs. Drouard tells me that a gentel
handkerchief will cost \$2 and the collar
\$3. ~~without the lace.~~ ^{as} There is
something I think of getting instead of ~~the~~
~~dress~~ ~~the~~ or with the two collars
promised I have enough funds to do so
with. It is something of lace to be worn
outside of the dress.

think I shall buy any unless I (have)
 plenty of money _____ are, Good
 french gloves can be ^{got} quite as cheaply.
~~gloves here cost from 40 to 50 worth~~
~~out the door~~ in New York as here.
 Mr. D ~~enough~~ gave _____ your
 or five cents _____ a (pair). As I if
 I have money _____ (~~send?~~) I will buy
 _____ not _____ gave
 this four _____ upon a pair
 but the Customs House duties as it
 could no doubt enter a couple of dozen
 without suspicion. And gloves here
 cost from forty to fifty cents a pair,
 in N.Y. they are worth 75¢. ~~I have~~
~~just bought your cam-bric handkerchiefs~~
~~without lace~~ Good gloves ~~have~~ here cost
 from _____

I do not know the proper name for it but it resembles a cape. It is to be worn around the neck just covering the shoulders and meeting in a point fore and aft. Mrs. Cochrane spoke to me of one of these (things) and (said) (that) she thought that you would like to have one. — A rich one would be very expensive.

One such as Mrs Cochrane would be willing to wear would ~~be very~~ cost about also attend to getting you a piece of Cambric for a handkerchief as well as some .

I wish I could get enough for two vases. The other things that you have mentioned I will attend to getting when I arrive in England. I have the list 1 doz. tumblers, 1 doz. lemonade glasses, 2 ~~doz~~ lemonade pitchers, 2 desert glasses, 2 salt cups. Knives & forks, tea set &c. &c. The box that I sent from Marseilles no doubt had been opened to be examined by the customs house. you mentioned all (the) things that were in it so that nothing could have been taken out. I am hear Harriet that efforts in raising birds has at last

in a degree been crowned with
_____ hope to live to see _____

Things You appear of late to
have _____ great fancy to _____

_____ well(?) I have
no object _____
friend _____ - any
upright in _____ an honest _____ with
Edwin Cooper _____ I thank
_____ (for)
he showed _____ the evening

_____ you were at Charlo. - set
you will not tell him so. _____
tell him _____

However
Am much obliged to him that I
particular kind remembrance) and
beg to return him) mine, together
with my most _____ thanks for his
disinterested ing _____

His time
permit I would do myself the _____
to write to this young gentleman.
You will please furnish him with
every information he may _____ to know
concerning me and assure him that
it would be highly gratifying to me
if I could but _____ down with

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him, tite-a-tite, and converse
about what has most amused us in
our European travels. I should like
to know a little of Henri's courtship
with Charlotte. Can you tell me
anything about it? It appears to me that
its recital might prove interesting. When
I last saw Charlotte she appeared good
looking & may even say pretty, but unless
she has grown into the soberly habits
of a woman I am sure that no one
will marry her ^{at least} before she does.
However she is a nice (little) girl
and no one would like to romp with
her better than myself. So give her a
heartily kiss for me and present her
my most gentle salutations. Speaking
about romping reminds me of Henrietta
Brown, of whom, I am sorry to say, I
have not thought of, perhaps for more
than six months. I (never) knew
of a greater romp than this same Henrietta
Brown yet perhaps I know of one who if
not greater (is) as great. It is a young
lady of fifteen ~~who resides in this city~~ one of
my most intimate acquaintances who
resides in this city. Her father told me
no longer ago than yesterday that he had
determined (to) place her in a convent.
Perhaps a year or two's stay within the

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gloomy walls of a. _____ would
have _____ ~~means.~~ ~~to~~
~~will remember me to~~

Miss _____ her father would be quite
unwilling to resort such means.

You will remember me to ^{the} Browns
individually and collectively. I
believe that if I remain much longer
from home I shall forget all my friends.
I have already forgotten the names
of at least half of them. _____
You complain bitterly of the neglect of my
friends you say that these visits
are short and long between some
as Angels. You no doubt think
that you have just cause of complaint
but then you must remember that
since leaving home many of my
friends have grown to be _____ and
are now just entering upon the stage
of life so that they are no longer
masters of their time. One has
(become) merchant another almost
a doctor and a third attorney
at law. Can men filling these important
situations have much or (any) time to

time to spare in ~~hearing~~ ^{about} to
enquire how I am ~~where I am~~ and
what I am doing? But still (I)
agree with mother that my friend
Anson and Bushnell are remiss in
their attentions towards me. I
don't think that I should show quite so
much indifference (to) (them) were
they (abroad) under the same circumstances
as myself; however everyone to their
liking. I heard of the death of General
Jackson long before receiving your letter
yet I thank you all the same for it.
His loss must be felt by the country
at _____. Not with standing his
many faults he was a man of character
and his proved to the world both
the free _____ division of the
American people. _____
I received intel _____ of the Annihilation
of Texas and _____rible
Calamity which has befallen New York
while at _____ you _____ing and
one as I was sorry to hear of the other
_____ on my Yankee _____
_____ so can

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finish of this letter which as most
of mine are, is becoming quite volumi-
nous. I thought to have had room
to have written to mother without the
addition of another sheet. I shall
~~have been~~ ~~speed~~ ~~by~~ ~~unpleasant~~, but I
~~endeavour~~ to fill up the little space.

yet remaining in one ———— in an
other. Yesterday and today have been
exceedingly unpleasant, but I have not
——— had ———— ~~any~~ use of complaint
——— are the ^{the} disagreeable
days I have seen during the (trip)
——— four or five weeks. In fact I
have been ——— fortunate as regarding
the weather, during my travelling with
the exception of three or four days
——— and ten successive days in
Switzerland I had fine weather all the time
which in no small degree contributed
to my comfort and happiness. I
——— yesterday to take a look through
the museum of the Hotel de Clugny and
the picture gallery of the Luxembourg.
Things in these places appear all quite
natural to me after an absence of six months.
I have been spending the afternoon and
this evening till 10 at Mrs Cochrane's.

I wish that you could my — wife
 favorite Helen for I know you would
 be much pleased with her. I made
 each of the little girls a present of a French
 book which are curiosities for their di-
 miniature (size). They promise
 to keep them in remembrance to me
 as long as they live. It's now past
 eleven after writing a few minutes more
 I must retire. Since returning to
 Paris I have met my com — de
 v — ge who was with me (at)
~~Philadelphia who accompanied~~
~~with me at the same time.~~

Benise and Milan His name
 is Mr. Fiesse. He furnished
 me with information of Mr. Reath
 of Philadelphia who — company
 with us at the same time. He
 has gone to London to spend the
 winter so that I shall probably meet
 this gentleman again. I thank
 Mr. — lman for his goodness
 for giving me a letter of recon-
 mendation to his friend in Dublin
 on — there I hope to
 meet him. I am sorry that I
 cannot take one of those —
 golden — with —

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it will make some _____ ments
for one as well as for your watch.
(Go) that we _____

_____ me. _____
_____ returning will present us
an excellent opportunity _____
_____ will make arrangements
for a dinner set. _____

J. Whaley

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The public journals here are counting upon the great probability of war between Mexico and the United States! In the event of a war which I would rather than not to be, we must annex the Californias and strike our southern boundary five hundred miles south of the Isthmus of Panama! We can then cut through a canal thereby shortening the route to China and rendering the United States the grand central point of commerce between that country and Europe. The scheme of the Canal has long been thought of but whether the honor of the undertaking is to be left to the United States is yet to be seen, things appear very much like it however, I was reading today that the people of California were about to form themselves a government similar to the United States and will no doubt even be unconquered, — someday ask to become a state of the Union. So much for war and politics. Queen Victoria has come again to visit the King of the French. Their meeting was on the 10th inst at the Chateau d'Eu, she has since returned to England and the King will return here day after tomorrow Monday September 5th 1845. I must now dear Sister make a

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The Steamers leaves Liverpool the 19th inst. I must
have mother's little done & released in this
tomorrow afternoon or I shall be too late. Two
Steamers are now due from the U.S. I hope that
I receive a letter by one or the other containing
a remittance. I expected to have received more
money than I have at Paris. I have not enough
to make all my purchases with and I am remaining
in the hopes of receiving more money. If I do not
receive any tomorrow or the next day, I shall
begin to think that mother is not going to send
any more here but to Gordon but then had she
examined into things she would have perceived
that I would not have had enough to make from
purchases. I must try to borrow some from
Mr. Donald and then mother can send me
funds to him Cornwall P
to my friend Weymouth, and tell them that
Sutton
they will either see me or see me to John and Henry.
from me soon. My home (from your) affectionate
brother. I receive this dear sister
brother. I Thomas Whaley.

My health still continues to ^{pg. 29} be good
and I am free from headaches and
all manner of pains. I am thankful
that I have been able to enjoy myself
both in mind and body since
leaving home.

I am glad to hear that you are
so intimate with the Misses Brewster,
and I hope that nothing will occur to
break the friendship existing between
you for they are worthy and estimable
ladies.

Miss Rachel S. Whaley
Care of Wm. M. Page
Corne Albany
~~St~~ Union Street
New York
United S. America

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imposed upon the young student. He remembers that he is connected with the French school. He can not speak French and he is unwilling to teach his native English which is a disadvantage. He is now in Paris and he is awaiting his arrival at Paris from the day as he promised to come but it appears that he will not come because he has money in due will not come because he is waiting for him to come. He is waiting for him to come to write what he thinks of the course and to write what he thinks of the course and to write what he thinks of the course. Since I have heard from him that I can not tell how his course is going and how much he has learned by Misses. He is waiting for him to come and I left home. He is waiting for him to come and I left home.

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was never in London, and I like him.
 I was very much surprised to hear that you had
 done so. Why did not she write to you? It
 will get out on her account. How could I possibly
 believe you have done it? What could I think? There
 is no doubt, just at being a witness and to his
 have more time, never to be in his district
 with you, but you can't not have them to
 to have relations with without Mr. H. proposing it.
 I am of course of course of great use
 in being the settlement of this suit to a speedy
 close. I propose nothing for myself. Say before
 you go into a court, propose - you must
 decide to his proposition. Let him know that
 you think him capable - and let him feel that
 he has the sole management - and that he is at the
 head of the lake of the river. He will then give
 his attention to it in a well conducted Whiting and
 the case will be soon settled. He now sees that
 you are master of the case, and know considerable. He
 does not tell himself (F) of any importance and
 consequently goes on with the lion to it and
 means to do it as soon as possible.
 Whiting sees that he is in a disadvantage and takes
 advantage of his conduct. He does nothing himself
 because he is not driven and presently he will
 send you a bill of £400 or £500 and nothing done.
 After this you will see that it is a case of two longer
 than it is. This is a case of two longer
 longer than it is. I will state and declare there
 is nothing to be had. I pray you to listen to me

and to read over some of my former letters
 in which I have written you to act differently from
 what you have been doing. I think in nothing
 to be had let us have and that as soon as poss-
 ible. I am not a great person. I am not a lowly
 You are a better time. I am a year and a half have
 elapsed since I wrote you. Only a few days.
 I hope you have a better result. Henry came
 home what good can he do? I hope that his
 presence will be of some use so drive it along
 I don't think it will come and then finally
 till I come. He can do no good. You have a
 law or let Marshall conduct him. I believe that
 if you let the man go to the Harrell's manag-
 er and have some one speak when he
 goes to see that this affair which is becoming
 a trouble to me should be settled in 6 months
 and you would have some thousands in the
 end. I have at present 1000 dollars to me
 and I am not sure that I have grand-
 other things to do. I will take him and take
 him to the house. It will cost
 me nothing and the information will
 be of great service to me. I know how.
 I have in my mind the same mentioned in
 the Constitution that he is not sound memory, or
 that he is not a good man. I am glad
 that you are not in a hurry to close.
 There is no more of my letter done.
 But it would be better for you never to see
 anything. I have been with Marshall. You
 know me like to do business with men. better
 with women.

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To buy any for the Rev. I am as the best that business
is becoming a business is that I want something to do when I
return. I have said that I have but good, you will
do all in your power for me I wish someone to
assist you in a small. I hope to hear nothing of the
hunch I have ~~and~~ and of that I can thank you
politely. You are due and clear of me now I have
no right to expect anything of you, so what you do
for me will be done with humble thanks. I
have enjoyed my children and all mine and anticipate
much more pleasure in my that any of you and
especially Harriet I thought I have been as I have been
as happy. I wish the marriage and position might always
be in the and all matters care no trouble. I am glad
that you have got my letter and it will be a consolation
to you to look at it now and then. If anything happens
to me you will have that in remembrance of me,
I am sure of it. I am sure you are the one
with a career in mind. I have been taken sometime
last with you as a matter of fact I thought
the capital likeness and hung it out by the door.
But I have been able to think I am not so pluck-
ily represented from the effects of running too much
before. I have been able to make you
choice of the two. I am glad that Frank Pye is
about to marry, he was good looking and I believe I will learn.
Tell me where he is at, I am sure his good sisters? This
is my 7th letter to you, I have received only three from you.
Harriet is the only one who has been so constant who has
replied to me. Has she not sent you first letter to him?
It was open to me and I did not think you did not read
it as I have been a little more than surprised at my
friends about wandering through Europe upon foot
with my pack upon my back. I have given up this
idea. Charles has been very useful to you and

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reason that Mr. Trollet did not mention me
in his letter to Mr. Cornwall was because
he forgot it or had to much of other things
to take account of. I have had the kind
of a letter but a full one sent with the parcel.
I write in my own leisure & so I do not as
amuse myself. I could wish it will serve to
recall past events. I have no more exact reason
for keeping it I have written 40 pages during
the last month. I have very little chance
of time getting anything to do that would be either
of advantage or profit to me. One has to work
like the devil from 7 in the morning till ten
at night and receive no other recompense
than board and lodgings. I hope that Henry
is some time and that you are settled for the winter.
I must be then hear from you as they will be
anxious to know. I expect that they are making
money out of it but stick to it. I am sure you'll be
rich someday. You have a better knack of making
money than I have. I am a mere continuation to Harriet
(I am older) I see you are non-professors, infants
and adults. They believe that the soul of him
no matter how good he may be will be damned
if he has not been baptized. I tell them that
I have not been baptized and they say that
I will be damned. Mother & I have offered
to become members of the church & would be kind she
wishes it so much but as the custom of the
person baptized to take the name of his God-
parents. I don't know that I can do this it
might be a great detriment to me. I don't mind
that Aunt Anna says & Aunt Araminta. I don't

reason that Mr. Mallet did not mention me
 in his letter to Mr. Cornwall was because
 he forgot it. I had to write of other things
 to talk about. I have had the best
 of it. I have a falling out with the principal.
 I write in my hour of leisure. It is not as
 amusing as I could wish. It will serve to
 recall past events. I have no more reason
 to keep it. I have written 10 pages during
 the last month. I have never had a chance
 of some getting anything to do that would be either
 of advantage or profit to me. One has to work
 like the devil from 8 in the morning till ten
 at night and receive no other recompense
 than bread and butter. I hope that Henry
 is some time and that you are settled for the winter.
 I must write them from me as they will be
 anxious to know. I expect that they are making
 money out of it which to it. Thank you'll be
 rich someday. We have a better knack of making
 money than I do. (Continuation to Harriet
 & my other side) I am now professors, infants
 and adults. They believe that the soul of him
 no matter how good he may be will be damned
 if he has not been baptized. I tell them that
 I have not been baptized and they say that
 I will be damned. I have a friend who has offered
 to become my godmother. I would be kind she
 wishes it so much but it is the custom of the
 person baptized to take the name of his god-
 parents. I don't know that I can do this. It
 might be a great detriment to me. I don't mind
 what Aunt Anna says. Aunt Araminta. I don't

Care about their being offended at my not
 writing. It is only because I want them to
 receive a letter from Eugene + I would
 rather than to send the time but since
 I have not they must be contented to hear
 from me through you and mother. Give my
 love to them and tell them what I say.
 You have my condolences for the loss of your
 favorite pet. I feel sorry for you and
 know you loved it. I don't know that I can
 remind Mr Mallet of your philosophy.
 I may have an opportunity in the way
 of conversation.
 Your affectionate brother Thomas.

philosophy

Your can do this if You have received the Novemeber rents. I beg you not to this Steamer upon any account. You will get the bill of exchange drawn at 2 months sight and for a short time if possible but not if it will depreciate the amount of money. I will receive the bill about the 5th of January and present it immediately for acceptance. Two montsh after upon the 5th of March I will receive the money for it and on the 6th I will commence travelling. The bill you will send by the Steamer of the middle of November will arrive by the 5th of December. I will present it immediately and on the 5th of February I will receive the moeny for it. I shall not then receive any money before that time., I have not enough to last me till longer than January 6 I can borrow some of Drouard, Leopold told me the other day before he left France that he would make arrangements with them so that in case I should be in want of money. You may know the amount that a bill of exchange should be drawn for at 2 months sight by multiplying the number of dollars by $5\frac{1}{3}$ the number of ~~francs~~ ^{more} in a dollar. . The price varies/sometimes but not to exceed either way more than half of 1 percent on a dollar. If you send \$200.00 by the November steamer the bill should be drawn for 1066 francs 66 centimes. And if there is a balance remaining to be sent by the December steamer of \$171 you will receive a bill for 912 francs. Let some competent person attend to this business. I wonder that Mr. Ralston not getting the bill he sent drawn payable at 2 months sight I could have got the bill discounted if I wishing it but perhaps you told him to get it drawn at sight because you knew I was in want of money and thinking I could not get it discounted. I will tell you why Iam so particulat to have the last bill come by the Steamer of the middle of December: Tis for this reason I can wait two months after receivngit before I get the money for it from the Banker. Suppose the last bill is for 1045 francs (\$196.) payable two months after sight and sent by the steamer in the middle of December. I will receive it the 5th of February and present it for acceptance immediately and the

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① Camp Pleasant - before Appomattox Va
April 1865

Dear Brother

I am now about 34 years old. I am
quite well except a sore throat which the Dr.
thinks may be erysiples but I hope not.
It is very painful but is only easy when
I am sitting. Still I find it very painful
to walk and most on Parade we were
reviewed by Genl McDaniel and some
Foreign Powers they think our Regt. very
fine. We wear the heavy Prussian uniforms
that have red pants very full and a loose
jacket buttoned at the waist and collar open
up the front with a red breast-piece. The
collars are trimmed with immovable small
gold buttons which give our Regt. a very
jaunty appearance. They are looked upon as a
very fine Regt. and fought well at the
battle of Appomattox. All the other dashing
young soldiers they are very conceited and
think they are not to be beat easily. The City
of New Orleans has fallen a prize to the Valor
of the Union. The Green of Conflict
now is at a place called Corinth in Texas
and the town of Yorktown Va we have
an immense army before Yorktown. Our
Genl G.B. McClellan is there Superintending

② Operations the works of the Rebels must
fall on our Country and still bleed under
the cruel Maria of the South for Secession
our Major lost 4 artillerymen from the enemy
give therefore up to him there are fine fellows
and are heartily sick of the Southern Army and
two of them are from Pennsylvania they will be
liberated I think and go North I wish this trouble
was over as I should like to go home once to my
family who just are home I am stopping at the
house of a Colored Woman who will accommodate
me with a bed but home is rather a dull place in
wet weather and it is good being as my tent is
only three feet high and I cannot only lay in it

Our army is pretty well considering the exposure
of the elements My Quartermaster is pretty good or I
would not stand what I have already When we came
here we drove the Rebels over the river and they
burnt all the Bridges on our Steamboats and
mules and we are on one side of the River and
they the Rebels on the other but they are now out
of sight and we are all in the Secession of the
City of Henderson everything is very scarce
we manage to find pretty much some Corn Cake
and Baked Pork Cake but no Liquor to
be had so the soldiers are pretty sober Our officers are
paid monthly and have to pay to the Quartermaster
40 dollars for the month of 16 and 15 extra
and the soldiers pay 16 dollars and 16 dollars

③ Per Martha and five sailors. Per Mrs. My Mrs.
Bill amounts to about 15 dollars. The Gent. and I
think I am doing pretty well but I would
sooner be home doing myself as well. I have
written a pretty long letter and you will give
my love to your wife and all the family. I will
enclose a letter from Elizabeth you can see how well
she looks. Paul will be a great scout and then all
lost the letter and it may go this morn.

Your Brother James A. Tanner direct to me
Care of Master - 1st Regt. 10th Washington A.C.
Brother James

Will. Jones is writing to you
I will send you a few lines also. Let you
know how I get along out there. I am at
present in very poor health in fact I never
in better health or better fed. It is now
encamped on the Bank of the Rappahannock
it is a very pleasant place in clear days
but on cloudy days it is very lonesome indeed.
I will send you more.

Weds April 24 Sunday
19th 1858

Dear Brother

Your letter (one 15th) came to hand
on 15th of this month I began to be alarmed at
your late silence I went to the Post Room that
day saying say I write to Harriet when leaving
home till you write from San today sure enough
the letter was there I am sorry you had Bad
luck you say you lost more than half and
left - the rest on the Road how or why did you
get through with who did you leave it there
(you left) with him I am not qualified to give
you advice if I was and did advise, you would
do as you thought proper Most likely and if you
did follow my advice and should not succeed
I should not blame you for my advice
but I could not let you go to Benicia
for however you come, you saw, and now
wish your self back to San Diego's experience
dearly I want it is the more to be glad tomorrow.
Dear Brother you send me by your remarks,
at times, that your heart is over kind in
wishing me you want me with you that is
quite natural, now when I come to San Diego
what situation would I get to support my family
would you be satisfied to see me embarrassed
I think I know the better you know me too
well to suppose I could be an embarrassment
on any point and be happy on the other hand
Some time ago you said you wanted

me to come to the land of gold it was too big²
an undertaking for me. Shortly after you said
you was ~~so~~ glad I did not come as times were
then dull. I don't want to put fault on you you
must not take it unkind. Your Brother only convinces
me that I can make a living. It won't not
take me long to come to California provided I had
the means. I wish you could see that I make a very good
living and that about all I can do in New York
and sometimes that kind of that - I don't want
to hold out inducements for you to come home but
I wish you were home. I think the Climate in
California would suit me better than the Climate in
New York. Dear Brother now is the time you stand
in need of money. I am sorry indeed that I can't
help you but you must understand that all
I have done for you all over is a Pledge I am
indebted to you to the amount of \$100,000⁰⁰ you
were kind to loan me that I must give up
here to be able to reimburse that amount. You and
yours shall have it but I'll give you my word
that - I don't think you are worried about the
money so you know and I am sure too well
I trust to hear a yelping about it. There is
one consolation - I don't see gold and if you never
get it - it is a qualification then about Paul
a word or two when last you saw Paul he
was a Boy he is a Boy now - 17 years old
brought up in country and running as a fox

but, in my own lonely work although
 I got John Killmartin to take him to
 see what he could make of him
 if there is any mechanic in him John
 will bring it out I hear that he will
 not stop with John but hope he will.
 I have a liberty with you I should not
 dare to do with anyone else & spend
 Paul's letter. Allow me to caution you in
 regard to Paul. Don't when you write
 say anything that would have a tendency
 to make him dissatisfied with his place
 my family at one time during the
 peace war I in family I did not
 know what to do with Paul so I
 got ready to take him to learn
 the carpenter & all anything you should
 say to take off his work would be
 injurious to his young mind. So be careful
 and pardon my conduct I'll assume

assure you that I do every thing for
 the best Paul could not get away thing
 to do down east so it was luck that
 he got with John as John is a first rate
 Business man and smart but he travels
 on his horse and is shaped badly
 so you may know how he gets along
 Harriet is well and quilting by the by
 did you ever have quilting done if not
 don't, the quilting they Pick a fellow
 man though Harriet sends love "Jenny"
 and Mr. Kerner I'm an most done
 Case I can go farther Paper not long
 enough good by this time I'm as
 ever your to Brother G.A. Connor Shelton

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