New York City - 5-23/98

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am not yet returned to the "bosom of my family" yet time is yelling to shut up so before I get there that I'll try to get off a note for tomorrow's steamer and wait no longer. I was overjoyed to get your steamer letter after the trip treated me so badly that not one letter did I write to send on landing tho' I had had the happiness to hear from 13 different people on board. Was that not delightful? Of course I was dreadfully sick and have only got to 110 lbs on the way to the recovery of the lost amount - consumed during the 6 days that I did not consume other food.

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of the people on board way has been pleasant company. I never awoke from my comatose asphyxiated state to find ourselves, than one two dear old gentlemen who almost took the place of our Mr. Coffin but I found no "Baby" And moreover tho' I've called on "Voltaire" I found him not on shore. I suppose his enthusiasm had waned and it was too much of a nuisance to call on "Paley" who of course is now dreadfully mad to think she kept her part of the promise and called on his wife. I was in Utica but didn't have the courage to hunt up the 2 representatives there of our Friend and Company. Mr. Hazen + Howe called in Baltimore both home-sing dears + wanting to hear of you all. Yesterday

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as I came out of Trinity Church I heard a Stage whisper "How do you do" and turning beheld the rue, nicom parable and only Walter Bowman. He was staying to after communion so I only grinned and left him sitting. I'd have liked to have heard him "pour mon vous" for a bit.

Through [illegible] kindness Henry met me at the dock and took me to the theater twice in the four days I was here, but I did not tell him I was expecting to return to N.Y. Some way he didn't seem such good company in America with his talk of demi monde, &c &c which seemed not so bad in Paris. If ever you see I let him go - don't let Jessie know this. I visited Washington & Phil. for a week - and then came back to go on home with sister Frances & husband

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There is to be a party of young Theologues & wimmin to go on reduced rates Fred. I expect a bang up time as I've met some of the men, been out with them etc + like their clean fresh looks and student talk exceedingly by allis the blasé men of the world I've been so much of my make mind for two years. Yes, with Mary O Neil I say would spray "make me a Rus. woman" if I were not one and I'm devoutly thankful that I'm back in my "own country" will soon be in the home nest and feel that I don't care to flap my wings for so long a flight - will ever again in my present feeling. I was much interested in your acct of ely's work. How untiring, unsel-

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ing, brave and ambitious you are!
Why didn't you surprise your youngest to use and make her self famous also? No fuss to catch fire, perhaps — Alas! poor Anna!! Had Shaw's letter for all the "Quartet". Josie I shall hope to see as she passes through the Fair city and may it then teaching the small boy. I wonder if she is ever going to get much of a position. I am sure she could fill quite a responsible one and think it so strange she don't "get on" differently. I'll have to wait until I hear her plans before to judge. She and "Jim" were at it again (after six months cessation) when I left Berlin and as he comes to Chicago in July, I suppose her summer will be worth nothing again.

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Mr. Hazen insisted that he knew nothing of her but I doubt such a yarn. He is searching her this morning I could neither dress or shop, now I find I cannot even write letters - I can think of no other climate than this where one complains [illegible] its to drink ice water and say mean things at the thermometer.

I'll try to write more certainly when I reach Evanston and tell you how I fit into the old environments.

Don't kill yourself with work this summer, don't spend all your substance in such riotous living as you write of, and don't allow yourself to become [illegible] to any thing less than a count or duke of the 1st water - big fortune and pedigree very ably authenticated. Do not

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think that because I am returned to my mother's wing that I can live happily without hearing occasionally from my "Paris Mamma" and accept a heart full of love and best wishes for success and happiness from

Faithfully Yrs

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