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PARIS

PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Dearest Mother! - I'm afraid the family will begin to think nothing is happening to me over here but that access. It is all over now. I know I wrote something to somebody - you I believe en route from Bridge. I got here last Monday morning the 2d - I was a fearful sight! Yards of flannel around my head - a knit-wool bain over that & a knit-shawl over that. I wasn't going to get cold! Sara knows the fastidious Mr Hazen. Will he met me like an angel as he is. I hadn't wired my train - only that I'd be there that morning. But they looked it up. I could have kissed him when I saw him - I was so glad to see a familiar face. Will me

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Sept 8. 7 a.m. That was as far as I was able to get and now I am far away from Paris in Brittany. I am sitting in a big window looking out on the most beautiful little bay in the world — at least as beautiful as there is. Sir Wade up my mind everything is beautiful if you're eyes to see. Titusville hills & Connecticut farms are in their way just as lovely as this — but oh so different! I left Paris Thursday night: I put in the two days after Mrs Hagen left. Which was Wednesday a.m. early in repacking my trunks and getting rested, so as to start in good condition. Mary Lawton turned up at the hotel, Anne & Bessie got back & there were several Americans at the Crillon, so I was not lonely. I left for Brittany at 8.40 Thursday night: there was no sleeper but what they call a couchette which is a seat of an ordinary first class carriage with the back turned up to give you more room. — for which luxury you pay 5 francs extra & fee the guard. I began to get up about 5 o'clock & spent 2 hours watching for my station. The country is so different! Such a grave stern country & the cleanest you ever saw. Sir bringing home a lot of postals to show you. Indeed Sir your postal crazy & am going to have a book of my trip. I reached Paimpol at 8.35 & there was dear Mme Marillier unchanged and so glad to see me. I cried really to find them so happy to have me. You know they've suffered terrible losses. 13 of the family — hus & her daughter-in-laws were drowned off this coast a few years ago. They're buried near here — a terrible thing — & only the other day she lost her only sister: So she clings to her old friends.

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came to this smart & really beautiful hotel (awful expensive also) I got some coffee & took off my bandages & after fussing a little found my wound was all right. I touched it with iodine, put on antiseptic powder and ~~[illegible]~~ yrd thought I'd only got a bad burn of some sort - its not larger than a 25 ct piece & getting smaller every moment. And that's the last of that interruption.

By lunch time I was ready for business & such a day & a half as we put in - Mrs H. is a wonderful shopper. She finds cheap & good places. I told her what I wanted and I never got such a lesson in shopping before. I'm getting myself a suit & a little evening gown. The two will cost about what a good suit would in N.Y. I also have begun to buy your presents. The Clarice hair is bought & in my trunk - I also have got each of you one of the same thing & the whole cost 10 francs!

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