

I wrote something
giving Mary's letter
about the arrangement
including writing
please don't
think I want
to go for I would
be pleased to
have some exchange
note with you.

Florence, Dec 10/81
Grand Hotel de la Ville

This letter will
probably go by the
same steamer
with Mr. Darlington
you should quit on
Dec 28/81

Oh, my Darling, I have received your letter
and I am so home sick. I want to go
home, I want to go home. O Mittie I
hope you will never know what it
is to be real right down home sick.
I only got exp letters this morning
from Miss de Blichet's, Lizzie
Murray's and two from Lizzie
Remington. Mummies were from Carrie
R. and Mary M. And Papa received
a letter and a bushel of papers
from Mr McCombe. Thank fortune
every thing was satisfactory. Mr
McCombe apologized again and again
saying that between his hard work
for Judge Over his own cases and
Papa's business the only part of which
he had neglected was writing and
going to Gaysanta, but as to the latter
Gohbe had been in twice to see him.

he was so busy that he was not
 conscious of the time that had passed.
 He says he will now write every
 two or three weeks and go to
 S. regularly. He went out the
 day before he wrote. all were well.
 Aunt Sam so glad all Papa's affairs
 were O.K. for now Papa with R.C.P.
 I believe he got letters from some
 other gentlemen. Maria received
 a letter from Mrs. Murray.
 She says Mrs. Beecher is with Aunt
 O.H. and that Aunt O.H. is better.
 Carrie R. writes that Mrs. O.H.'s Doctor
 says if she does not go south she
 will have another attack. that
 report came from Miss Leek
 so we can take it as we like.
 Oh, Mittie, here I am away over
 here. my heart taking another
 girl to church, and my dog
 fighting for supremacy with
 Bessie's affection. What shall I
 do? My letter in regard to Suek
 had the desired effect. Lizzie

write that they - the pups -
are "as happy as if I were at
home." No doubt she thinks that
will please me. But do you
not know that "American ^{women} are
at once the most exacting in
the world and the least endowed
with a sense of indebtedness?"

It is needless to remark that I
read your letter first straight
through - And Mittie hurriedly
before I read "I think I hear you
snickerite the snicker was not
only out but had developed into
a howl. That's what you get for
trying to embeggle other people's
heads. But I will forgive you
because I know your good intentions
but tell her of any jealousy of
hers. The very idea, this is the
second time she has been scorned
by my young man. You just
tell her to wait until I get
home and then -
I am glad all the family like

Sam but do you think your
mother would approve of my
marrying him? You remember
what she used to say?

I am so much impressed with
Sam's devotion to my proxy -
- you - that I have a great
mind to forgive him, but
shall not until I receive your
next letter. I tremble when I
think of what the effect will
have been of your receiving
my letter on Tuesday and
then going over there on
Thursday. Mittie I am not
in touch with Sam. But I
can not help feeling a sort of
leaning up to, and franking
after the young man when
I can not help seeing that
he really care for me. Don't
you think he does? I am going
to relent a little and actually

Winnitask
you me day
any much the
the larger word from
Hally - I did
I hope all have
I had just
wonderfully letter
and put two
"I hope in it"
L. said. "But
I wish you
had two or
three sheets
in it."
I simply said
Sunday
I had arrived at Desertrina
Friday Nov. 9. Consequently I may
expect a letter from you by Tuesday.
I am so glad the steamers are
having quick quick passages that
way. I must tell you that this
morning when we were talking

to Mrs Whitney. She asked how long
we would be over. Mamma said
she thought we would all be quite
ready to go home in Spring.
Think of it. Oh Mittie if I get
home will promise "never to do
it again but be real good."

I tore off this scrap because I know
if I started on a whole sheet I
would write all over it.

Your loving Edith
There are probably two other scraps in two