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William's studies interest & amuse me much. I have sometimes
 had difficulty in recognizing him, but time has
 brought many things to the surface & the
 children, who are kindly thought of their
 as the first fruits of their
 You know that I am not a
 du 'blind' is true of small things as well as
 of great; & so it is, that not being able to write
 all I would, I have not written at all.
 I wanted to tell you what we thought of the book
 at the moment they arrived I could not
 read them, as I would - I wanted to tell
 you something about my plans or rather
 chances for the summer, & I have found it
 utterly impossible to come near to a decision
 than I was when I wrote last - viz: that I wish
 to go, want to go, & would willingly venture
 to go, to Col. Ricker - that is certain. The rest
 remains as it was. My husband will decide
 nothing & without his consent or somebody's
 beside, as ~~my~~ untraveller & by no means
 thoughtful maid, I doubt I must not go
 beyond the 4 seas. As I am now, there could
 be no inconvenience but who will warrant
 that I should remain so? Then as to travelling
 - you know not all the pitiable difficulties of

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this poor life of mine. I cannot walk
at least I am forbidden to do that, or
anything which puts any stress on the heart
so that my money chair is my daily bread
& things of this kind shrouded in every high
watering place, & cost little, it did not occur
to me, ~~that~~ till I talked with Mme de Boule
that I should find no means of taking my
daily drive, nothing but there a ban, far too
expensive for me. This objection is I am afraid
the insurmountable difficulty of my chair, &c, &c, of course
are the very main ground of a preference
which is forced upon my mind by any body.
Pity me. However, as I am naturally opera
zoea, I do not give up. I have distant visions
(distant at any time of life) of a sejour at
Percival. My faithful friend V. W. is going
to inhabit a house there. there will be rooms
to spare, &c. I could without give to him
set up a little ménage for a few weeks. I
have an English friend there who offers me the
use of her carriage. Mme de Lincomb is near.
It looks as if I might attempt it. hurry
today is so cold provided with kind friends
But all this is for ^{another year} & I am impatient to
see you, best of all friends, again. I have been
working as skillfully as I could to bring my
husband to the thought of a journey to France
a necessary preliminary to which is to let our house

A. G. as
for the
Lyon
I have
as a gift
the house
of my
Lyon
what I
of your
living
look
but to
cable
were
Lyon
repaired
Diseases
on the
to you
to work
my
chief, &
of the
ical. I
he had
And if
that
people!
else, Ma

But to come from home is too expensive
without this, & a short one will not
do me on the score of health. I do not yet
know my decision. I shall write again as soon as
possible. He shall ^{at all points} not leave home before August
to be at the sea till November.
My husband wants to hear your opinion of
the thing. I think he you & he would agree.
I think that suffering does he contemplate
what is passing. How I wish for him a little
consolation, that quality of God! He
living out of the world, is tossed by all its tempests.
You are that a third victim has been offered
up to the Moloch of the Press. That most cruel
cable of tyrants. Poor Capt Christie & little Boyer
are thrust to death, & now the good & gentle
English. Ask & blood cannot ^{indure} the in-
herent sailing of the times, & there stands
Discom always near, always ready to seize
on the frame shaken by mental suffering.
To you, dearest Sir, I must say what I have said
to nobody. I am very unhappy at Oscar's conti-
nued connexion with that instrument of his-
chief, & cannot understand his blindness
to its real tendencies, which are at the heart
of it. I stoutly deny the fact & for a time thought
he had given it up - but ^{the} ~~now~~ I know he would.
And if you hear in what terms of execration
that journal is spoken of by good & high minded
people! I was in London lately & heard nothing
else. What can I do. Pray to the Unconquered

but it would be of no use. He is not a
boy - nor is he humble. He could simply be
offended. His wife, who might influence him,
tends quite the other way. It is very painful.
I saw one dear Mr. Hallam when I was in
London. How changed. Not looking ill -
I had rather have seen that - but the light &
meaning of his fine eye, gone. He seemed
glad to see me & said he had been
thinking of coming to Weybridge. His heart
is not changed. Our book ^(published) has had great success
& is already come to a second edition. I am
glad to have fulfilled my duty to my two dear
friends - according to the measure of my power.
See poor Mr. Thomas from time to time. He
comes here to read his M. & to me & to
go my criticisms. He seems to have confidence
in my sympathy & friendship, which touches
me for he has little in general. But he is bound
to be unhappy, poor fellow, & I think as little
of him as any man I ever saw.
St. Pierre said "Le cœur des Français, je lui
donne deux ans pour exciter, autant les
Anglais." & indeed he is on that road. He pretends
that England is quite demoralized. I hope not. We
have faults enough of our own. All this boasting
& not a word of the books. My husband said great
to Mr. de Witt for again placing in full view, in
so admirable a manner, the great, unstable figure
of Washington. He is delighted with the book & to me I
talk with the same enthusiasm of the subject.

