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1879 Aug. 13 ABBEY, EDWIN AUSTIN

To George Henrys Boughton.

54, Bedford Gardens, W. Aug. 13th 1879

Dear Mr. Boughton,

I was very sorry not to see you before I went away which I did as I do everything - at five or six minutes notice. I went to spend the day before with Mr. and Mrs. Lillie at Guildford - and had such a good time that I missed a couple of trains - and had to sit up all night to finish some work, before I left, on the following morning at nine.

Conway is a pretty good sort of a fellow after all -(I wonder what he thought of <u>me!</u>) - I'm sorry I distrusted him so - and want to take it all back - to be sure there are people with whom it would have given me greater pleasure to travel - but we got along admirably - he didn't want to wait, ever, when I wanted to sketch - and he did keep raking up buried old hermits of scientists who live up in that region - But Lord! as Mr. Pepys would say, to see him read guide-books and 'Cincinnati Commercials' (he brought three million copies of the latter with him) would make you turn cold.

He only stayed with me a week - and I was sorry to see the old cuss go - He was a remarkable foreground object for that week. A little felt hat - a long brown overcoat open waistcoat - and a bed-tick sort of shirt and white collar - over which was tied a thin ribbon that would hitch up in the back.

Its very lonely here - not a soul in town - and very close - the weather -

Conway has gone to St. Malo to look up some antiquities - whither I may have to hie me presently - not to antiquities, to St. Malo.

The Lake scenery isn't the particular sort of thing my soul yearns for. I got off the track a little after the Rev. Moncure left - and wandered out a little into the flat country above Ullswater in Cumberland - and made some few things that suited me better. Queer, sad, silent sort of people who live away up there - Penrith is a solemm little red-sandstone town - with no amusement of any kind. Everything is closed tightly and the lights out at nine in the evening - Except upon market-night - when I made a discovery - Homer always smelled around a good deal on a little old Puritan shoe he owned - with a wooden sole like this - black - I found a man with a whole basket-full of 'em in the market - big and little - wooden soles brass buckles and all - I immediately rushed home - and indited a letter to Winslow which will probably cause him to possess his soul in humility for ever after this.

I'm sorry to have missed Stedman - he has gone to Paris. I've had a note from him - he expects to be back here in September. London must have taken it out cofp him! He paid H12 a week for his board - I should think he'd want to leave a little after that.

What a despairingly perfect set of engravings in Scribner for August! The Whistler one particularly. It will be very hard for Harper's to equal that sort of thing.

What did you think of the article on W.? It seemed to me rather ingenious but a little off the track. Brownell, the writer, is the man who cut up Carr's Essays ' so unmercifully in the 'Nation.'

I had a train all laid to have Carr write an article on Whistler for Harper's - but Conway had gone in and pre-empted that claim. He has pre-empted nearly all of this Hemisphere - enough - science, literature, art - and I couldn't help but breathe more freely that we were to be spared 'Conway on Whistler.'

I hope Mrs. Boughton is better than she was looking when I last saw her. Please present my compliments to her - and to Miss Cullen and Miss Flossie if they are with you.

When do you expect to be back?

I enclose a copy by Reinhart of a letter Dielman received from a German friend who prided himself upon his command of the language - and am

very sincerely yours

Edwin A. Abbey

This is a beastly pen but I fear I don't write any better when I have a better one.

Purchase, 1954.