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Grand Hotel.  
Broadstairs

Aug 17, 1889.

My dear Lily -

We are here in  
this delicious sea air  
for a little bathing  
& rest after the heat  
of Baltimore & the  
troubles of departure  
from home. It is a  
quaint primitive place  
with many curious  
people & still more  
curious customs!!!  
The attraction which  
brought us to this sea  
side place was that

some dear friends of  
mine have a house  
close by. The walks &  
grounds are lovely as  
they are all over  
England. We had  
a smooth calm voyage  
nothing startling but  
two gorgeous icebergs  
in the distance with  
the setting sun full  
upon them. We reached  
Southampton in a little less  
than eight days & after  
ten days in London & a  
few days at Cambridge  
with a charming young  
undergraduate we came

down here. We were just  
in time to see all the  
pageant of the Royal  
marriage - being quite  
near the Queen & the  
bride & bridegroom.  
I fancy you now enjoying  
the hospitality of Miss  
Cleveland. & wish I  
could look in upon  
you both some fine  
morning! I expect to  
pass the summer in  
England & Scotland  
but hope we may  
meet Camille & Mr  
de Pedros somewhere  
on their travels. They  
can always communicate

with me through any  
London bankers. I  
hope they got off on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> & have had  
as good a voyage as  
we had? May is  
well & seems to enjoy  
everything as much  
as on our first trip.  
We miss Miss Riddle  
very much. she was  
so bright & intelligent  
& interested in every-  
thing. I hope Austy  
Lathrop continues to  
improve in the good  
air of Louisa & that

dear little Elise  
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I saw a good deal  
of Mrs Howard in  
London & also her  
sweet daughters.  
They look so well,  
so much better than  
when in W. - n. Mrs  
Cross Johnson was  
also there & many  
other friends whom  
we hope to meet  
again later on.  
May sends her love to

you & with mine to  
Mrs Lathrop - always  
believe me - dear & affectionately yours  
Francis Lane Johnston.

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of J. J. Morgan & Co  
Old Broad Street  
London.

Grand Hotel  
Broadstairs  
Aug 14, 1889

My dear Lily-

We are here in this delicious sea air for a little bathing & rest after the heat of Baltimore & the worries of departure from <sup>home</sup> house. It is a quaint primitive place with many curious people & still more curious bathers!!! The attraction which brought us to this sea side place was that some dear friends of mine have a house close by. The walks & grounds are lovely as they are all over England. We had a smooth calm voyage nothing startling but two gorgeous ice burgs in the distance with the setting sun full upon them. We reached Southampton in a little less than eight days & after ten days in London & a few days at Cambridge with a charming young undergraduate- we came down here. We were just in time to see all the pageant of the Royal marriage- being quite near the Queen & the bride & bridegroom! I fancy you now enjoying the hospitality of Miss Cleveland & wish I could look in upon you both some fine morning! I expect to pass the summer in England & Scotland but hope we may meet Camille & Mr. de Pedross somewhere on their travels. They can always communicate with me through any London bankers. I hope they got off on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & have had a good a voyage as we had? May is well & seems to enjoy everything as much as on our first trip. We miss Miss Riddle very much- she was so bright & intelligent & interested in everything! I hope Aunty Lathrop continues to improve in the good air of Louisdale & that dear little Elise was strong & well before she started on her travels! I saw a good deal of Mrs. Howard in London & also her sweet daughters.- They look so well- so much better than when in W\_n. Mrs. Cross Johnson was also there & many other friends whom we hope to meet again later on. May sends her love to you & with mine to Mrs. Lathrop- always believe me- dear Lily affectionately yours

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