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Washington D.C. April 9, 1872.

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Mr Boardman was not yet returned from the South, although we expect him almost hourly.

As Dr Feuchtwanger was at the Institution yesterday I attacked him impetuously in regard to his giving his collection of Minerals to the Smithsonian. I think he is half inclined to do it on the ground of our calling it the Feuchtwanger Gallery & making it a kind of Monument to his name. I wish very much when he gets back to N.Y. you will try him & make to him the same suggestion. There are plenty of other collections of Minerals in N.Y. that can be had & doubtless

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Washington Dc. May 1, 1872.

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I should have written to you before this, acknowledging my safe arrival in Washington on Saturday night, but have had so many things to attend to that this duty has been crowded out; and I need hardly say how much obliged to you & Mrs Lawrence I am, for your kindness while your guest, & how much pleasure I would take in reciprocating it here. I hope, however, that should I again visit N.Y. under the same circumstances, you will have a little mercy on me, & not insist on dragging me all over town in the atrocious manner of last week.

I found every thing in good condition on my return & have now brought up more or less of the wearages. I would be glad to have from you a portion at least of the illustrations of the Grayson volume, so that I may submit them to the lithographer here, for estimate as to the cost of reproduction. I also wish to write to Sheppard, to know what terms he will agree to re-draw the figures for.

I have not yet received the overcoat, but fortunately have not required it. Please send it up at your leisure, & have it forwarded. Bridgeway promises to attend to the memo-

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NEW YORK AVENUE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 9. 1912

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Yours
W. B. Bant

[Faint, illegible handwriting at the bottom of the page]

[Washington, D. C.] June 9, 1872

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June 20

Eastport, Maine, June 20, 1872.

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We came by Pullman Car from Boston to Bangor, leaving at 8 1/2 in the morning & reaching our destination at half past seven P.M. We remained at the Bangor House over Sunday & left the next day at 8 A.M. for Calais, expecting to go most of the way

in a Pullman Car. The journals of the wheels, however, became heated, & we were obliged to leave this & take a Common Car. Owing to a misunderstanding between the two Companies in regard to the Connection we did not reach Colais until 6 o'clock in the evening instead of 3 P.M., the usual time. This matter, however, will be soon arranged. We stayed all night with Mr Boardman & came down next day in a little Steamer.

The whole journey is one of great interest; & among other special points we have a fine view of Mount Katahdin from the railroad, after leaving Bangor.

I will write you again on the subject of quarters here in the course of a week or two, & let you know if any change takes place in the prospect.

Please ask the boys to send me by express to Eastport, two dozen bottles of Colvert's Crystallized Carbonic acid, & of the

quality that I believe has been furnished me
heretofore for about 94 cents a bottle, also one
dozen bottles of his liquid acid. Please do
not send any thing but the English Calverts.
I do not like Squib's, as it does not answer the
purpose at all.

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