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My dear Miss Willard,

Your letter reached
me on our way here, where
we have settled till the middle
of July - so, alas, I fear there
is no chance of our meeting
unless you are induced to post-
-pone return to Rome till you
have had a glimpse of

our north-eastern ranges. I
can hardly believe it is five
years since our short interview
in Norfolk Square, but during
the space passed much has oc-
-curred on both shores that I
should like to have a talk
about: and I trust you will
revisit England & see Scotland
again - at my house you will
always be welcome - on your
way back in autumn, if not
now. Perhaps however if
while in London you get

from Mudie's or elsewhere a glance of my recent
big book on 'American Literature' you will not
wish to see me. The performance seems to
have given great offence to your countrymen &
women, though it has been very favourably
received in England. I am making several
corrections in matters of detail for a second
edition, & wd be grateful for any additions to

them; but by my main judgment I stand &
can neither worship your James & Howells nor
greatly admire your humourists.

In any case please let me know that you
are well, rested from your fatigues & satisfied
with the results of your last wanderjahre. I
have long hoped to revisit America, but the prospect
retires like the rainbow as I grow more & more in-
-volved in work at home.

Ever yours sincerely
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