

17. Boulevard de la Madeleine
Paris. July 1878.

My dear Mr. Sturges

I have not forgotten your desire to hear a
little about Paris, as it now is -

The Parisians are really making, not buying, but
making money, while the Exposition is open - and are I
think overdoing their desire to squeeze us, strangers -

A friend of mine arrived on Sunday
proposing to remain here, ten days, or a fortnight.
He always goes to the Louvre, and pays seven francs
for his bed - finding that he had to pay fourteen for
the very same room, he went off, on Wednesday.

I do not think you and Mr. Sturges would
find an Apartment comfortable - The Servants
are the difficulty. Here I have an Apartment
lent me - a woman comes, Morning, & Evening -
to arrange my rooms - but my dinner I am
obliged to either go out, and eat at a Restaurant
or have it sent in. - Your own Servants would
be useless, and to hire Servants for a short

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time very difficult - A friend of mine here
Madame de Dupuy, tells me, she dare not complain
of her servants, now, for they would depart at once
to the Exposition, where they give high wages -

There is an immense new Hotel. The Continental
opened - but I have been to see it, and it smells
terrible of damp plaster & paint -

I am sadly disappointed by the Exposition.
It is too large - and looks bare - and there are too
many useful articles shown. Candles - Sauces - Boots
Garters &c. I saw few persons there. Paris, is
gone to their country houses - German baths &c.
and the American abroad - his straw hat - his brown
lean jaw - and his note book must you every where -
and parties of Cooks -

The heat is very great - indeed to go out before
is impossible - They close the Exposition at 6
and at all the Hotels if you dine Table d'Hôte, 6 is
the hour. The only thing that remains as it was are
the Cabs. 1 franc 50. the Coaches & 5 Sols the driver

Dr Ice (water) is 1 franc 2 pence 1/2. I know to you &
Mr. Sherwin money is no object, but the question is
cannot one spend ones money better?

A friend of mine Miss Hampden has been
staying at the Chatham. Mrs. Neave St Augustus -
and she found it very quiet & comfortable - She paid
10 francs for Table d'Hôte dinner & 2 of she dined
at the Restaurant -

We leave here on the 24th for Switzerland.
You will be pleased at Sir Garnet Wolseley's
appointments. Cyprus sounds very romantic -

With our kindest regards to Mr. Sherwin

believe me, gratefully & affec^tly yours

Anne M. Procter

I am afraid you will think me a Noddy -
I cannot write so well without a copy - set by M. Sala -