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P.S. wrote to him about the picture:
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Dear J. T. F.

Tilton has arrived - by him  I have many things among the fineness - that are entirely forgotten - what he was to do with the little green match painted by Miss Adams - sent by me to grace the walls, belonging to my children - I sent a number of things by him - I imagined that they would reach their destination through his care - alas - some of them did only see the day before he left for St. Louis - & never knew at all what had become of his little picture & felt awkwardly about asking Tilton about it - thinking it was one of Tilton's own - & that perhaps he had found a customer for it. Many years ago I made up my mind that it would be a great mistake to trust any of your set - hence my superstition - why was I ever so weak as to trust my property to one of them - I won't again - so there - I have quietly remarked to Tilton that men

are but wretched things after all. - I wish to than for oh so painfully they & silent. - Emma - ^{run}
another proof to you having such an opportunity Emma Stobbin - is at work upon a sketch for a
of sending a lot of books to my unfortunate, living little statue of "Joseph being reunited to his
in Rome - why we would have been glad to have her was feeding the flock" - and then she will fit
have paid a handsome price - if you had brought them to a "Faby Mercury". Suggested by Shelley's Agnes
in New York & sent them - having forgotten them to Mercury. The statue of Mann is not yet sent
to Boston - but then - your conscience must off to Munich - it is waiting for another month
have been in a state of hectic excitement. do not wait for it - for fear it should get broken
want hurt you any more! I dare say you in the sending - & the man who makes them
think us ungrateful. - Because I more than is dup'd busy. Besides exchange is at such a
long for those long books of Winthrop, Cook & Cook's & fresh & new as nature. They have an eye point - that is our quarrel on our third
delighted us & many other ways such books of the money would be lost to them by having
I can thank you one soon again. I don't want now - it would do a better for Emma
And now what shall I say. we are back in to lose in - would it? - Said said of said
Rome - a little later this year! & making down the Atlantic Monthly - my soul aches for it.
into our corner. Miss Adams is here & working Tell me brought the Nov. number - but I have
like a Trojan - she seems very comfortably situa not the October - I hear you are making your
ted with two good working women - it will be further. alas why are you not I. If Emma
happy. I have not time allowed to go to her had only been content to stop in America then
studies yet - as she "had nothing to show" but I fear - I would have made mine too - but she
in a day or two I am to be allowed! Miss would not. & I sit here & groan! Our Minister
Fremont is also here with them - as narrow as has come to my view - so is Mrs Minister. so
inscrutable as ever. My close with her papers am I - so are you. so is Emma so is Annie
why don't she write with. - For yours truly
Charlotte (Lusk)