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Dear James, (You will let me
so address you from over the
water - will you not?) - your
delightful, cordial, spicy, spirited
characteristic note of March 8th
reached me about a week ago.

With the single exception of
a line by Mr. Holmes, the first
word I have received from
you since I left England.

Well, no matter - I do not
believe that you have forgotten
me - and I know - I have not
forgotten you. - You make
me halt with joy at
the hope you hold out that you
may meet me in England
in the early summer. - I am
hoping to be there by the last
of June. - I leave Rome on
the 15th for Naples, with
Mr. and Mrs. Hills, I send you
and Miss Wood, a daughter of

George Hood, the Lawyer -
a very pleasant party to
whose affectionate kindness
I have been much indebted
this winter. Mr. & Mrs. Hills
are elderly people, but still
very charming and fresh-hearted.
They travel with a courier
and I shall have no trouble
at all. - Miss Cushman will
not leave here before May.
I shall go from Naples to
Florence with the Hills, and
farther, if they take the route
I wish - but beyond Florence
nothing is as yet definitely
decided. - As for money
matters I hope I have funds
enough to take me home -
but I do not know. During
the past winter my expenses
have been considerably
greater than I anticipated.
But it has been a matter be-
yond my control - more an
economy than I have experi-
enced, has been out of the ques-
tion, situated as I have been

one of a large party, all
having larger means than
I possess! - Although I have
made very few and low un-
necessary purchases I have
constantly spent more than
I calculated. Upon the last
remittance of Mr. McKim
to the Parings - I security
five pounds I must begin
to draw soon after leaving
Rome - I shall try to reach
London with fifty pounds -
but had some accident
should happen - some un-
avoidable detention through
illness - perhaps you had
better empower me to draw
for an additional £ 7 or 8
pounds - taking my word
that I will only draw in
extremity. I would write
home for ~~the sum~~
I mention if I thought
it certain that I should
need it - but if I ever
draw on you beyond my
credit - beyond what I have

able hopes of the success of
the volume of travels will
justify. I will see that
you are repaid soon after
my return, from - in July.

As a late engagement with
the Saturday Evening Post
of Philad. for which I have
written to Mr. Dicknor I
have already fourteen letters
to write before I can get
post in America - which
in the midst of summer
traveling will be very hard
work. Mr. Burdett writes
to me very kindly and charm-
ingly - Frank seems strong
but the faith of seeing you
at Westchester, left the time
I reach that pretty little
Paradise. - Don't disappoint
us for heaven's sake.

Mrs. Lavinia writes that
she is indebted to you for
a copy of Mary Howells
Essays. She begs me to mention
her to the Doctor to give
and to say that they will be

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a piece to see you in London
again. Your friends here often
speak of you with a great deal
of kindly interest.

Ever my warmest love to
Mr. Dicknor, and tell him
that I shall surely send you
Boston, and will have him
to you by what steamer.

I am rejoiced to hear that
my books are selling well
and hope you would like
even more than for myself
that the prospects for the
next volume are fair.

Remember me most kindly
to the Whipples, to Mr. Parker
and Giles - I hope to hear
you are all well. - My own
health has been rather un-
willing down this spring. I
am just now suffering
from a terrible influenza
but feel confident that I
shall be better at once,
after I begin to journey
again, in the open air.
May God bless you -
Ever affectionately - Grace.

I sweeten my letter with a
sprig of wall-flower - from
the fields of Caracolly - plucked
during my last visit to that
delicious Paradise of Erin