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Rome

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To James T [Thomas] Fields and  
[Annie (Adams)] Fields

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In the hands of Cushman and Stebbins  
Signed: "Emma Stebbins"



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How long it seems dear friends since you  
left us. Show us are wondering where you  
are & how & where you have been & what you  
have seen since we received your dear & sweet  
letter from Florence. We thought it was so  
kind & thoughtful of you to write to us from  
Florence on your arrival. You gave us a real  
& sincere pleasure to think you cared enough  
enough to do so, & that as you must have been  
How many times since the receipt of that  
dear letter have we determined to write to  
you. but the uncertainty of our movements  
prevented us. Now however, that we are  
resolved upon having him on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>  
day & weather permitting - & on the 16<sup>th</sup> we  
though we should be detained on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
we can fly with some small certainty upon  
our movements & hasten to apprise you.  
We have talked of you by ourselves & with our  
friends - many a time & oft. You bear up  
before the most clearing of all  
impressions. I don't think any body has  
been here this winter who's success was  
so complete as yours - or who gave all who  
saw within them how you such the pleasure  
as you did. How glad then we are that you should



I give you permission to fill on paper & let a great  
comorant & a hawk pour & fill up ties. but I give her two  
both for the winter, so sweetly. & only leaving me the little  
scrap of room now. I can only say - that we hope to be in  
London about the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of May. When shall we find  
or hear of you at that time. I failed to let you with what  
pleasure we received & read your transformation. It was the  
only copy in Rome for a length of time. I enjoyed the  
memoir very much but was not sufficient of our riches.



Miss J. Fielding Esq  
Care of Baker's Hall  
Palmerston Place  
London

Mr English gentleman bought a copy - which he has stored & some  
times sent before mine arrived the former was in a beautiful  
state - what time you saw at the fair things said of Cleopatra.  
Theodore is in Florence - night unto death. I fear from all accounts  
they made a capital bust of him before he went. I wish to see  
around safely in New York. I hope to hear from her on Monday.  
The boys are falling about Germany - the route to London.  
We hope to pick them up in Paris on our way. In mean time  
they hope to see the St. Germain Hotel - for our car in London. We know  
what to do. Give you advice and many letters - of so kind and  
kind to Messrs & Co - Paris. God bless you - dear lovely both  
believe me ever affectionately & truly yours. Charlotte Perkins

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Dear Miss Carlman allow me space  
in her paper to send a few words of greeting  
to our dear friends, who though absent in  
the body - have been & are present with us in all  
time & pleasant ways. I cannot tell you how  
often we have regretted that we did not avail  
ourselves of that kind offer of good - by way of  
"Perusia" - especially when your kind letters  
came telling us of all the deliciousness of  
the way & how much you had enjoyed it.  
I do not know that I - for one - have profited  
much by the time thus seemingly gained  
I have been hard at work as usual. but the  
result is not very tangible. The photograph  
of the Lotus eater - I am sorry to say - has not  
turned out well. The gentleman who was so  
generous as to his prime your nurse to say  
such sweet things about him - looks heavy  
& clumsy enough to have been an eater of  
much more substantial food. as it is I do  
not wish to show it as a presentation of my  
statue - and a drawing which has been made  
of it - & from which I hoped to retrieve the  
disappointments in the photograph - has  
not been much more successful. I shall not  
therefore be able to carry out my private pro-  
ject - with regard to Perugia - much to my  
regret & disappointment - your little sonnet  
enclosed in a letter to my Mother in America  
has given the supremest satisfaction - my  
partial patient - includes from it - that I  
am already at the very top with Rome of the



Cadder of fame! - see what you have it in  
your power to do! - Since your departure  
I have made one or two sketches - and  
an new from France to Stamps - no selling  
a kind of a bella donna Romana - a woman  
who is more truly a princeps belli outward  
seeming - than any of the titled sort I have  
seen - she is only a model - but grand and  
noble in the highest degree - Miss Cushman  
has told you your movements - The moment is  
imminent now - and the weather continuing  
obstinately - bad - cold, with wind - just now the  
via frigiana is running like a river - hail  
falling & then discharging - St Peters, covered  
black & huge against heavy masses of lead  
cloud - the barometer stands dead at baro-  
mable - is not this a prospect for people who are  
always sickly? - Rome is well nigh empty  
now - but pleasant notwithstanding - and spite  
of the bad weather - the country looks lovely  
the Campagna is florid - & such a flush  
of roses everywhere! - we do not ride much  
it is too wet & muddy - But when shall we  
see you again? - that is the question - in Paris  
or London - or not until we stand in an native  
heath - and sure - Miss Cushman says, London  
I hope so - it will be a great pleasure there  
especially to see you friendly faces & grasp  
you - kindly hands - for John Bull at home is  
even more Antipatica than abroad - until  
then - many greetings - and most affectionate

Remembrance of your friend  
Miss Cushman