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To James Thomas Fields

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Box 40

P.S. - Will you let me know
if you have published ^{a new} ~~any~~
edition of anyone of my
books since I left America -
and if they are selling at
all. You cannot conceive
how anxious I am that they
should sell, enough to pay
you somewhat for what
you have advanced me
of late. - By the way, I have
not heard anything since
of the 75 pounds Mr. Ficker
wrote that he had sent. It
has not come to hand.

I shall not want it before
spring - but I wish to know
that it is quite safe some-
when. - You had best send
all letters through Mr. Pen-
wick - Again adieu -
G. F.

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Dear Mr. Fields -

Dr. Hoisinger
who is about returning to
America, having offered to
take letters for me, I am
writing a note a piece to
a great number of friends -
Will you accept one of these
believing that it is but the
twentieth part of what I
could and would gladly say
to you - though you have
never bothered me a word
since you left England.

You have probably heard
from Mr. Fickroth and seen
in the "Era", how much I
like Italy, and how favorable
its climate has proved to my
health. - I am wonderfully
improved in appearance,
strength and spirits, since
I left Paris - every body says
and I feel. - I scarcely re-

remember being at any period
of my life so well and
strong. - Of course, under such
circumstances, I am in good
spirits, and full of courage.
I sometimes suffer a little
from homesickness - but it
is very little. - I assure you.

I am very pleasantly situ-
ated for the winter - with all
the comforts and quiet of a
home about me - and ~~and~~
hardly any care.

We go out very little, but
have pleasure at Wednesday
evening receptions. - I enjoy
the artistic society of home
greatly, and especially like
the Crawfords, the Peyes, the
Shaws and Stoenys. - I often
hear you spoken of by your
old friends - as I like to hear
you spoken of - kindly,
warmly, appreciatively and
respectfully. You are missed
this winter.

I hear from our good friend
Mr. Pennock every time he
forwards a package of letters.
I cannot tell you how kind
both he and Margaret were
to me during my last visit
at their house - how how
grateful I am, and shall ever
be to them - God bless them!

They were very attentive
also to Raymond Taylor and
he enjoyed his visits to Black
Heath Park highly -

Dr. Hosmer has promised
to see you, or Mr. Fickens
and tell you all about our
life in Rome - so making
up for the brevity and poverty
of this hurried note.

I hope you will write to me
soon - a good long funny
jolly letter. Remember
me affectionately to dear Mr.
Fickens, and believe me
ever sincerely and cordially
your friend
Grace G. D
over