

surface - as of course gravity increases beneath it - nor yet at the
centre, where gravity much compensate itself - but there must be
a shell somewhere of greatest weight & pressure - and I somehow
fancy - but only from analogical notions - that it ~~must~~ might not
so vehemently exceed that on the surface as to melt us all up - or
set everything a la Vesuvius! - but that is another affair - & con-
tainly none of mine. - Has anybody made anything out of Klein's
new water? I would certainly have had a shot at it if at home -
and if the weather were such that anybody could get a shot at any-
thing. - However, it seems to have cleared up today here - we heard
a nice steam to Küssnacht & back - & since heard the Great Organ - which
is very great - & eaten our dinners - & are preparing for an excursion to
Goldau tomorrow & on Wednesday for a start for Coire, Disentis &c. on
our way to those sweet Italian Lakes - where I wish I had as much
of the language as you. - Our dear old guide Bolster came to us this
morning - such a charming old man - quite a friend - to take us over
into Bella Italia. - We hope to be in Foun, D.V. sometime be-
tween July 10 & 17 - but I fear we shall miss you there - & that is
always a great miss - the place does not seem so right when you are not
there. - I think to hope we shall do some painting - the rest must
be got. - Our old friend Mad. Kaufmann has now got a very small
pension up at the top of the hill above the town - we are not likely
to help to fill it. - I wish ask you to write - partly because I
know how full your hands must be, especially before helping to dis-
patch the Fish in the Atlantic - & partly because I can't tell
certain where you could direct to us - though I think anything
sent to us during the next 10 days at Hotel des Dles Borromées,
Cesana, Lago Maggiore, Italy, would be likely to reach us - but
don't trouble yourself, much as we love to hear. My wife's very
kind love - & yours, dearest Arthur, your
bivona friend

Lucernehof, Lucerne, 17 June 1878.

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My dearest Arthur,

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In all the hubbly-bubbly of our recent life, I cannot feel
sure whether I promised to write to you or no - but at any rate I will
take the safer side - for I am certain you will not be unwilling to hear.
We slept that Wed. night at Chislehurst - Thursday at Dover - &
next morning, had we happened to look carefully down channel as soon
as we embarked we should probably have had a distant view of that fear-
ful accident to the German ship - for the news came by telegraph before
we were off - & then - though it was rather treated as a hoax, we could plainly
by see the two remaining vessels in the distance. We were not however
sure of the fact till on Sunday morning it was referred to at Spa in an
admirable sermon by the Suffragan Bishop of ~~quint~~ - with whom
I had travelled without knowing him. We had a quick passage in the
Calais - the new twin boat, which considering she had broken an engine
had run very well - but slow, & I should doubt whether she will ever equal a single
sister - I fancy there ~~must~~ ^{must} be increased friction in the narrow channel between
the two, & possibly a bad distribution of weight. - We could get no through
tickets at Dover for Ghent except by Ostend, & so had to change our course
for Brussels. - next day to Spa, where we remained to-day for the wa-
ters, which I believe have done my wife much good, in a queer way of
their own, producing very uncertain & sometimes trying results at that
time, but with a good subsequent effect - & then we came via Cologne
(where we did not stop) to Coblenz (where we did) - and so by Heidel-
berg & Weiburg in Breisgau, to this place on Saturday. We have had
a good deal of rubbishy kind of weather, but our English letters tell
me it has been still ~~more~~ in our quarters - with much ~~more~~