

sure of the player - on the lock on - it  
will make a great difference in the ease of  
solution in any case - & in some circum-  
stances I believe render solution impossi-  
ble - but never I think when all 15 are  
employed ad libitum from the beginning.  
You may, as far as I can see, so place  
8, as to render the solution impossible  
under certain circumstances with the  
remaining 7, but not ~~change~~ in others.  
At least it is so with the case you sent  
us. If you know the interest & amuse-  
ment it gave my wife during one or two  
days when she was far from well I am  
sure you would be pleased. If you will give  
further directions as to the management  
of your 2134 case from the very beginning,  
I am sure she would some day be much  
interested in the various ways of solving  
it. With our united kind love

Your affectionate old friend  
J. W. Webb

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9 Aug. 1880.

Hardwick Vicarage,  
Hag. R. S. O.

My dearest Arthur

We saw so little of you in what  
was otherwise such a pleasant visit to your  
house, that I cannot recollect how much  
I may have said as to the precarious state  
of my brother in law Mr. St. Wyatt - and  
I do not know how far you may be pre-  
pared to hear the intelligence of his depart-  
ure - which took place last Thursday night.  
It did not very much surprise us after  
what we saw when in Town. But we had  
heard surprised us all had it not been that  
he had rallied a little a few days previously  
& so far misled the doctors that they thought  
he might be removed to Kensington this  
week - instead of being taken, as he will  
be tomorrow - to the churchyard where his  
wife lies, at Weston not very far from Ab-  
bershot. It was a question whether we should