

almost a quarter of a century ago (please
don't stare! it's quite true) I thought the
neighbourhood of the mountains must be as-
sociated with a tempestuous climate & furious
winds & thunder. We have found it the
very reverse. In this instance much more
mischief was done at Hereford than here.

My old eye - which I sometimes think is
darkening - & cannot wonder at it, picked
up ring^C very fairly the other night.
I have today received the Washington
Obs^m by which I see that γ^2 Androm.
has been pinching up so very tight that
it is no wonder I have been unable to
split it lately. Burton too thinks the
same. - My wife's kindest love. -

Ever dearest Arthur

Your affectionate Old Friend
J. W. Webb

I am a Goose - (not the Celest
one) & did not notice till this morn
that your date bespeaks your return.
However I hope your poor friend will
pardon a little delay for I don't think
can manage to put up the sheets tomorrow
& we are off 1st thing Monday. How
I will try - & if I fail it must be of
our return tomorrow week. -