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Stardwick vicarage, 21 May 1872.

My dearest Arthur,

Many thanks for your kind help - I have got through the Reviews somehow - I dare say you will be seeing "the Editor of Nature" before long - would you kindly give a hint as to my leaving home - for they have lately taken to tricks (I dare say it is due to your kindness) of sending me books to review - & it would be very stupid to have me lying dead here in my absence. I don't much like the trouble of it - but for 2 reasons it pleases me very much - it pays - & it gives me a chance now & then of a quick hit at the adversary. -

What will you - or your dear Parents - say, when I tell you what I think of doing? And yet I fancy, by anticipation, that in such a case I shall find forgiveness. It turns out after all that my sister-in-law can very well take me in at N^o. 77 as well as my wife & Helen - so under these circumstances I hope you will kindly excuse my breach of promise in taking up my quarters there for the night - or rather 2 nights - of my stay. Dessau ungeachtet - as our neighbours say, I must positively see as much of yourself as I possibly can - we shall want a nice talk & must not be cheated out of it. How this can best be managed we shall see as time goes on.

No Rainbow have I seen, notwithstanding all these showers.

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