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**DOUGLAS, Sir James**  
**Journal kept by Martha Douglas, 1872-1873.**



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Miss Martha Douglas  
8<sup>th</sup> July 1872

Victoria Vancouver Island  
British Columbia

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Speak gently, it is better far  
To rule by love than fear  
Speak gently, let not harsh  
words mar

The good we might do here.

Speak gently, to the little child  
Be sure its love to gain  
Teach it in accents soft and mild  
It may not long remain

Speak gently, to the young for they  
Will have enough to bear  
For pass this life as best they may  
Tis full of anxious care

Speak gently! love doth whisper low  
The words that true hearts bind;  
And gently Friendships accents flow  
Affection's voice is kind.

Speak gently, to the aged one  
Sorrow not the careworn heart.  
The sands of life are nearly run -

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Let such in peace depart.

Speak gently, kindly, to the poor  
Let no harsh tone - be heard;  
They have enough they must endure,  
Without an unkind word.

Speak gently to the erring - know  
They must have sinned in vain;  
Perchance - unkindness made them so,  
Oh, win them - back again!

Speak gently! He who gave his life  
To bend man's stubborn will,  
When elements were fierce and wild,  
Said to them, "Peace, be still."

Speak gently! to a little thing  
Dropped in the heart's deep well;  
The good, the joy, which is my king,  
Vainly shall tell.

August 1872  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Started from home today  
at six o'clock. <sup>with my 2 children</sup> The weather  
beautiful. Walked about  
the deck. turned in about  
10 o'clock. got sick.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
The weather pretty fair  
I was so sick, everybody  
very kind. made several  
attempts to get on deck  
but failed each time.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Woke this morning feeling better,  
went down to breakfast  
but was obliged to retire  
in great haste.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Weather still beautiful  
the sun shining brightly.  
Not quite recovered my  
sea legs yet. Afternoon very  
rough ship rolling heavily  
tied to the deck.

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Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

Arrived in San Francisco  
this morning about 9 A.M. P.F. a  
splendid looking place. Mr.  
Frazar came to meet us stayed  
at the Dick House very comfortable. <sup>fin. m. m.</sup>  
Wrote home. Last for New York to  
narrow morning a great bore.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> In the train.

Started for New York today at 6.30 A.M.  
by the C.P. & N. Our sections very comfort.  
Mr. Frazar came with us as far  
as Oakland in the steamer &  
saw us off in the train. He was  
very kind to us. Telegraphed home  
all safe. The carriage we were in  
is splendidly got up the sofa on  
so nicely stuffed & covered all  
together it is more comfortable  
than I was led to believe.  
Everything is bright & clean.  
The wood of the carriage is  
lined with inside is  
of two sorts oak & maple.  
It is so brightly polished  
that you can see yourself

there are more than enough of the commodities  
in it almost as well as in a glass.  
The carriage is decorated in almost  
every possible manner. The  
country that we are passing through  
is very pretty & well cultivated. Some  
hills that we passed on our way <sup>to Los Angeles</sup>  
were cultivated almost to the top.  
The dust is not at all troublesome  
as yet. We find the lunch basket  
a great comfort. The weather  
still continues fine.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Stopped at Humboldt a station  
in the alkali plains. It is  
a beautiful little place situated  
in the midst of the desert, like an  
oasis, a patch of green, it was  
very refreshing to our weary eyes  
so sun something so bright after the  
sage bushes & the alkali. We got out  
& had breakfast, waited upon by  
Chinamen, everything very nicely  
managed. There is an artesian  
well there also a fountain, it looks  
so cool & fresh that I wished that

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that I wished I were under it, no  
hopes of that at present, feel very  
dirty. The dust getting very  
disagreeable, find the beds very  
comfortable.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Ogden this morning  
at 6 P.M. Changed cars, got  
into the Pullman Palace  
car, we find it comfortable,  
the accommodations are  
excellent. The porters &  
conductors are very polite &  
kind. We are at present  
sitting in the observation  
car so called as it has no  
cover & those who wish it  
sit there & look at the  
scenery, which is certainly  
magnificent. Passed  
Devils Slide, the 1000 mile  
tree, Devils gate & other  
wonderful things.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Left Laramie arrived here this  
morning and had breakfast.  
Laramie rather a nice looking  
place. The surrounding country  
beautiful. Large plains some  
8,000 feet above the level of the  
sea. Large droves of cattle  
in the plains.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Arrived at Omaha at 3.30  
changed cars there & go to Council  
Bluffs & get into the Burlington  
line. Carriages very comfortable.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Arrived at Chicago this afternoon.  
This certainly wonderful the  
way in which it is growing  
up again after that disastrous  
fire last year. There is a large  
railroad depot, & a number of  
trains running backwards &  
forwards, we were an hour  
getting into Chicago. We had  
to change cars there & have our

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baggage rechecked for Niagara.  
Lake Michigan is a beautiful  
sheet of water. The weather  
still continues fine.

We waited 3 hours in Chicago  
had a drive, & Sister James  
bought some hats for the  
children, James having lost  
her hat in the observation  
car. We bought a quantity  
of peaches, which we found  
delicious.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Last night we were ferried  
over at Detroit, in the  
morning we stopped at  
London where we got out  
& had breakfast. I did  
not see Helmouth College.  
I don't think any would  
like the place. Passed  
Paris a small village  
not worthy the name  
of Paris. Arrived at  
Niagara this afternoon.

crossed the suspension bridge  
in the train, not so  
frightful as we imagined  
it would be. There are  
a great many fine  
private residences here  
& the grass & trees still  
retain their bright fresh  
green colour. I can't make  
out how it is. Stayed at  
the Clifton House, quarters  
very comfortable.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

Wrote home & did not go  
to Church. Hired a carriage  
& went to the Canadian side  
crossed the Suspension Bridge  
& were obliged to pay toll.  
The falls on the Canadian  
side are too beautiful  
& magnificent to be described.  
To form any idea of the  
grandeur of the falls people  
must go & see them.  
Weather still lovely.

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With the exception of  
a slight shower during  
the evening which helped  
to lay the dust on  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

A beautiful day.  
Started for New York by the  
5.30 train from Niagara  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Jersey City by the  
11 A.M. train. Were taken  
to the Taylor's Hotel much  
Louis Desjardet Mr. Patten  
messenger happening  
to miss us, or we should  
have gone to New York.  
Mr. Patten has been very  
kind. We took our  
passages in the "Java"  
and are to start  
tomorrow for England.  
We went out shopping  
Treat & Co. have a  
magnificent shop anything  
in the shape of dress you

can get there. Weather very  
warm. Mosquitos rather  
troublesome.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
Started for England this  
afternoon at 11 P.M. in the  
"Java" one of the Cunard line  
a most comfortable ship.  
There are not many passengers  
on board.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>  
Began to feel very sick  
this afternoon was  
obliged to leave the dinner  
table.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>  
Too ill to write very much.  
I was compelled to get  
up this morning, though  
I had much rather stay  
in bed. The Captain's  
name is Martyn & the  
doctor is Hassard.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>  
The ship rolling & pitching



can't write properly.  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>1873</sup>  
A terrible day, we are  
in a tug. We are  
not allowed to go on deck.  
My back aching  
dreadfully. I am covered  
with large red spots. The  
Doc<sup>r</sup> has given me  
medicine to take.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Still bad  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>  
Lying up on deck.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
On deck. The Japanese.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Writing letters home to post  
at Lakenston. The Woods  
leave up this evening.  
Not sorry. Weather fine.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
Weather still fine.

this evening we saw Holyhead.  
Mary & I stood at the bow of  
the ship & sketched the it.

Saw a great many vessels  
of all description. I  
am sorry we are going  
to leave the ship.

Going to sit up till the  
we reach Liverpool, we will  
soon be there. 12. A.M.

In the Mersey have just  
seen two rockets, we are  
not to land till tomorrow.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Liverpool  
Landed this morning.

Mr. & Joseph Bushby came  
to meet us. We went to  
the Great Northern Hotel.

everything very comfortable.  
The station just outside  
the Hotel door. Had good  
hot bath, which we  
enjoyed immensely.

Went for a drive to Lepton  
Park, the beauty

of the place did not  
impress us very much.  
Liverpool is not a  
nice place to live in,  
at least I think so.

The Beef is so different  
to that we get in America.  
Agnes had a tumble at  
dinner time, it caused  
much amusement -  
I feel so very very tired  
& homely, they are  
all so kind to me. Oh! dear  
when will be able to go  
home again. We start  
for London tomorrow.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Have started for our journey  
and this morning, we  
dropped darling Mary at  
Rugby <sup>7<sup>30</sup> am</sup> in charge to  
her Uncle, who was waiting  
for her. I am so very sorry  
she has gone but I hope  
soon to see the dear

girl. The English trains  
are not so comfortable as  
those in the United  
States. These are such  
nasty stuffy things.

Walkin Street  
9. P.M.

Arrived at Lyston Station  
at 6. P.M. Miss Jane Bushby  
came to meet us, received  
a warm welcome. Jane &  
Annie are such dear  
good sweet creatures I  
do love them so. They are  
so kind to Harry & me.

Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>

Went out shopping in  
Hoare Street.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Went out shopping this  
morning, invested in  
a pair of boots.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

We went to Hyde Park  
& up Piccadilly & Bond

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street  
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Went through Green Park  
& up Constitution Hill.  
Saw the Serpentine.  
People are all out of town.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Visited Knightsbridge.  
Weather still fine.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Went to St. Paul's church  
this morning in Grosvenor  
Place.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. Bushby arrived this  
evening.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
Wrote home. went to the  
Durlington Arcade this  
morning. I believe it is  
not proper to go there in  
the afternoon, as there  
are so many fast people.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
Weather still fine.

I saw a number of lovely  
horses this morning being  
exercised, how I wished I  
could have one of them to  
ride.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Went out sightseeing.  
Went by the underground  
railway to the Mansion  
House Station where we  
got out & went into the  
city. Joseph Bushby is  
with us. Saw the Bank  
of England, Cornhill,  
Garrands, The Monument,  
The Exchange & St Paul's.  
we climbed to the whispering  
gallery & to the cupola.  
We also went down to the  
crypt where we saw  
Wellington's funeral car  
& tomb. also Nelson's tomb.  
Sightseeing is so very  
firing. ~~For~~

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Stayed at home.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Went into the Park.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Went to Church this morning, & in the afternoon we went to the Westminster Abbey. A magnificent, & beautiful building. The organ & voices made me think that I was in heaven or in the seventh place of bliss. we sat in "Poets' Corner." I saw some of our fellow passengers, they did not recognize me.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

I am getting lazy. We went to the Albert Hall to an afternoon Concert. I enjoyed myself so much I wish that I could always hear such beautiful

music.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worcester Park.

I am at last at school, a dreary place — How I wish I were at home again.

December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

The school broke up today for the winter holidays. I go to Dunain tomorrow. I wonder if I will get a prize this evening.

I have got the prize for music, I can't contain myself for the very joy at getting it.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Started for Dunain this morning. Agnes met me at the Station. I go to Euston Station this evening at 8. to go to Scotland.

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Perth.

I have just missed the morning train I see it moving off, why I can't reach it, my baggage is all in the train. what shall I do. Well I'll telegraph to Jane & tell her I will start by the 12 to 12 train. What a bore to have to remain here.

Dunain

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I have arrived at last Mr. Dallas met me at the station, Jane & the dear children gave me such a warm welcome. The dear creatures -

January 1873

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>

How have been neglecting you poor dear journal! I have had nothing

said to record only that I leave for ~~home~~ school on Tuesday, I would rather remain here, I can't help myself, it must be done. Dear sister Jane is writing to dear ~~Agnes~~. Goodbye for the present dear journal, I must go to be. I must remember the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Landedown House

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 14

I am going to start for my trip on the Continent next Thursday. I am so glad.

I go down to Dover tomorrow at a quarter to eight, that is I am to start from here at that hour & then to go as far as Tauxhall get out of the carriage & jump into a cab & set off for the Victoria station. I wonder who will go with me

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Started from school with Miss Eliza at quarter past eight A.M. & arrived at Dover at 1.30. where I was met by Agnes & Dugate.

We start for Ostend tomorrow morning.

Thursday 16

Started this morning at 9.40 from Dover, arrived at Ostend at 2. Had lunch. Got into train. Look tickets for Brussels. Stopped at Bruges & Ghent, arrived at Brussels at 6 P.M. Secured rooms at Hotel de France. Very comfortable, near Park. Very nice. Went into Park with Agnes & Dugate. found it very lovely. Basked into fairyland & had coffee. Called Hauphall. Odd. Returned. Very sleepy.

good night May 15<sup>th</sup> 1873  
From Friday yesterday & Trip to Waterloo proposed. Coleridge arrived at 11.15. I was pressed a bit into front. Heath was very jolly. Dugate Passed through a magnificent wood, "Bois de la Cambre" with drives & ornamental waters. Saw old Roman arch in distance - very pretty. Passed into the road made by Napoleon 10 yrs before the bat. of Waterloo. Lots of beggars. Saw woods of Soignes. Given to D. of Wellington by the Belg. & returned to them by his son. Very long drive saw Hougoumont & Haye de la Sainte, & la Belle Alliance. Near second named place is a monument to the Hanoverians & Colonel Gordon. The spot where

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Piton fell is shown.  
Monuments in Church  
pay two francs to go in.  
Great shame. Pay everywhere  
Charmed with Waterloo  
For particulars apply to <sup>St. James</sup>  
Bradshaw. Returned <sup>Paris</sup>  
at 1/2 past 4. Very tired.  
Walked in the Park, very  
pleasant. Guide excellent

Saturday 16

Took a walk round the  
principal streets. Saw  
the cathedral of St. Gude.  
Admire it immensely.  
Style gothic. A magnificent  
pulpit of carved oak, representing  
Adam & Eve being thrust out of  
Eden, the angel overhead  
& death peeping through  
the foliage. It is a remarkable  
thing. A funeral service  
was going on while we  
were there. Saw lovely  
lace & a splendid dress

covered with soft white  
lace. must evidently be  
an order. Bought some  
little trifles. Stated  
for Cologne at 1/2 past 12.  
Country interesting. Passed  
Eggen & de la Chapelle.  
Struggled for through.  
Day very warm. Reached  
Cologne at 6.30. Secured  
rooms at Hotel du Nord.  
Excellent. Highly recommended.

Sunday

Visited Cathedral. <sup>Admire</sup>  
for parts. look in Bradshaw  
page 397. Drove about  
town. Start for  
Weisbaden at 1/2 1.  
P.M. Skirt along the banks  
of the Rhine. Stopped  
at Bonn. Crossed the  
river there, in a large  
iron vessel. An extraordinary  
proceeding.

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Picked in the  
Black Hill range



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*Mount Pleasant  
St. James Church*

### The Wreck of the Wright.

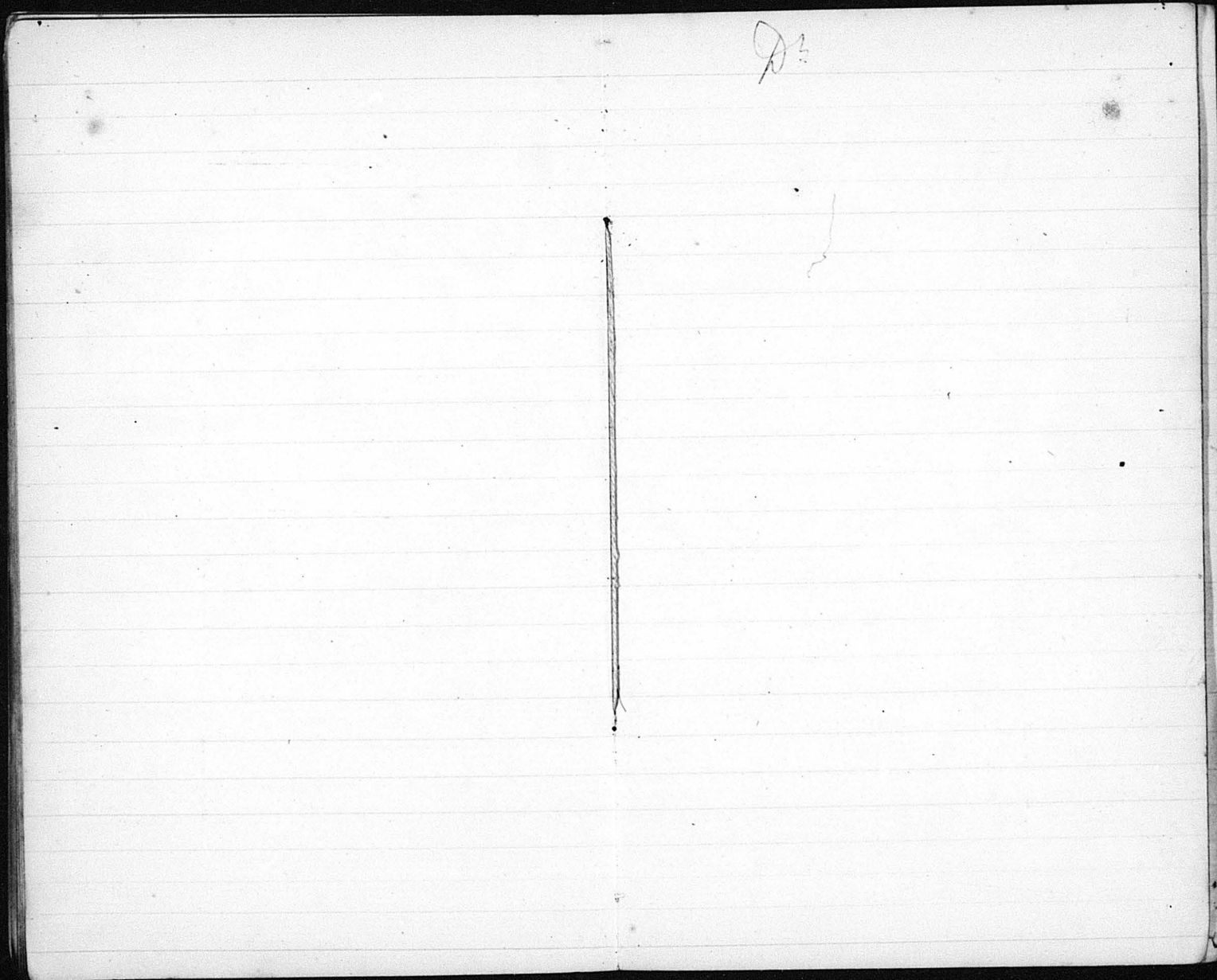
[From the Portland Herald.]

The sun has set, and all alone  
A steamer battles with the sea;  
Her plume of smoke is backward blown—  
Beneath her prow with bodeful moan  
The conquering wave bends sullenly,  
And chill and drear a shadow creeps  
Along the wild and misty deeps  
That roll to windward and a-lee.  
With maniac laughter, deep and low,  
The hungry caverns mock her way;  
A pallid sea-bird, wheeling slow,  
Shrieks to his mother sea, below  
The hopeless flight of human prey;  
And o'er the waste of water broods  
The dreariest of Nature's moods,  
Bereft of all save bleak dismay.  
A sudden blenching strikes the sea  
To windward, and the fearful twang  
Of Neptune's trident, hums a glee  
Of might and wrath and agony,  
Far where the breakers boom and clang;  
Like lying shrouds from rifled graves,  
The foam lies gleaming on the waves  
Whence ocean's slumbering furies sprang.  
The stricken billows lean away  
With trampling thunders in the gale,  
And staggering blindly to the fray  
The full ship starts each bolt and stay;—  
Her cordage shrieks and with a wall  
She plunges downward in the gloom  
Of roaring gorges hoarse with doom—  
And none alive may tell the tale!  
What thoughts there came of home and friends,  
What prayers were said, what kisses thrown—  
Were lost upon the wind that lends  
Its borrowed wealth no more, and blends  
A sigh of trouble with the moan  
That sadly haunts the restless waves,  
Fo'er rolling o'er the caves,  
Where richer things than pearls are strewn.  
They sailed one day and came—no more!  
All else is wrapt in mystery:  
The surges kneel upon the shore  
And tell their sorrows o'er and o'er;  
And still above the Northern sea,  
A pensive spirit, pale and slow,  
The gray gull wheeling to and fro,  
Keeps watch and ward eternally.

The Reason Why.

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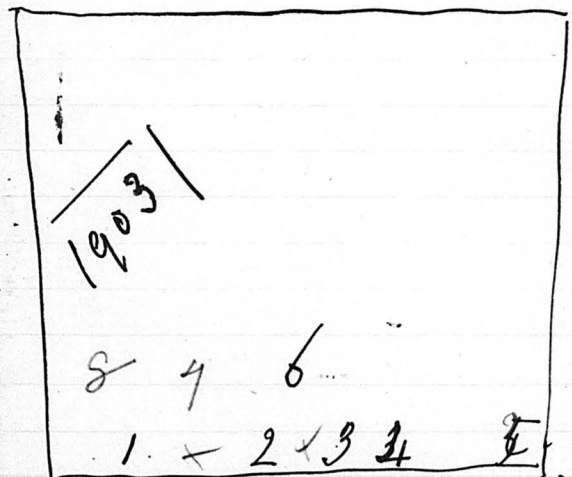
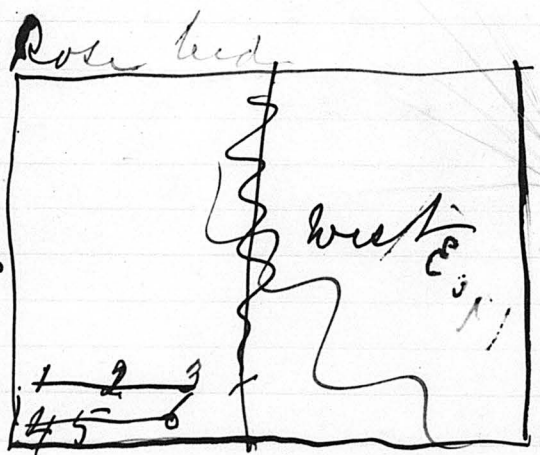
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Pale -  
 Amira  
 Otello  
 Blanche  
 Burpee  
 P. of Wales  
 Brunner  
 Mary the  
 Gorgon  
 Sweet  
 Duchesne  
 of Subtil  
 Brunner

Peas -  
 P. of Wales  
 Brunner  
 Anna  
 Capdiving  
 Lotte Siskin  
 Lucretia  
 Lady Grey  
 Hamilton

South



horn

- no 1 Marianne (ochel)
- no 2 meteor.
- no 3 Capt-Christie

- no - 4 Reine Marie Henriette
- no 5 Prince des Rohan
- no 6 Brunner -
- 7 Sunset S. Perle des jardins

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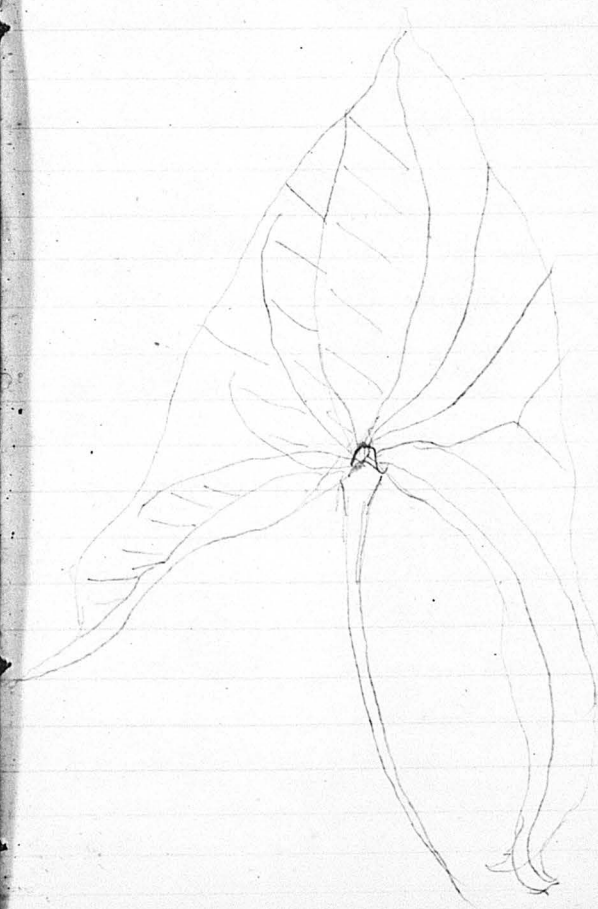


I owe <sup>1</sup> Howard Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> \$ 4.75  
Raid  
I owe to Mary \$ 15.00 cts  
paid  
I owe to Mr. Woods \$ 1.60 cts  
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Niagara



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Receipts of Money

		\$	Cts
1872			
Aug	11 Received for Papa	45	.
"	18 <del>Received from Danish</del>	144	00
"	28 Received of D. A. H.	100	00
"	Received from D. A. H.	5	00
"	Received from D. A. H.	2	00
Sept	19 Received from Joseph the sum of	50	"

28  
 144  
 100  
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1872  
August

Expense Book

		cts
17	Stewards fee	1 00
14	Champagne	2 50
15	Champagne	2 50
17	Maid's fee Lick House	50
"	Bill at Lick House	4 00
"	Part of Lunch Backy and Breakfast Group	5 00
	also carriage hire	15 50
18	Beaches in train	50
19	Meals self and children at Humboldt station	2.00
"	Two loaves of bread	75
"	1 water melon	50
"	Grapes	25
20	Breakfast debts and tips paid at my boys keeping both the greasy I owe to Agnes	1 00
"	Part of Lunch Agnes	7 35
"	Tip to the Porter	25
"	Fruit	51
"	Bread & tea	25
	Carried forward	20 76

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> forward 20 46

22 Breakfast 175

28 Hat. feather 3 00

" Ribbons & Pins 4 49

28 Passage paid by B.R.A. £ 100 00

" Passage Agnes & Mary £ 6 00

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Clover picked from  
the field of Waterloo. 1874

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Picked at fort Laramie  
Grass

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*Rick at Ft. Laramie*

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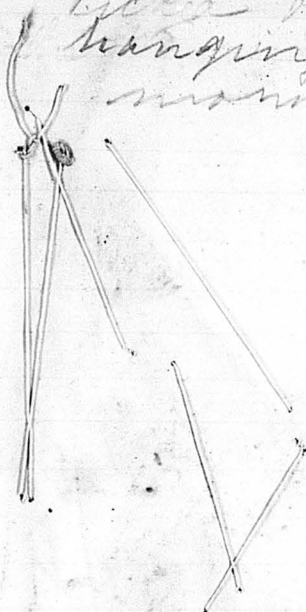
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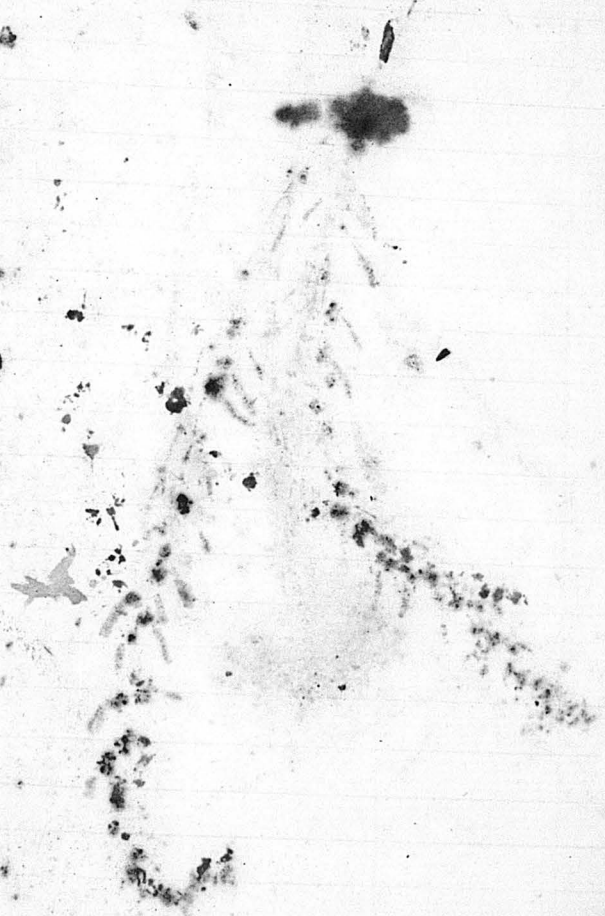


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List of my ~~best~~ things  
Brown suit - Black jacket <sup>in black box</sup> grey dress  
Blue silk dress, Pearl coloured silk dress.  
Mustin dress, Dark blue dress. Faces  
handkerchiefs. Opera cloak  
1 pair white boots 2 pair silk stockings  
2 pair gloves three flannel shirts.

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