

This leaves me only a scrap to tell  
you that we are both well, though I do  
not think Harriet's rheumatism is much  
better for an Italian winter, but otherwise  
she is very well & said yesterday she had  
had a most delightful year. We leave  
on Wednesday for Livorno, Capri, Amalfi,  
Lecce etc., and hope to sail for home  
in May. A year is a long time to stay  
out of your own Country & home, to be  
at best, & I shall be glad to be in my  
own home & land again. Please  
thank Mrs. Lane for her letter which  
I will answer before very long. I am  
glad you all keep well - Our cordial  
regards to all friends especially those  
of your own family & aff. regards to  
you & Mrs. Lane, whose undertand-  
ing we are missing & have found invaluable.  
Always sincerely yours  
W. H. Audubon

Naples  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> 1906.

I have one etc.  
enclosed for you  
to Mr. Dr. Lane -  
I wanted to put it  
in your letter to  
him -  
Mrs. Lane

Enc. letter of Jan. 17, as above  
waiting for me, when we returned  
from Sicily the day before yesterday,  
both pretty tired with our journeyings  
in that interesting & beautiful island,  
& I will reply to the Nuttall part at  
once. The copy of Nuttall was one  
presented to grandfather Audubon by  
Nuttall, in two volumes in the original  
findings of Nuttall's Ornith. for the U.S. &  
Canada (Land & Water birds.) They were  
sent Mr. Wade when he was living  
in Budgetts Corn. <sup>1875-6-1880</sup> & he was living  
in Rockville, Conn., engaged in his

mills; at that time he had a  
craze for "Anduboniana" as St. Louis  
used to call it, & my mother lent him  
the books, while my aunt Mrs. Peter G.  
Audubon lent him a number of  
letters as well as some other things;  
none of them were ever returned, &  
we have no letters, memoranda or  
any thing to show that these things  
were not his.

You will remember my going  
to Mr. Wade's house last April, when  
I had the pleasure of being with Mrs.  
Deane & yourself shortly after, and  
telling you that I could find no  
trace of any Audubon material except  
letters of Audubon & Bachman, some  
fine original engravings and a

streaming of beautiful things, — turning to Mr. Wade  
Wade & I saw him once, my wife & I were not on  
intimate terms then, & he was not in a friendly  
frame. She better has more applied to people by the  
standing of and would "Wade" or "Wagoner", and  
the unknown's name was only "Wagoner", but, in  
Mr. Wade's case, my observations, so much so that  
he all decided to withdraw completely from Wade's.  
I am sorry that that is all I can tell you of  
him as it is most tragic. & after Mr. Wade's  
death spending the first half of his life, he had  
the same mind as you only in that addition to  
the long list of his, should be either "Wagoner"  
make a curious family document of interest not.



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