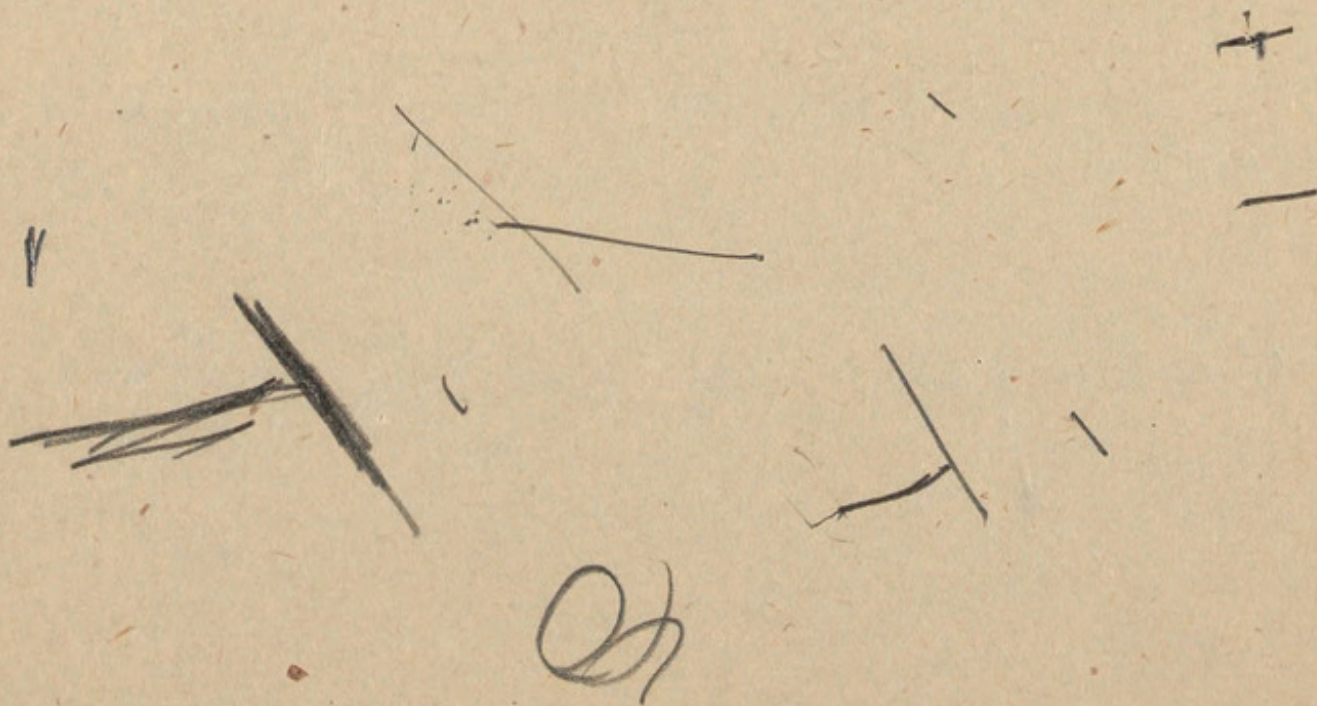


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My Dear Mrs. J.

I left Paris in the greatest haste, as you may imagine when I say I had no time to drop you a line. The parcel of sheets addressed to the children does not contain very much I wished to say, I send in the roll of Engravings (Please take care of them for there are some very valuable) a good many odd & many prints of things in Paris. I intended to give the girls a brief description of the principal things, referring to these prints, but who does what he intends? You will find divers little knick-knacks in one parcel in the box for you. Of the 8 pairs of gloves, perhaps 2 or 3 (of the better sort) will suit you - both as to quality & size. - the others the girls. The whole cost very little. I have ~~not sent~~ sent very little for fear of botheration at the Custom-house. I think the little mats will please you, I like them. One of the two mouchoirs is quite ordinary, I used it one evening at Delessart's party; the other should be pretty good. I hope the lace will meet your approval, I dare not send more at present. The people at the Custom House will see all I have sent but very likely they will not impose duties. I saw no Calico or Muslin de laine in Paris that pleased me at all. - some beautiful thread dresses &c. but I dare not venture. I was in continual fear of being cheated in Paris (& with reason). I speak with such difficulty. I priced Silk-velvet for your commission, but would not buy, and well I did not. To-day I have seen the manufacture made - this being the great place for it, and going to a large shop. free, taking Mr. Serin with me to see that all was fair - the merchant being moreover an acquaintance of his. I have purchased some of the very finest I can discover in Lyons. - finer I think than what was shown me in Paris for 31 francs per yard - I gave here 24 francs for it for a French yard, that is 4 yds. French being all but 5 yds English, which was the quantity you wished. I have procured 4 1/2 w. French, to be quite sure of plenty. I wish I knew whether you are to trim it with fur or with black lace (I have seen ~~both~~ both ways in Paris). for I could get the black lace here doubtless advantageously. Please let me know in your next (Geneva) as I can get it there or in Germany if you wish lace. - Don't scruple to ask for any thing you desire, I will procure if I can. If I do not find an American ship at Marseilles I don't know what I shall do with my purchase, but we shall see. I am prodigiously tired having rode 330 miles without stopping sleep a moment.

having also been on my feet all day besides.

I will immediately recommence my journal to you. I am approaching classic ground. Day after tomorrow I hope to see Vanduse. Oh how I long to hear from you. Kiss dear Herbert for me. Much love to the dear girls: kind regards to all. Best remembrances to Miss Page.

Your affectionate Gray



A. Mansfield

Monsieur le Doct. John Torrey

New York

Via Havre



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Again Adieu

Oh yes I know quite a host to select to enter the 3rd vol. (4th) of your Selects for you, and caught instead quite unexpectedly, the whole there for myself. Please give Carey my copy of Mechanism. The 4th copy I thought there is filled with in your possession. My note, or that now, I get not like to spare it. It is filled with your note, and it found in one dark vol. and now in this larger box.



Gray, Asa. 1839. "Gray, Asa Apr. 17, 1839 [to Torrey] [enclosed note]." *Asa and Jane Gray travel correspondence*

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