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Dear Lady Dawson,

our trip is now nearly at an end; we have seen a great deal but have not been able to take as many tangent trips as we intended, owing to the time of year. Bad weather pursued us to Toronto but our parts of 3 days at Niagara were glorious, hard frost. To Cleveland was beautiful & there we overtook the Indian Summer; to Chicago well repaid us for the long journey; it is different to anything a European can dream of. Cincinnati was under a fog the two days we had there, not much inferior to a London one in density but far worse from a sanitary view; every factory took advantage of it to get rid of smoke & vapours that made the air almost

unbreathable. The long journey to Washington
20 hours was a new experience, we saw the
country to advantage under the bright warm
sun. Washington did not feel strange, it
is a larger & finer edition of Turin or
Milan, Baltimore I did not see much of
for there culminated a disease I contracted
at Cleveland, I forget what the Doctor named
it, but the common term is "Lake Shore jaw"
The jaw is fixed as in Lock jaw, but not
shut, I was luckily able to get my pipe between
my teeth; a swelling starts in the shoulder
& extends to the ear, the pain was so great
that I was quite deaf in one ear & nearly
blind with one eye & for 14 days I could only
take food that I could swallow. I am nearly
well now & hope I am rid of it for ever.
The Doctor said he never heard of it except
on the Lake Shore. Philadelphia has not
much at this season except its history &
interior one, and its grand City Hall buildings

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New York, well! I fancy an American would consider me beneath contempt if I said anything about it after a visit of only 3 days. But its samples of engineering and architecture are certainly worthy of a great country, while its activity & spirit are only exceeded in two or three English towns. We came on here by rail and enjoyed the scenery exceedingly, it is a combination of so much Rhine Thames Irish Lakes and Mid Wales. It is on a larger scale than that of the two last but not nearly so bold & grand. By chance I picked up a novel the scene of which is laid in Killarney and as crew after view spread out, I felt that I was reading of the Hudson. We go from here to Boston tomorrow

and then back to New York and sail
on the 6th Dec. We have had a taste
today of winter with a will. I thought
people did not feel the cold over here, if
they did not, they looked as if they did.
If there was snow and sleighing in Canada
before we leave I would certainly run
up to Montreal for a day or two, as I don't
think I shall ever come over again so
late in the year. Would you mind sending
me a line if you think it worth our
while. Our headquarters in N. Y. are at
5th Avenue Hotel. Please give my kind
regards to Miss Dawson and Sir William.

Yours sincerely

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I fear this letter is rather long and egotistic

