

Sease
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My dear Father,

I think it must be
nearly a week since I wrote
you, & so must write now
again in hope to catch this
week's Canadian mail. Since
last news I have been up the Rigi,
in rather bad weather. Then up
Lepa Lucerne & by the new St Gotthard
Railway to Andermat. There
are now no diligences being
across the St B. Pass, so I thought
I would walk over or take a
carriage, but after waiting nearly
two days at Andermat in a

dense fog, with frequent showers, &
 everything as wet as a sponge, I
 took the train through the tunnel,
 & found comparatively fine weather on
 the other side of the cuts. I stopped at
 Airolo at the S. end of the tunnel &
 looked over the stuff they had brought
 out, consisting of *Guccia unica* shells
 & all manner of much altered rocks.
 I could not get away from
 Airolo again till evening, & intended
 to go on to Bellinzona; but it got
 quite dark long before so I set out
 at a place called Brienz & went
 on to Bellinzona next morning. Hence
 after a few hours stay, to Lugano,
 hence to Como, & yesterday up the
 lake & by diligence to Giavanni.
 I cany Giavanni this am at 6
 I have been in the diligence all

day, Crossing the Splozen in a
 dense fog with rain, but the
 afternoon was prettily fine
 & the chances of seeing the
 part of the route from the town
 of Splozen by the Via Mala &
 of this place, excellent. Among
 enough I was the only passenger
 in the diligence, though
 generally crowded at this
 season. Most people, however,
 are leaving Switzerland for the
 north of Italy owing to the bad
 weather which continues to prevail.
 On the Italian side it is
 deliciously warm. I hardly
 know now why I left it.

It is feared the grape crops
 will be very rotten in many
 parts of Switzerland this year owing
 to the unpropitious season. However
 I think I have done with the
 alps now. Tomorrow I propose
 going to Zurich if I can find
 nothing particularly interesting
 here. I wish to post this
 tonight to give it a chance
 to get to England in time
 & as I am rather tired please
 excuse mine & believe me
 I am affectionately
 Yours
 George