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Dear Mamma,

I got a note from Ellen a few days ago saying that the frontispiece for your album was finished, & that she intended sending it to me, in the first place, I suppose that I might see it before it crossed the Atlantic. It arrived next day very neatly done up, & enclosed in a double wrapper, the inside one being addressed to you, & stamped. It looks very well much better than I thought a combination of fainting & photographs could. And altogether I think it is quite a success.



But you will be better able to judge  
when you have seen it yourself. I intend  
to send it by the same post as this letter  
& hope it will arrive without accident.

I fancy you will think it too good  
for the album, & have it framed.

I got a copy of the Leisure Hour for  
January, with the first of Puff's  
articles in it. I like it very much,  
but almost wish he had chosen some  
other magazine than the Leisure Hour,  
such as Good Words &c: as the Leisure Hour  
is not looked on as a magazine of the  
first class.

The weather lately has been as bad as  
possible, wet & dark & cold, but  
today seems to be going to hold out  
fine. I intend this afternoon going  
to Islington to pay George Primrose a  
visit. I saw him at the review of the



London Scottish, & he said he had a  
little parcel of shortbread, for me from  
Musselburgh, which it certainly was very  
kind of Aunt L. send.

Anna's new photograph is very good, both  
as a photograph, & as a likeness, I like  
the three quarters face best, & will as directed  
send the other to Christina. I think I mentioned  
before, my doubt as to what the mass of  
rope, or string or something is, that hangs from  
the arm of the seat.

Mrs. Guest has had some shetland wool  
things for sale, from some friend, of one of her  
friends who is M. P. for the Shetlands, & assists  
the people by bringing their things to London for  
sale. They seem to be cheap, much  
cheaper than the same kind of things in the  
shops, & I was wondering if you would like  
anything of the kind. She is likely to have them  
again, & perhaps if you wanted them a few



might be enclosed in the box of specimens  
I hope to have to send Papa in the spring.  
I don't remember the prices, except that there  
was a large well made scarlet shawl for  
18<sup>0</sup>, & small shawls for the shoulders at  
3<sup>0</sup>. I got a little tie, & will send it  
by post to Anna as a birthday gift.

Jan 26.

I have just received this week's letters,  
but none from Anna. You seem to be  
in a very delightful flight, with both  
Rankine & Eva sick with colds.

My *Hyacinthos* are beginning to grow  
again now, & I hope they will soon  
flower.

With love to yourself & all

I am your affectionate son

George.

P.S. I had a letter from Fine this  
morning acknowledging the photograph  
which I forwarded, & asking me to thank you  
for the book. I hope Elias' picture will reach  
you safely. Ad.