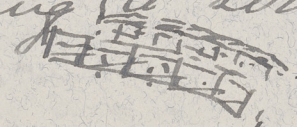


Egerton Park
June 9th 1902

Dear Family,

Here we are back here again & the weather as bad as ever, everyone is bewailing it. We were fortunate to get good days for beer Welsh cream - We got an advertisement of muskets & knives to be sold cheap, as "owing to the inclement season" etc -

I went to Chester by afternoon train & met Mrs White. we took our things to a hotel about 5⁷, & then strolled round the city - You will see by the map of the guide that there is a complete wall around the old town, the foundations of which are Roman, & which were kept in good shape through the troubled days of Norman & Saxon, still carefully kept during the exciting times of Welsh raids, & struggles for independence & again a stronghold during the Cromwellian campaigns: you can walk all around the walls in about 20 minutes, we did not quite do this owing to some repairs that were going on.  The walk is of flags with an outer wall of reddish sand

stone, & on the inside a light-iron railing.
 Then the "raues" are most curious, on the
 street level are shops, then every little
 distance you see stone-steps, & walking
 up find yourself walking on a stone
balustrade above the lower shop
 windows, & a second row of shops
 facing on this & extending overhead to
 form a roof: so you can walk along
 several streets, out of reach of sun or
 rain & looking down on the street
 through pillars or archways - I don't
 quite know the origin of this - The old
 time merchant, may have had storehouses
 over that - It we accord with what
 one reads of old time. Then the curious
 old church of St. John has been rebuilt
 so that the ruins of the old chancel, &
 side aisles are outside the new building
 & in an old crypt are collected certain
 remains of past times, Norman, Roman
 Saxon, of this last several of their curious
 old crosses are shown, & an old wooden
 coffin cut out of a solid log, & shaped to
 fit the body, - then we have a old
 small building that had evidently
 been restored & patched several
 times, & where they said an old
 Saxon king had stood, where
 Harold last Saxon king is said
 to have died - having escaped

