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The Colos in the Shade we have here
are first day bright Sunshine & are enshrou-
ned with Florence. We spent four hours
this morn in the gallery Uffizi, said to have
the finest Collection of paintings, & Certificates
in Italy. I had real enjoyment in a great
many of the pictures although I cannot be led
by the name of the Artists, as it is not always
the most celebrated that give me the
greatest pleasure. After a slight lunch
at a Confectioners we walked around
the Duomo, the beautiful new portion
of wh: is now finished & then we spent
an hour or two between the interiors of the
Duomo & Baptistery, hearing a service of harsh
frog-like Creaking, in honour of some relics,
in the first & seeing a baby baptised in the
second. A little more walking around
& I was used up so we took a Carriage
& drove for an hour seeing the principal
things on this side the river. Last what

at six & one, this disjointed scribble
 before retiring, rather to signify that
 amaze at that is new - you are more
 forgotten than that anything I can write
 is either new or interesting to you who
 have seen so much more than we have.

I ought really however to tell you what
 might I have given to you advice to
 avoid shipping. In Paris we only spent
 two or three pence at a stall while waiting
 for a buss one day. At Lyons our one
 purchase was a pair of woollen Cuffs for
 each of our party - as a mark of meeting, or
 surely, to keep our hands from being frozen.
 At Turin not a sou's worth of good shawls
 titles. Unsurpassed! Pray don't tell this to
 woman kind as they will certainly think
 we have been attacked with the pailing of the
 Country - lying. I have filled the sheet
 but not said what I wished. You
 will however excuse this believing that
 I must write as I am - your loving
 Mother.