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(Mrs. Marian Francis to Mr. Ogden)

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Dear Mr. Ogden,

Did you see Percy's & May's heroic exertions to overtake you? We rung & signalled the Boat back & gave Percy the return ticket for you to use, he pulled with all his might & May haled but alas the "Lady of the Lake" started, when they were within 100 yards - then they started for Newport, but the storm came on & they cd. not reach by 3-30! What a "blue eyed gander" you were!! Why did you not ask me for the ticket? Do you think I ever offer things without meaning it. I was so sorry I forgot, & could have knocked my own head & your head & Capt Togg's head against a wall- mine for my bad memory - yours for your proud independance, & Capt. Fogg's for not waiting a few minutes for our boat. I am afraid I gave you an awful dose of banking, but I did not know where to find a friend to do it for me, who was not a very busy man. I hope they did not give you any extra trouble or bother you about a note- wh. I find has been paid by mistake into the Toronto Bank. I have written to get it transferred. How peaceful 1351 must seem after this Bee hive, but I am sure you must miss your many little admirers & the "faithful hound".- He is at his old tricks again! The Boat is to be a Boat tomorrow! & waterproof. She is getting Fac & cloth laid on her- the Carpenter & Percy & Uncle are all at her today. May was quite tired of chasing you yesterday & to fail after all. I believe she wd gladly have swam with the ticket if she could have.

I hope you will have a pleasant trip to S. Catherines I commend Mr. Nettleship to your attentive care. Do you remember how often I have introduced him to you & how resolutely you continue to cut him? O! my Bad memory and your Want! - I intended to put Put nam's bottle in your bag to complete my cure! I shd have remembered, if I had not been so taken unawares & hurried by finding you were starting in the morning & not in the afternoon. I hope you did not starve on your long journey? & that you found Mr. Cantlie to welcome you back I suppose Dr. Buller had left.- If Dick Kerry does not call, or has gone, & you want to send anything out, give it to Mr. Boodle 127 Metcalfe Street. don't forget the low power of the Microscope the little pails, if you can find them) & the watch. I wish you could come & cut bread & butter for us again but we must wait now to see you in town in the autumn & winter. I hope you will have a pleasant trip with your Mother.

I will try between this & next October to forgive you for not asking for the ticket.

Yours very truly

Marian Francis