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By this time you will have George back. We were so delighted to have him here, and I daresay he has never told you of the nice leg-up he gave to the Bibliotheca Osleriana, 1000 dollars for his special treasures, and please tell him that I have already spend £50 of it on my friend Averröes' Commentary on Aristotle 1473, a priceless gem, not in the Brit. Museum or Bodley, and the re ed. pr. of Nicholas Cusa and another 1475 small Aristotle. Then Library. he must have brought me luck, as from Paris came a medical tablet of the date of Sennacherib, the first medical one to have been found at Assur, a place you remember where the widows howled. It's an eye disease tablet, full of interesting prescriptions. . . That dear old man, James Spalding of Portland, has just sent me some letters of Nathan Smith and others, among them a letter from your Grandfather dated 1812.