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My dear Papa -

Your letter came this morning, and I assure you I will do my best with the Buttons & Co. crowd, but the great trouble is the men. Not the women I can get along well enough, but the men never look like anything. If I could get some one to set off a small for me I might get along, but as it is, my men, both young and old, are most inane wretches chiefly for mental vacuity and physical rabbiness - they are seldom steady on their legs, usually weak chested and small waisted, & have no arms to speak of. Now, this type will hardly do for Ogo & Dan - etc. - but I'll try. I send you a photograph of old Mr Sartain, I gave it to me yesterday. Isnt it good? The medals are very amuse-

nig, and evidently show his rank  
 point. The one on the sleeve is a  
 Portuguese honorary badge, given  
 by the sovereign. The one half shield  
 under his beard is from a Sardinian  
 princess. The next one from the King  
 of Italy. both are solid gold with  
 diamonds. Then there is the Red  
 Cross of France, The badge half  
 concealed in the shadow of his sleeve  
 and the one next, are from Naples,  
 one from Gaeta, one from Livorno and  
 one from Baravia, and the rest I  
 forget. Your agate polished very  
 nicely, and the Thompsons that  
 Prof. Luttingberg sent me last week  
 are quite a kind of treasure. Thomp-  
 sonites are a semi-precious mineral,  
 about on the plane with lignite, etc,  
 phrase and. It is found in nodules  
 in rocks and as pebbles in Michigan,  
 chiefly at Grand marais, Prof. L. sent  
 me 9 or ten, ranging in size from the  
 end of one's thumb (mine, not yours)  
 down, Prof L. said he had sold a  
 good many to Jeffery's. and I told  
 the lapidary so, when I left two of  
 them with him to be polished. This  
 morning they were done, and the

lapidary went with raptures over me. It had been to  
 Liffanjo's lately, and seen the collection of thomsonites  
 they were preparing to send to Paris, & said there was  
 not one among them to compare with mine. Think of it!  
 As for the thomsonites, imagine a circle as large  only  
 even, with many concentric circles of white salmon pink, & pinkish  
 gray. This nice one of mine has for a centre a dot of dark gray,  
 and around it a circle of gray pink, then a white band, then  
 salmon pink, another clear white thread, and another deep red line  
 with clear distinct edges, all enclosed by pure white that grades  
 into pink, and in all the faint inner moon-shiny lustre  
 of the cat's eye, only not so strong. Do you ever lecture in  
 the region of Grand Marais, Mich? The lapidary is a  
 very nice man. Keeps a little insignificant shop on 18th  
 street, and is quite a scientist, has a good many the rare  
 things in the line of precious stones, and such.

and was very nice to us. If one can't be a man, the next best thing is to be a young lady with an unusual streak here and there. One Snake's friends with a good many nice people, accountants, who, as a rule, are apt to be gentlemen in every way. At least, as I've found it.

I wrote you that we go out to the Zoo every Friday to sketch the animals, did not I. There are 2 of us, and Mr. Faber. Yesterday I sketched - 2 hyenas, a puma lying down,  the heads of three little pumas, all curled up together, a leopard  another leopard  on a board. and began a big puma on the tramp, & got the anatomy and a lion sitting up eating, but did not finish them. It's very fascinating. the lions, leopards, tigers, and pumas are such like Sealures, it does not seem as if they had any bones, only silky elastic ribbons that bend and

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and fly and swoon so smoothly  
so softly. We go out at nine, take  
a lunch along, and come home  
when we wish. The chief thing I  
have learned so far is how little  
I do know about the bones and  
muscles, of anatomy generally. To  
know why there is an angle here,  
a curve there, a lump of muscle  
here, or a cavity there. And to make  
a picture of an animal that rent  
with a minute, as the hyena, turns  
our eye to catch quickly a position  
or direction. As we are to go every  
Friday until June 16. I imagine I will  
be quite familiar with most animal  
forms. Well, I must stop and study  
my Spanish. La señora seems  
quite pleased with me, for she  
says to mamma every time, "oh  
madam, mais elle est très intelligente"  
for she speaks French all the time,  
no English - Good to Auntie.

Yours affectionately

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