

Port Kent. N. Y.

Aug. 9th 1899.

My Mother says
you are a mind
reader Judge Lougii.

We were at the supper
table when your letter
was opened last evening.

My greedy eyes noting
the sheet's rightly judged
to have been written
by your own hand
the demand came to be

allowed to have one of
them at least. Imagine
my pride upon finding
I was to have the
whole! Hence my
mother's remarks.

My father thought he
had another letter written
by yourself, and I
suppose visions of
whole plays danced
through my sister's
brain, for she kindly
came to remonstrate.

My father says the
letter is mine after
he has answered it.

You see I am already
making good my
claim. Please do
not let Mrs. Lougic
think that letters
"In E" are not
appreciated. Knowing
what it is to shine
by a reflected light,
I can sympathize
with her.

Miss Longie's picture is
a fair one, not so deceptive
as your photographs I
feel sure. We have studied
that since you left us,
and must still think
it not at all like you.

I am so glad you had
a comfortable journey
home. Hoping we may
have a photograph of
Mrs. Longie next, and
trusting that we may
have the pleasure of seeing
you ^{all} face to face some day.
Thanking you very much for the
letter. Yours sincerely, Fanny Bellows

P.S. Friday

You will see that
out of consideration
for my Father's prior
claim, my note of
thanks has been
delayed in the sending.

I wish to be allowed
to add that I do
not consider as least
among the attractions
of my Autograph letters,

its doubly covered
pages, nor signature
unique. Designed as
I flatter myself,
especially for me.

Since my re-
introduction to
"Bonicks", by your
reading the first
chapter, I am
enjoying that

volume again.

I think the chapter
introducing "Berry",
exceedingly good,
and the description
of the ride - "In the
path of the storm".

I had not read it,
since it was first
published, so much
of it seems new to me.
Very sincerely
Yours
P. R.