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My dear daughter: Your letters of the 8 & 9 inst. received last night, gave us great pleasure, except for the evidences they contained of depression and unhappiness on your part. We are most anxious that you should be happy and especially that you should enjoy yourself during the coming months, without the feeling that every moment must be devoted to preparing for some specific future. I am able now to let you have enough to permit some freedom from care as to dress and the like, but I would not buy a wheel. You will have no use for one here, as no reputable woman in Bordeaux, or Paris either, for that matter ever rides one. I would like you to go and see your friends in Chicago — if you do not object. I think it would do you good and be for your interest. I think you would enjoy it, too. Besides, you would be near your Aunt Millie who is evidently not to live much longer. Then you can go on to Minneapolis if you like and after that to Washington. Then, the rest of the winter in New York, if you please, or where you like — not feeling that there is any "must" about the matter. You would better give us much time as you can to your French — you will need it here, and cannot have it too well. We think it better

and unavoidable seclusion. You will have no society — or none to speak of — except your Mamma and myself. You will work, study, go to the theater, &c, but will have no friends in the sense you count them in America. So we thought, it might be best for you to wait and rest until Spring doing your own sweet will, visiting, being happy and waiting for Spring. The climate is said to be very wet in winter and we feared it might be bad for your ears. In this we may be mistaken but it is out of abundant love and caution that we entertain this fear and you should consider it in making up your mind in the matter.

As to Lacomia, you will find the pedigree inside the cover of the Trotting Register — large green book in the book case. She ought to bring $150, but I do not care to have the trouble of bringing her here, where she would bring much more. So, if Keyes will not give that amount, you may let him have her for $125. I think he will give that. If not and the trouble of keeping her is to be too great, you may take $100 cash and let that serve as two months allowance for yourself.

I am in great haste to catch the mail for Cherbourg so as to

for you not to come over until Spring if you can be happy to wait. Not because we do not want you with us, — you have no idea how much we talk about you and wish for you — but because we fear the winter might not be good for your health at first and, also, because we fear you might not be wholly happy while we are furnishing the house and getting ready to live. We shall send you $50 a month and would like you to live as free of care as possible and especially would like you to go into society somewhat more. Do not think you must rival the millionaire in costume; there is abundance of good society where the very costliest plumage is not absolutely essential to comfort or happiness. If you can find it in your heart to seek a little more of such society, stay awhile with the Fishers and Aunt Bessie in Washington, &c, it seems to us you might enjoy it — meet many pleasant people and get somewhat away from the burden that has bowed your beautiful, tender, young life. It hurts me so to think of you as unhappy and yet I am afraid to make suggestions lest you should deem me imposing restrictions on you. There is no such thought. We want you to be happy; that is all. If you think you would be happier here with us, you have only to come on. Your arrival would be welcome as the dawn to us at any time; only, you would have to "camp out" with us, too, for a time. You must remember, too, that life here is a necess-

Get the North German Lloyd.
God bless you, my dear brave, darling daughter
Yours Ever loving father

Regards to all the people in Albany

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