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TO ARTHUR R. GLEDHILL

Cambridge, May 23 '93.

My dear Gledhill,

Mr^a E. Gustavus Moore is going to get married and wishes to know where you are. I have sent him your address so you will probably hear from him soon. I do not understand what ^ the man all of a sudden but I suppose he does. I do not expect to go down to see the operation performed (I think June 14 or 15th is the date) as I do not care for that kind of entertainment.

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If I were to get married I should not want anyone around but the persons necessary for the performance. Think I should prefer Jim Larrabee¹ to most of the ministers. But then, I do not see any prospects of getting myself into any such a situation, and you and Gus will probably be rearing brats while I am hunting for a "job". This "job" question is beginning to interest me to an extent that it never did before. Most of the people who have them seem to be better off than those who do not, but most of the people are not so hopelessly fettered by their

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individual tastes as I am. I do not wish to teach school, or work with tools or much of anything else that brings money to a man. And yet I do not consider myself altogether lazy. I feel that things are^b coming out all right sometime but the action is slow.

^a WA adds a period here.

^b WA adds a second "are".

This is my last week at Harvard—excepting the examinations. The idea of leaving seems a little strange, but I doubt if I should care to come another year under the circumstances. I am getting to be an old man and must do something to bring in the ducats instead of throwing them out all the time.--Last evening

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I went to see "Monte Cristo,"^{2c} but it failed to make the impression that it did in the Coliseum some years ago. It is curious what changes a man's mind undergoes in ten years.

Cant^d you arrange it to come this way this spring. If you go to Ed's wedding you will find me here, grind^{}ing for examinations that I do not see any possible use in taking. But I suppose I had better finish up the years^e work.—Excuse the English of this letter.^f it is so devilish hot that I cannot be careful.

Sincerely

Robinson

1716 Camb^g St.^h

HCL SL in part, 8-9.

NOTES

1. The local judge in Gardiner.
- 2.ⁱ This could be the famous dramatization of Dumas' novel starring James O'Neill; but it could also be the burlesque, *Monte Cristo, Jr.* I am unable to verify a performance of either production in Boston on May 22, 1893. (SL)

^c WA places the comma outside the quotation mark.

^d WA has "Can't".

^e WA has "year's".

^f WA has a comma instead of a period.

^g WA adds a period here.

^h WA places this address in the heading.

ⁱ WA numbered this note, but left it blank.

