

Cambridge, May 20 - '93

My dear Smith,

I have not yet got over my grouch on account of your not being able to come. Saturday was a magnificent day and I am sure you would have enjoyed yourself. But there is no use growling, I suppose. I hope, though, that you will try to come up next Friday or at least sometime before I leave.

It is pretty hot this forenoon and I am feeling rather dull. If you were here I fancy we would both be smoking pipes or something else, and trying to keep cool and in peace with the world in general.

I drank a pint of Whiskey last evening
before going to the theater and it knocked
my stomach out. I find the less I
drink of anything in that time, the better
I feel. I had been making plans to
go to the theater with you Sunday evening
so I will send you a programme with our
rather big bundle of Emersons and Clations.
The play did not amount to very much,
though it was above the average.

It was enough to do a man's soul
good to sit in the Common or Public
Gardens yesterday afternoon. It would be
hard to imagine any thing more pleasant.
I had an engagement at four, but went

in early to have a smoke and watch
the people. People are rather interesting
often all, if you don't have to talk
with them.

Did I tell you that I went into
Schwab's not long ago and spent the
afternoon there. It was a rainy day and
I drifted in to look over the stock and
German books intending to buy one or two to
take the "cure" off. It struck a con-
genial soul and also many volumes that
caught my eye, and ended up by ordering
further dollars worth of stuff of various
sorts - including much of Coffee, Bismarck's
a copy of Faust - Voltaire's Romances and some

tray novels and plays. I managed to
curb myself and refrain from buying a mag-
nificent two-volume edition of Dryden's *Lock*
Warrington and *Hydes' "In Paradisi"* - in German.
I suppose I shall have to get them before
the year is over, but if my eye keeps on as
they are now, I shall have had time
reading them.

Now make it a plan to come up here
sometime during the next month. If you once
get yourself started I know you will always be glad.
I do not mean this as an intimation that you
might have done the work - you must have
had some good reason which I trust will not
occur again.

Sincerely

E. A. R.