

1 brilliantly lighted. Several concerts were in full blast. I made up my mind that the men here are
2 principally devoted to wine, women, and music.

3 July the 20th. This morning the dress making business was attended to. In the afternoon visited
4 Nortre Dame Cathedral. Examined it thoroughly outside and in, had all the drawers and cases
5 in the treasury opened for our inspection of the costly humbuggery required to run the
6 institution. Visited the cemetery Pere la Chaise. Found it crowded with tombs of every
7 possible kind and description and some impossible. Was much disappointed as I had great
8 expectations of this place.

9 July 21st. Started in a coach for Versailles [Versailles]. Stopped on our way at the celebrated
10 "Sevres Porcelain Works." Were shown through the establishment and examined a museum
11 filled with vases and wares of every description. They employ many of the cleverest artists of
12 France in drawing & painting on the porcelain. The concern is run by the government at a great
13 cost per annum, and the products given away as presents to the Nobility, so that there is no
14 sales room attached to the establishment. Otherwise I might have been obliged to ship home a
15 lot of crockery. Reloaded the coach and pursued our way to the Palaces of Versailles 12 miles
16 from Paris. I was amazed at the magnitude of the principal building being 1600 feet front (over
17 ¼ of a mile) and all other parts in keeping with this immensity. It is impossible with pen and ink
18 to give any thing like a true conception of the gorgeousness and extravagance of the interior.
19 One room, the Grand Gallery of Louis 14th is 242 feet long, 35 feet wide, and 43 feet high,
20 ceiling beautifully decorated, walls ornamented with Corinthian pilasters of Red Marble,
21 numerous niches with statues of Venus, Adonis, etc. The gardens, parks, and grounds cover an
22 immense tract and are fitted up with terraces, fountains, and every conceivable extravagance.
23 This monument of Recklessness and Licentiousness was built by Louis the 14th, commenced in
24 1660. Another palace called the Grand Trianon located a short distance from the principal
25 palace. This beautiful sample of a king had erected for the residence of his mistress, Madam de
26 Maintenon. A little further on we come to a third palace erected by Louis 15th for his mistress,
27 Madam du Barri [Barry]. Here these lecherous old villains expended about 200 million dollars
28 of the public money. This with similar follies was the exciting cause of the terrible revolution.
29 The people oppressed and exasperated beyond endurance rose in their might, endeavored to
30 exterminate Royalty by cutting off the heads, not only of the royal family, but every body else's
31 head that sympathized with them, and in their uncontrollable indignation went to cutting off
32 their own heads. For further description of this wonderful palace & surroundings see Harpers
33 Guide Book as I don't care to copy it much further at this time.

34 July 22nd. Doct Gregory called and went with us to the Palace of Luxembourg then to the
35 Pantheon and Jardin des Plantes, the palace built in 1612 noted for the interesting events that
36 have taken place within its walls. Louis the 16th occupied it up to the revolution of 1791. In
37 1795 sittings of the directory were held here, afterward occupied by the 1st Consul & Senate. It
38 is now used as a place of meeting for the senators of the Republic. There are a number of very
39 fine pictures, among them the Marriage of Napoleon 3rd, Napoleon 1st signing the treaty of