

1 peace, etc. The garden of the palace is very beautiful. The Pantheon is a church with a fine
2 collonade front and a very imposing dome. The architect made a mistake in his foundations
3 and the dome settled so that he was obliged to build additional piers for its support. This event
4 so greatly mortified him that he threw himself headlong from the summit of the dome, as he
5 was determined to reach fame one way or another. After satisfying our curiosity, we walked to
6 the Botanical Garden having a Zoological department. After examining the flowers, plants, and
7 monkeys, we retired to our hotel in good order.

8 July 23rd. Drew £ 60 from Krauss & Co. Went with Mrs. Van in search of a dentist. Found one
9 from New York. Mrs. Van employed him. Girls went by themselves to have a second look at
10 the pictures in the Louvre.

11 24th. Went to see the panorama of the Siege of Paris. This is the most ingeniously arranged and
12 best performance in the line of panoramas that I have yet seen. The building in which it is
13 placed is a rotunda about 70 feet diameter, walls 20 feet high. The picture covers the entire
14 inside face of the wall, and is continuous. The spectators mount a stairs to an elevated circular
15 platform about 25 feet diameter. The roof is conical admitting the light at the eaves all round,
16 several feet inside of the wall, so that the light falls upon the picture at best advantage. The
17 picture is so perfectly painted that it is difficult for the spectator to image that he is inside of a
18 house. The sky, the fields, the forts, the City of Paris, soldiers, cannon, etc., appear precisely as
19 though you were out doors on an eminence observing those scenes in reality. We felt satisfied
20 that we were paid for our trouble, this time certainly. Also visited the palace of fine arts. The
21 building, situated on the Champs Elysees, is very commodious and well arranged for exposition.
22 Here I found competition designs for a very elegant church. There were about 70 different
23 plans, many of them superior specimens of architecture. Not knowing what the requirements
24 of the committee were, I could not select the most appropriate plan, but some of them carried
25 out would cost more than St Peters at Rome.

26 July 25th. Visited the "Hotel de Cluny" built in the 15th century. Nothing remarkable about the
27 building except its antiquity. It is now used as a Museum of Antiquities and has numerous
28 objects of interest to the antiquarian. The Palace of Thermes, an old Roman building said to
29 have been built 1500 years ago, forms a part of the foundations of the "Cluny." The only
30 perfect part of the old building is a large room called the Frigidarium, or chamber of cold baths.
31 Adjoining is a room called the Tepidarium, or a chamber for warm baths. In these old halls are
32 arranged a great many objects of Roman sculpture, among others altars erected to Jupiter, and
33 discovered in 1711 under the choir of Norte Dame Cathedral Paris. Leaving these old relics, we
34 walked to the tower of St Jacques (St. James), a very fine old Gothic structure of great height,
35 the only remaining part of an ancient church. We ascended to the top of this tower by a spiral
36 stairs of 294 steps. I had quit the use of tobacco several days, and my nerves were so unstrung
37 when I arrived at the top that I could not look over the parapet for several minutes. Made up
38 my mind that I would find a tobacco shop as soon as I reached terra firma. Had a fine birds eye
39 view of the city from our elevated position. We then visited the Palace of Justice, a very large