

1 building containing court rooms and other rooms of public utility. The entrance vestibule is  
2 very spacious, the ceiling groined, the arches supported on plain columns, the architecture  
3 severely plain, but expressive of the purposes for which the building is designed. Adjoining this  
4 building is the Sainte Chapelle commenced in 1245 in the reign of St Louis, 118 feet long, 55  
5 wide, 139 feet high. The roof is surmounted by a lofty spire, spoiled with gold leaf. The interior  
6 is gaudily painted. Relics here: the crown of thorns and a piece of the true cross.

7 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday. Went to the Russian Church. Wasn't any service and couldn't understand it if  
8 there was. So did the next best thing, gave the building a thorough examination. Built in the  
9 form of a Greek cross, surmounted by a dome. Style of the architecture Moorish, bordering on  
10 the outlandish. They have a very effectual way in Paris to tempt strangers, and others to do  
11 naughty things on the Sabbath. For instance, the extraordinary water works at St. Cloud are  
12 only put in operation a few times during the year, and then always on Sunday, and as St. Cloud  
13 is 3 or 4 miles out of town, we hired a carriage and drove to St Cloud. The display of jets,  
14 fountains, falls, and cataracts, where [were] far superior to any thing in this line that I ever  
15 witnessed. One tremendous jet rose to the height of 140 feet.

16 July 27<sup>th</sup>. Visited the Hospital of Invalids and Napoleons Tomb. The Hospital is 612 feet front  
17 founded by Louis 14<sup>th</sup> in 1670. The architecture is imposing and many parts interesting. The  
18 church has no extraordinary feature except the Dome. Its height to the top of the cross is 323  
19 feet. The dome is covered with gold leaf and is a very conspicuous object when a view of the  
20 city is taken from any elevated position. The Tomb of Napoleon is in the cellar or crypt directly  
21 under the centre of the dome. The surroundings are of the richest possible character. We  
22 wandered around the premises until we were fully satisfied that it was all right and returned in  
23 good season to our hotel.

24 July 28<sup>th</sup>. Took carriage to day for St. Denis 6 or 7 miles from Paris. The old cathedral at this  
25 place is a building of great interest architecturally and historically. A chapel was built on this  
26 spot in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century, and the body of St. Denis (a beheaded martyr) was buried in the chapel.  
27 The present cathedral erected in 1130 is a good specimen of Gothic architecture and is of large  
28 dimensions. It was the favorite resting place of the Kings & Queens of France from Dagobert,  
29 580, down to the revolution in 1779. The revolutionists in their rage against royalty ordered all  
30 the old kings & queens to be taken out of there and placed in a ditch which was done. They  
31 also determined to level the cathedral with the ground, but it was saved by the interception of  
32 Napoleon 1<sup>st</sup>. The bones were afterwards collected by order of Louis Phillipe and reinterred  
33 under the high altar where they now remain. There are many beautiful monuments, some very  
34 old and interesting. The shells of the Prussians greatly damaged the building during the last  
35 war, but the damages have been repaired. In returning to Paris, we met a heavy shower of  
36 rain, but having a calash top to our carriage, we escaped getting wet. The shower passed over  
37 before we reached the city.

38 July 29<sup>th</sup>. Left by the 8 ¼ train for Fontainebleau, a royal palace situated 42 miles from Paris.  
39 We found this the most interesting place we have yet visited. The present palace built by