

1 garden. It is adorned with many fine statues set around among the lime trees. The place
2 lighted up in the evening is bright and cheerful and is a great place of resort for strangers,
3 politicians, and other idlers. We think that was a pretty good days work for people seeking
4 rest. Mr. & Mrs. Culver very kindly offered to take home for our friends a lot of photographs,
5 being a group of our party.

6 August 2nd. Sunday. In for another case of necessity, we had already made one visit to
7 Versailles, but the "water works" which are let to play only 3 or 4 times a year, at a cost of
8 about \$2000 each time. The people were notified several days beforehand that on Sunday Aug
9 2nd this grand display would come off. And as we did not expect they would take some week
10 day to accommodate us, we submitted. And like Mahomet, when the Mountain would not
11 come to him, he went to the Mountain. We hired a carriage and went to Versailles. There
12 were jets and cascades in profusion. In one large pavilion about 150 feet diameter there were
13 some 30 fountains placed between the columns and so arranged that the jet would throw the
14 water exactly as high as the columns, the water then falling over exactly in the centre of each
15 arch. Was very beautiful. This pavilion located at some distance from the palace seemed
16 constructed for the purpose of cooling off the wine heated habitues of this luxurious place, but
17 the grand display came off about 5 o'clock at the basin of Neptune. This immense basin is a
18 semicircle having its diameter 500 feet long. In the centre was a statue of Neptune surrounded
19 with dolphins, tortoises, etc. The banks around the half circle are formed amphitheatre fashion
20 with grassy seats, and will accommodate 15 or 20 thousand spectators, and on this occasion it
21 was crowded. When the water was turned on, there was a murmur of approbation from that
22 vast crowd, and I said something myself, as I was perfectly enamored at the transcendent
23 beauty of the scene. There were so many vertical jets that they appeared like a forest of water.
24 That's all of that. We returned to our hotel not exactly satisfied that we had set a very good
25 example to these heathen.

26 August 3rd. Took carriage and drove to the Park of Vincennes through a section of the city we
27 had not previously visited. Found the park very extensive but not equal to many others already
28 explored. After our drive through the park, found it was past the hour for admitting strangers
29 into the castle, and having seen a great deal of that sort of thing, did not feel greatly
30 disappointed.

31 Aug. 4th. Preparing to leave Paris. Went to inquire about trains to Brussels. Rested the balance
32 of the day.

33 Aug. 5th. Went to the Hall of the "Legislative Body" to examine pictures, statuary & tapestry.
34 Large classic building. Light in picture gallery very poor. Tapestries very fine. Returned home
35 ready to leave.

36 Aug. 6th. An old Connecticut school marm traveling alone had been to Egypt & Jerusalem.
37 Thought she would make a good Dragoman. Finding we were going to Brussels on same train
38 with herself, impudently attached herself to our party. She was a long, narrow, sharp built