

1 great effectiveness. Broad flights of stone stairs curve around this magnificent water-fall leading from
2 the boulevard to the plateau in front of the museum. This cascade with its surroundings is equal to any
3 thing in that line that we have yet seen, St. Cloud and Versailles included. The artificial harbor in front of
4 the city is a grand accomplishment. 1200 ships can be accommodated in these docks at the same time.
5 The forest of masts and the almost innumerable steamboats look more like commercial business than
6 we have seen in any place since we left New York. We begin to feel a little as if we were really on our
7 way home.

8 Feby. 5th. Left Marseilles at 8 o'clock A.M. and arrived safely at Nice at 2:30 P.M. The day has been fine,
9 and the ride very interesting. Passed through the city of Toulon. The harbor is celebrated as the
10 rendezvous of the French ships of war. It is protected by eleven forts which are placed on the
11 surrounding hills. Toulon has been the arena of several terrific fights during the last hundred years. It
12 was in storming one of these forts that Napoleon in 1793 (being then 23 years of age) so greatly
13 distinguished himself as lieutenant of artillery. Stopped a few minutes at the town of Frejus. The
14 ancient "Forum Julii," founded by Julius Caesar, a number of old Roman ruins are still visible – an
15 amphitheatre, an arched gate-way, aqueduct, etc. Next passed through the city of Cannes, a very
16 beautiful place, and one of great resort for consumptive persons from all parts of Europe. Then passed
17 the little town of Antibes, the Antipolis of the ancients. From this point we have a fine view of Nice
18 across its splendid bay, the "Maritime Alps" rising into the clouds behind the city seem placed there on
19 purpose to protect it from the cold winds of the north. At any rate, such is the case. And the gardens
20 every where around the city are filled with orange trees loaded with the golden fruit. We found the
21 hotels crammed full of strangers, and it was with some difficulty that we obtained our present rooms in
22 the Hotel Louvre, but we do not like them, and shall try to find more comfortable quarters on the
23 morrow. The first thing we did on our arrival was to drive to our bankers where we found four letters,
24 one from Clara to myself dated Jany. 10. Also one to Julia dated Jany. 3rd. One from Kate to Martha, and
25 one from Sarah Huse to Martha. The welcome news from home convinced us that this is literally a Nice
26 place and the letters were all read over twice before we took our things off.

27 Feby. 6th. After breakfast we walked around to the principal hotels in search of suitable apartments, and
28 finding them in the Hotel des Anglais, we removed after dinner to our new quarters. Our rooms front
29 the fashionable drive and promenade and look south out upon the sea. Feeling perfectly satisfied with
30 this arrangement, we propose to examine this city and its environs at our leisure.

31 Feby. 7th. Wrote letter to F. T. Seely yesterday and one to James & Clara to day. This is Sunday and is
32 being desecrated by a comic procession called a "carnival." Passing near our hotel, we had the curiosity
33 (except Mrs. Van) to step a few rods up the street to see the procession pass, and, as the performance is
34 to last 3 or 4 days, I will defer a description of it until after it is concluded. It is cloudy to day with a cool
35 breeze from the sea, yet the thermometer stands at 58, which is not very severe for February. Have a
36 fire nevertheless.

37 Feby. 8th. The weather an improvement on that of yesterday. Bright sunshine, but a little too much
38 wind and dust. Had my measure taken for a full suit of clothes, dark blue ribbed cloth. Want to find a
39 boot-maker that will make me a pair of boots that don't fit. I have been lamed by wearing boots that
40 exactly fit. I will have a log split up and a last made on purpose if I can't find one large enough already
41 made. I have been cogitating upon the phenomenon of such warm weather in this latitude at this
42 season of the year and discover that it is confined to localities sheltered on the north and west by high