

1 March 1st. Walked to the cathedral and explored its interior. It is unlike any other church we have yet
2 visited. It has nave and double aisles separated by granite and marble columns. The triforium, with
3 arched openings, has piers and columns alternately. Transept with aisles, ceilings of nave & transept
4 horizontal with deep enriched panels profusely gilded. The general effect of the interior is grand and
5 very beautiful. There are many splendid altars and a profusion of mosaics and inlaid marble screen &
6 balustrades. Next made the ascent of the leaning tower. The stairs are broad and of easy ascent. The
7 girls would run out upon every balcony, and, as there is no railing to these balconies, I was afraid I
8 should have a funeral on my hands before I left Pisa – but they would run out. From the top we had a
9 fine view of the city and surrounding country. With our field glass we could see the Mediterranean 6
10 miles west of Pisa. This old tower is a great curiosity, and it is very hard to keep from feeling a sort of
11 insecurity as you tread the tipped up stairway and notice the walls on each side so fearfully out of the
12 perpendicular, and nothing but its extreme old age would satisfy me that it was safe. Next took a
13 carriage and drove about the city visiting a beautiful little Gothic church 6 hundred years old and now
14 being restored. Next the church of St. Paul. Same style as the cathedral and is a very pretty building.
15 This finishes Pisa as far as we are concerned. We leave for Verona to morrow.

16 March 2nd. Left Pisa at 5:20 A.M. Purchased tickets for Pistoja [Pistoia]. We expected to change cars
17 three times before we reached Verona. The conductor of the train when taking up our tickets for
18 Pistoja, finding that our destination was Verona, said that he could furnish us through tickets, which he
19 did, saving us all trouble on that account. He politely assisted me in getting my baggage rechecked
20 through. And in a few minutes we were on board of the train for Bologna where I expected to change
21 cars, but our train was from Florence to Turin so that we passed without change to Modena. Here we
22 left the “Turin train” and without delay boarded the Modena & Verona cars. A young German occupying
23 the compartment with us spoke French and politely assisted us in our arrangements of changing cars as
24 he was familiar with the route and spoke Italian fluently. We arrived at Verona at 6 P.M., had supper,
25 and propose to retire at once, leaving orders to be called at 3 o’clock to morrow morning & breakfast at
26 some point on the road as we leave at 4:42 A.M. for Munich. Rather early for old folks.

27 March 3rd. Found it raining this morning at Verona. Left at 4:42 and arrived at Munich at 6 P.M. very
28 much fatigued with our two days ride and propose to remain here till we are fully rested. We found the
29 Apennine mountains covered with snow and at Bologna it was over a foot deep. The entire plane from
30 Bologna to Verona was deeply covered, and being the first real specimen of winter that we have met
31 with, it was something of a curiosity. The trip to day across the Tyrol and over the Brenner Pass was very
32 interesting. The scenery rivals any we have seen, outside of Switzerland. The last two days have been
33 an uninterrupted series of pleasures, and, although we are much fatigued, we are grateful that our trip
34 has been so pleasant and fortunate. We found very pleasant rooms at the “Four Seasons” hotel and
35 now propose to try their beds.

36 March 4th. Found the beds first class. Had a good rest and none of us feel any ill effects from our fatigue
37 of the past two days. The weather being cool, we have concluded to keep house to day and commence
38 the examination of places of interest to morrow. Employed a “valet de place” to pilot us to the various
39 shows. I walked several blocks to day and am very favorably impressed with what I have seen. It is
40 thawing rapidly and riding will be safer than walking. They have a fashion in this hotel of making out the
41 bills and presenting them every day. Mine has just been handed in, and if I had not been notified of the
42 custom by my Guide book, I should probably have taken it as an insult. But guests are not expected to