

1 surrounding country as the battle field is elevated some 8- or 900 feet above the valley of the river
2 Moselle. We ascended by a splendid road up the side of a beautiful valley to the table lands where this
3 wicked destruction of life took place. After spending half an hour at the village of Gravelot[te], we
4 returned by a different route to Metz. A heavy shower overtook us on our way, but we arrived without
5 damage at our hotel in time for dinner at 6 o'clock. This in all probability winds up our sight-seeing
6 excursions. The next thing in order on our programme is to get home and, if we are permitted, we
7 propose to sleep in Paris to morrow night.

8 April 8th. Spent the forenoon wandering round and examining the fortifications. Made up my mind that
9 the modern man is full as savage & blood thirsty as at any time in the ages of barbarism. Here millions
10 of dollars have been expended in digging ditches, building immense walls and embankments to give
11 protection to the people of the city – not against beasts of prey, but against men “more fierce and wild
12 than they.” About half the men in this place are in uniform with a sword wobbling between their legs or
13 a musket on their shoulder. The women are in the fields spading up the ground preparing to raise food
14 for these worthless cut throats to eat – and this is European civilization. “I want to go home.” Left Metz
15 at 12:42 P.M. and arrived safely at Paris at 9:10 P.M. Found comfortable rooms at Mrs. Foulleys. Had
16 supper and now nearly 12 o'clock. We are tired out.

17 April 9th. Called on Krauss & Co this morning and found five letters: one from Dr. Holmes of Hudson;
18 one from Dr. Goodspeed, Saratoga; one from F.T. Seely; one from Clara to Martha; and one from Clara &
19 James to us. Well, we had a good time over them. In the afternoon the ladies were out shopping, and I
20 went to find out about engaging passage on the steamers from Liverpool to New York. Selected state
21 rooms on the Spain of the “National line,” and telegraphed to Liverpool to ascertain whether I can have
22 those I have selected. Will receive answer to morrow.

23 April 10th. All right. We leave Liverpool on the 28th instant if everything goes lovely between this and
24 that. Drew 100 £ of Krauss & Co. Ordered new suit of clothes to be done on the 15th inst. Ladies
25 continue their shopping. Don't care about my company on such excursions as I could buy out the whole
26 shop in the time it takes them to select a cravat – but they do enjoy looking things over and considering
27 matters – but I make very short work on such occasions. Therefore, they prefer to do their own
28 shopping, and I am glad of it. Met J.H. Burch near the Grand Hotel this morning. Was pleased to see
29 him. Agreed to meet him at 11 o'clock on the 12th instant.

30 April 11th. Sunday. The girls went to church this morning. Mrs. Van and I kept house. Wrote to James
31 & Clara. Mailed letters to Bro Goodspeed & Dr. Holmes of Hudson. This winds up the letter writing on
32 this trip. It is eleven months to day since we left Chicago, and one more left between us and our loved
33 home. “It is well.”

34 April 12th. Met Mr. Burch this morning by appointment. Had a pleasant time stirring up old Chicago
35 reminiscences. Took a long and fatiguing walk about the city. We have determined to take final leave of
36 Paris next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

37 April 13th. Drew 50 £ of M____ & Co. Went a shopping with the ladies. Got enough of it in a couple of
38 hours and deserted. Took a cab and drove to Mr. James Longs residence. Found him at home. Had a
39 very pleasant chat with him. Mrs. Long was absent but returned a few minutes before I left. They
40 propose to spend to morrow evening with us. I made a thorough examination of the “French flat”
41 arrangement of dwelling houses with a view of introducing them in Chicago.