

Thank you for your note, dear friend, with  
its date of the 9th. It answers, to a certain  
degree, my indirect enquiry about "Playing  
with Fire"; & by so doing, justifies me in  
counting it, as nothing by its self, nothing  
among probable sources of income. I am  
obliged to calculate more sharply than suits  
my elderly device for ease. Owing to being en-  
-gaged with the loss of a slice of the very  
small property I can call my own: but  
more certain, one knows how to manage,  
without as well as with, & to me, as you  
know, not dis-appointment but appoint  
-ment has been the rule: so I am not down-  
-cast. I am glad to think you will be in town  
in November: because, which we will have,  
& if not by way, by rush-lights.

We shall not meet in Liverpool, as there  
was a woman's chance. - My children are ill.



and I am in a slight <sup>the</sup> oppression rather  
than clearing to them. - So, I think, I shall go  
to Scarborough on Friday. I wait by the seaside  
till Monday - when I shall move down to  
Bradford: & return <sup>the</sup> by Saturday for a  
few days. There is a chance of my writing an  
act for Miss P. Horton: & if so, (Jenny), I shall  
have £75. for it: in which case, I shall  
Septemb<sup>r</sup>, I think, at Montauban, -  
pass Octob<sup>r</sup> in London - & after that, Fate &  
Lady Sondonderry only know what may  
come of me. - I have been obliged to make  
complete household change - & have now a  
kennel: who stands about to the right of my  
Elbow - & his wife, a beauteous woman - but a  
celestial cook. - ah! just now, when I can  
only give cold. potato dinner. - They have  
long wished to pinch on my tongue - & I know

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both the first class servants. If you would  
have had a bit of my sole to day. -  
I sampled my Ristorisms please you. - I like  
them. Myself among my doings. I wonder  
what people will say of my to day. Tomb cutting  
over the best. - poor woman. - is it not  
strange that she should have managed to  
die with every kissing about her. - & yet  
want, within a very few hours of clutching  
the whole household. -

O, second love, "will never be a third love  
of mine. -

Here begins the first act

a lady - I am a woman, daughter of my  
mother. - & am standing where you  
see me. -

Her maid - I am, my lady's maid. - & she is  
my mistress. - & so, she is kind -

etc: etc: etc: - Don't betray me. - but it is true



Simp. on has gone to Baden. Baden - but  
 should fear he will not soon get his money  
 for his work. - Have you heard of the Times  
 taking a moral fit, apropos of La Piccolonna  
-vi. - It really is a case of Father Cole  
 on the largest scale. - Simons just saints  
 upturned. - Well: may it be very long  
 you have as heavy a heart, as you poor  
 correspondent this Saturday night, has  
 have no business to write. Perhaps, when  
 am in such plight. but, perhaps, you will  
 forgive it, when you remember, how few  
 living creatures are left, to whom I dare  
 or care, or will, discuss my dolours, what  
 in French or English. -

Affly yr<sup>s</sup>

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