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Dear friend

many thanks for your welcome favour of the 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Parcel of books reached me quite safe in Liverpool  
& are now reposing on my table in the eternal City.  
Some of them are by history good American <sup>the</sup> authors  
the "feel" of Dickens & Gold, books. Many thanks for  
the same! Please continue to send me the Atlantic  
here - & always to care of Magazine Parker &  
Hooker - or that when I am away in the summer  
they may be taken care of. Mrs. Weston <sup>my</sup> father  
& the "number - which is Capital!" I am so pained by  
many of the illnesses of Anna's mother - it must be great  
sorrow to you all. I had recognised the little poems  
& most charming they are. She should have nothing  
to do but think & write. Give her our dear love! I have  
heard of her through Anna Brewster, an old dear friend  
of my young days. — I have heard from Mrs.  
Seward that the books had arrived - for this it  
all I am sure debt to, but I am "good for the ann.  
dark pay! when?" - "bum-by." The news from home  
fills us with wondrous love & praise. Our commences  
the year with Ti. deum! The news of the 17<sup>th</sup> is with  
us! When with exchange go down - ask our poor  
people - who are in suspension - an oblige to him in  
Rome. Give it a pull down - do. I your petition  
with ever pray &c. — "If I give or much longer or  
had better than no wrong"



To send, & appropos of this - I am sending a  
letter through you to D'Hom. though on second thoughts  
I don't suppose you could speak to him. Still you  
can aptly. & so. force down action on her part  
without appearing personally to him. He sent a fine  
further measurement of the plinth of the statue  
statue. having lost them - this is the fourth time  
they have been sent. I am replying to his letter. Emma  
has taken occasion to speak about getting the money  
which they paid into Henry's hands - one to pay  
Müller for the casting. she cannot pay the exchange  
& though the statue is ready to come. she cannot pay  
Müller for an account of exchange. Will you read his  
letter for your own guidance. & then seal it up &  
send it to D'Hom. You might perhaps speak to  
Watson & Quincy's about it. Will you do this for  
me. & greatly oblige me - she has to pay Müller inter-  
est on the value of the statue - to prevent his pro-  
suing for payment. Take this matter into your  
pious hands, & do what you can for her - When  
the statue gets home, he is ready to be put up, she may  
indulge to come to Boston - & perhaps a performance  
at the theatre to raise something to pay Emma  
for her labour on the statue - but say nothing of this.  
All well. Rome nor fell. weather dreadfully wet  
now. You have seen the little English - what think  
you -  
at 8/12. Charlotte & Emma