

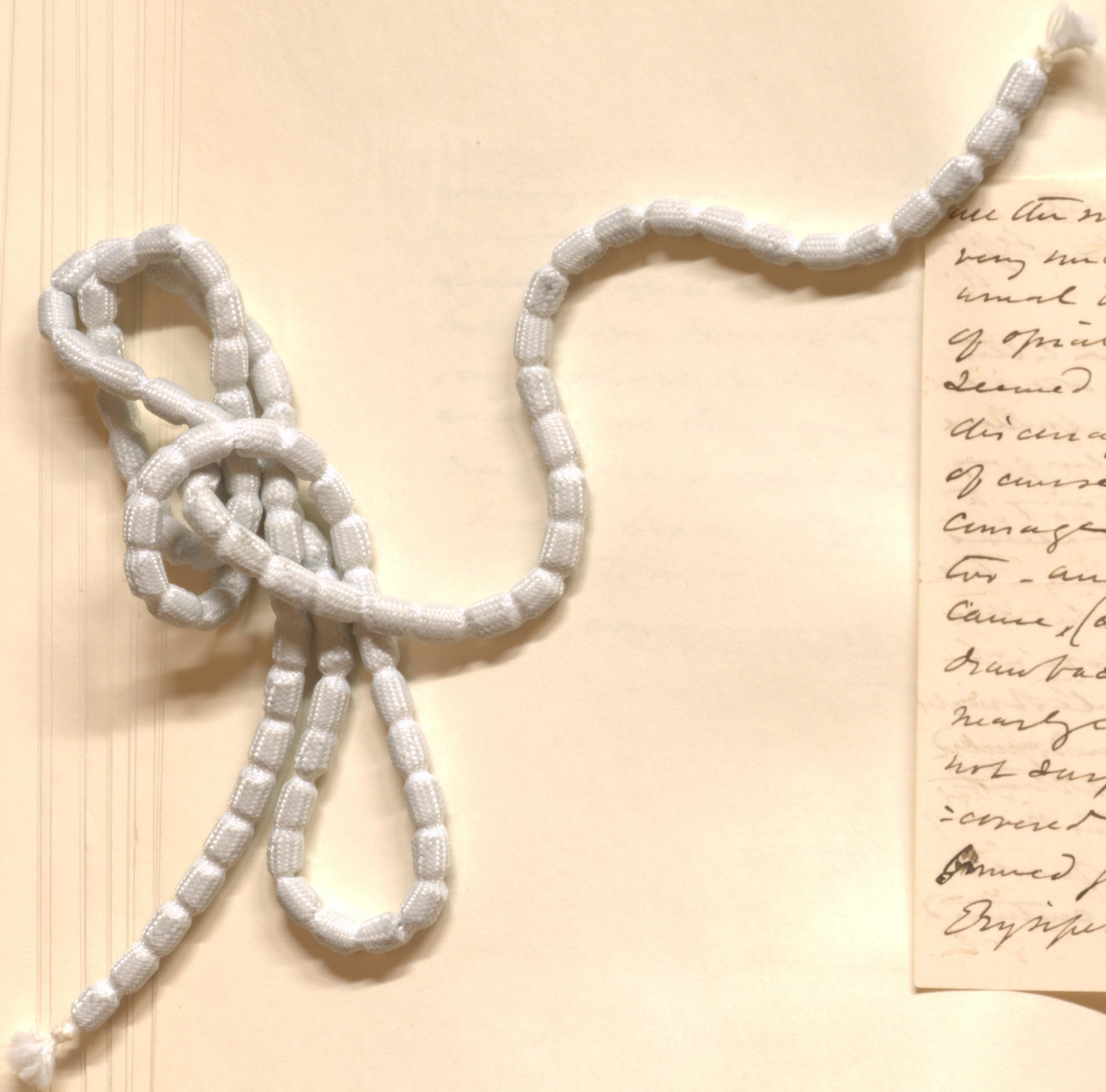


Clarendon Hotel

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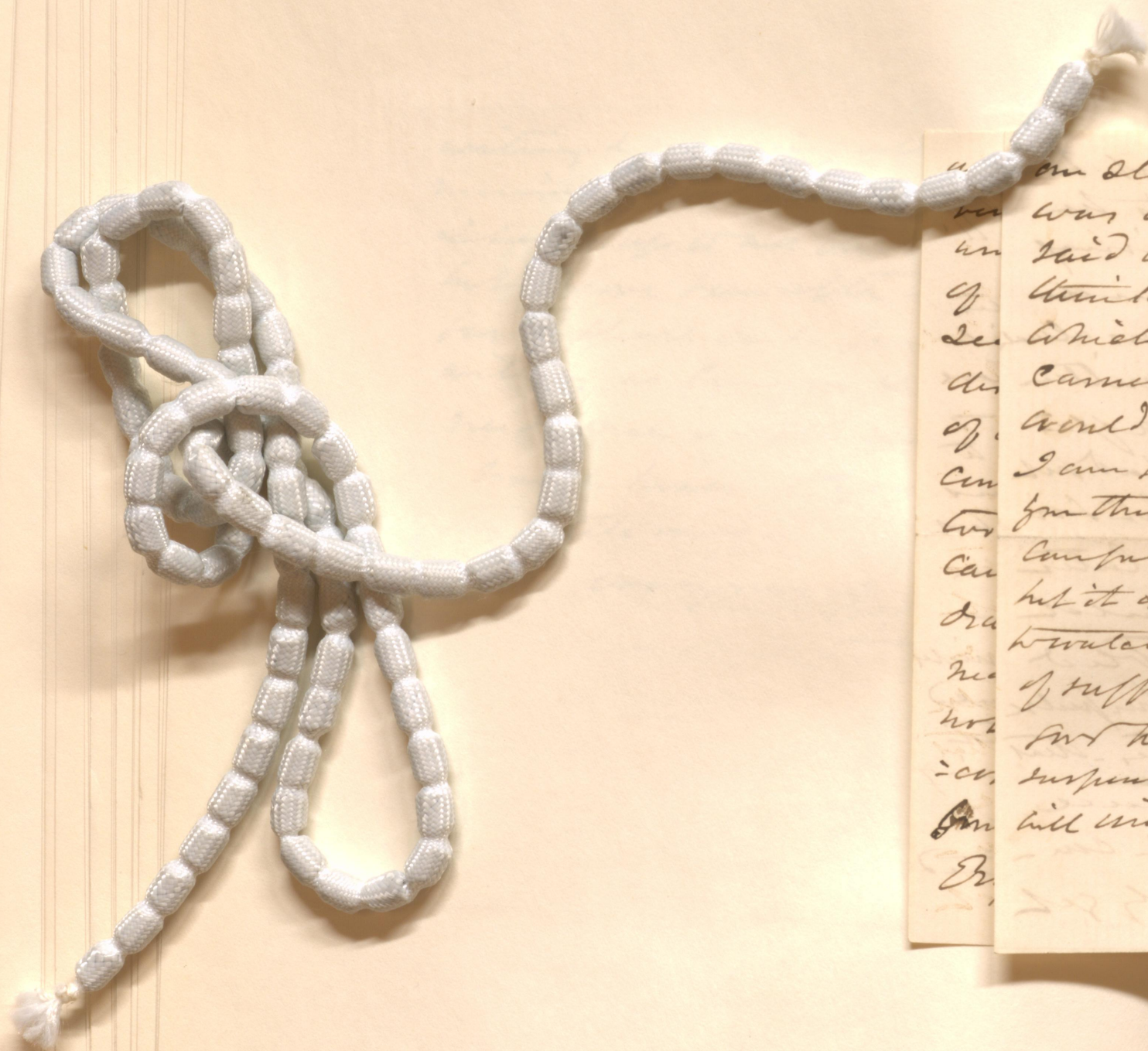
My Dear Emma -

We have no letter
from you this morning - which
gives us a little anxiety - you have
been so punctual all along -
perhaps you may be preparing to
come - our dear patient seems
to feel that you are coming - but
I think you cannot give us a
little notice if you were -
She had a better night last night
without any opiates and would
have gone as well - but about
towards 4 o'clock this morning
she broke out into profuse
perspiration which continued



all the morning & made her
very uncomfortable - as is
usual too when the effects
of opiates are going off, she
seemed very low & much
discouraged about herself,
of course when she loses
courage, we all run down
too - and when Prof^r Spence
came, for we have had some
drawback to our mind in the
morning & evening I was
not surprised when he dis-
covered that an abscess had
formed just where the
Erysipelas had just shown

itself - between her chest &
right shoulder - that he
proceeded to lance - giving
her much pain - and
of course frightening us almost
to death. If I had written
to you immediately after
that - you would have had but
a gloomy bulletin - but for
James - who came in later
either was not - or would
not appear to be troubled
about her - he said her pulse
& her colour was better - that
she must have patience
as long as suppuration con-
tinued she could only get



... on slowly - but that she
... was doing very well -
... said to him - "do you read
of think so for Davies" -
... which he replied - quite
... earnestly - "if I did not
of would na say so".
... I am so glad to be able to tell
... for this and to take the
... comfort of it to my own heart
... but it is almost impossible
... to watch these days & night
... of suffering & keep up a
... sweet heart - mine is sick an
... suspense & anxiety - I will
... will write you later -
... Affectionately yours
... E. J.