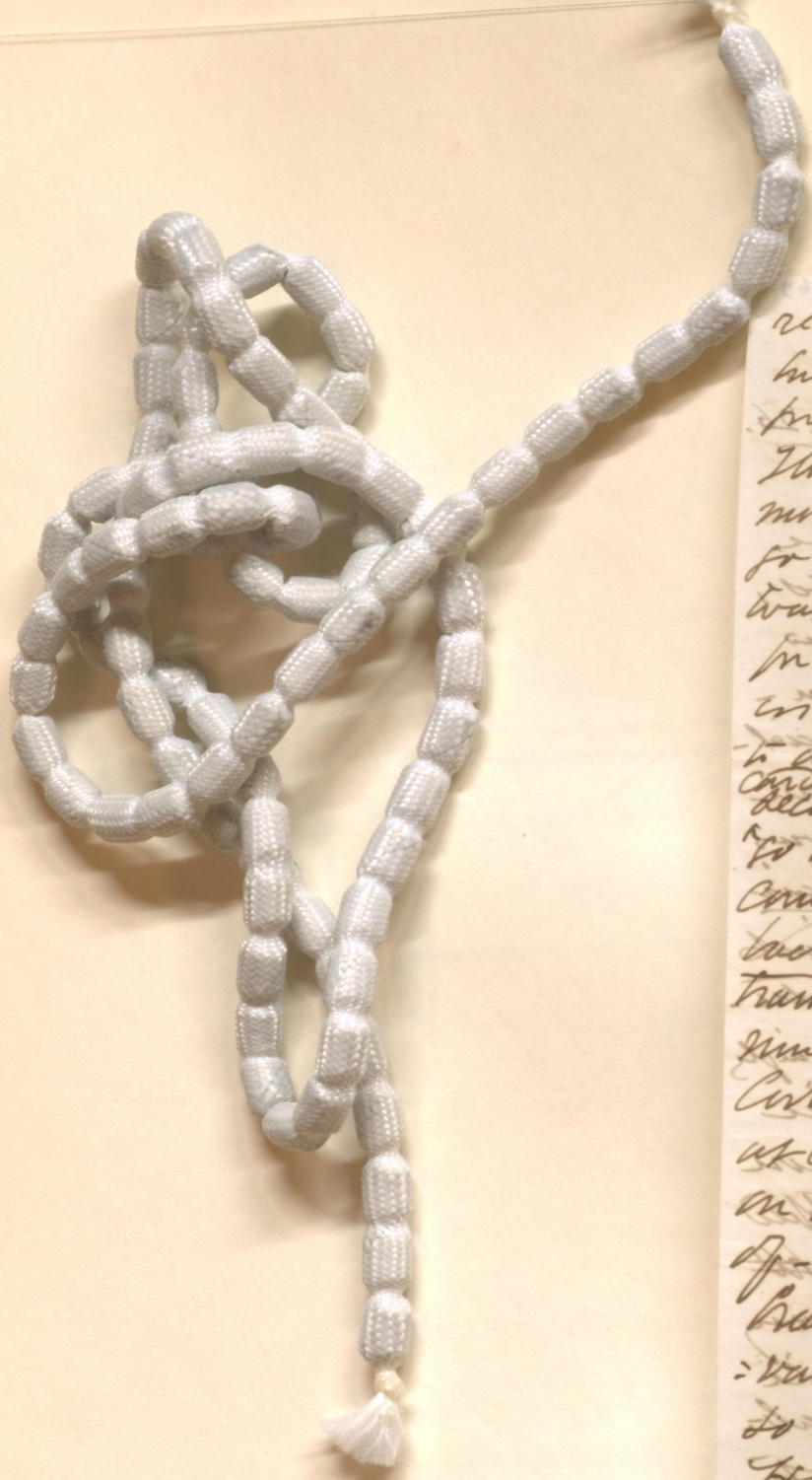




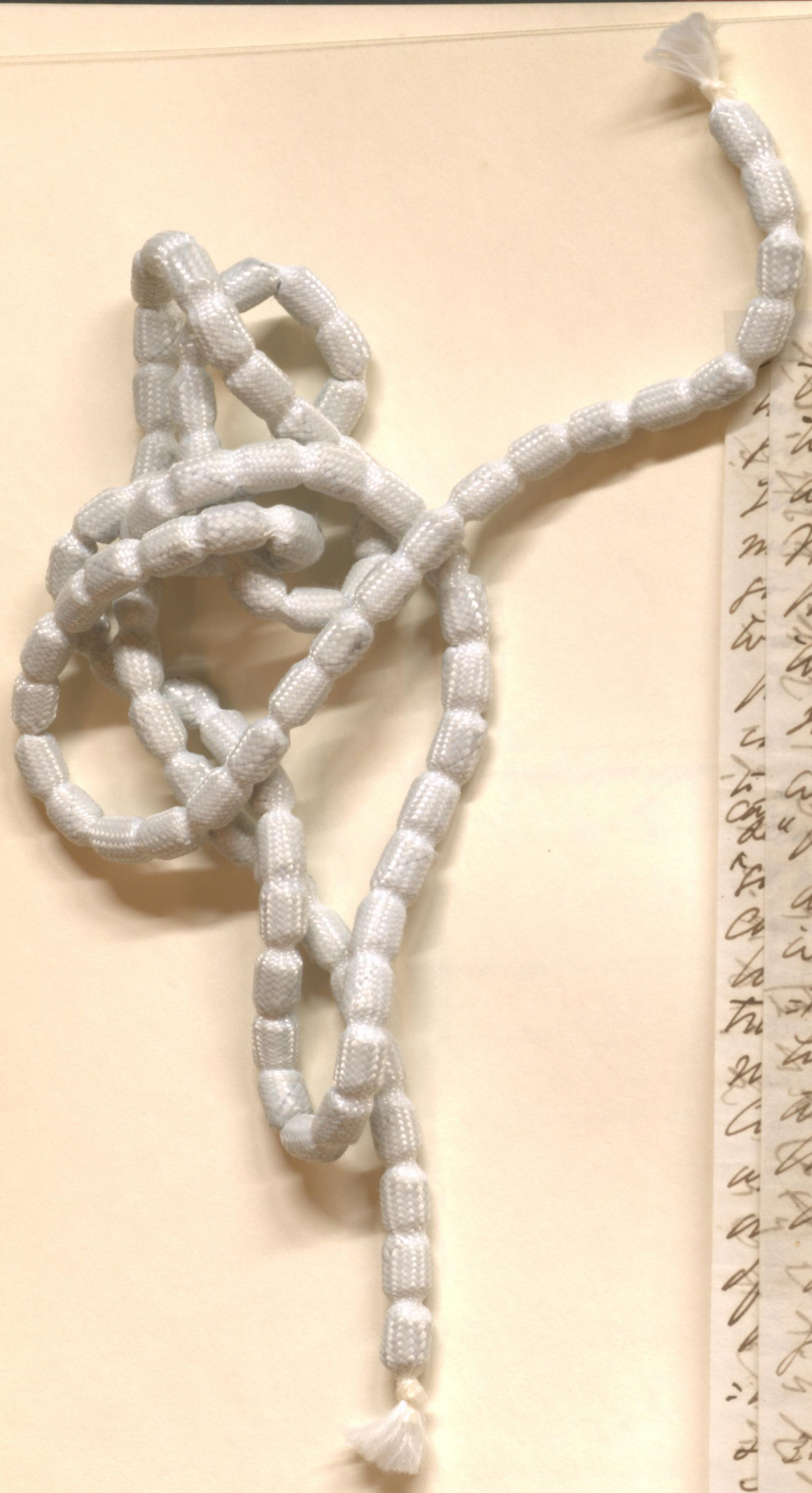
1867, Aug. 26
Princeton Hall,
Stockport
Sunday 26.

My Dear Emma
You will I am sure
be as glad to see that new address,
and I am to write it: - and to know
that we have achieved it with our
disputes, conquests & success - especial-
ly when I tell you that we began
with a disagreeable! - Everything was
prepared yesterday morning to a hour
to sail, but we are guarded against
any apparent possibility of a contre-
temps - got to 10: - just at that seemingly
perfect climax - wind dies fall - in
the shape of stupid Mr Mc-Mation
(probably tight - though early) stepped
in - & sent fallie off into the luggage for
pillows - cushions - slats - & every
thing - to the wrong station - while
we following after in another cab
with Mr Corbridge in attendance go to
the depot - find the gallant Captain
Chapman at the non appearance of the
luggage - find the little consul - a
new adherent - but equally devoted



ready "to pledge his life his fortune & his sacred honour" in our cause - presently drives up Sir James - 1 - Three minutes to decide what to do. momentary thought that we might go on - rather than go back. which was hateful to think of - no money in the tickets - not circumstanced in all - Codman's surplus had to be used to deposit his watch ^{for his own security} and second thoughts that we had better not go on without Fannie - Codman recalled Council of war - verdict - we must go back to the Hotel. & wait for the 5.15 train - This we did - then followed much discussion & deliberation - Mr. Caridge arguing stoppage in the night at Carlisle - but our dear patients on this occasion - added the prefix of -ism to that title so long and rarely worn - I could not be prevailed upon to give up her plans - so a telegram was sent to Mrs. Howard - notifying her that we should arrive at 10.15. instead of the earlier hour - then we had an luncheon of raw oysters and all and started again at the

appointed time - This time all went well, Fannie who was more awfully excited than I have ever known her to be before - for she has a superstition about having to turn back - would not be repeated this time - we found ourselves at last at the joyful moment I assure you - After this we got on perfectly - at Carlisle she was able to get out & go to the waiting room for a cup of tea - which helped out an amazingly - indeed she seemed to rise to the occasion - there was no need for me to be nervous for her - though I was abundantly so for myself - The worst part of the journey was the long drive from Manchester to Stockport but she slept well - and in some part getting up as I write - half past twelve - she bid me tell you that she cannot get from here beyond at 2 o'clock - so you must not put any lodging for her before that - I put letters to you - & hope the change of air may benefit me - I shall be truly thankful to find myself and my charge - puffed & quiet at Malvern - at least for a time we have no letter from you this morning - I hope all is well



with you - for but remember
to Dr Gully - to whom we did send
a hamper with pleasantries - for
Manchester last night - I have
a bright hair & warm carriage
wrap from Edmnd - - Auntie
says you are to present the
with her best love & wishes for
"an appetite to"
about apartments dear - you know
we prefer Cuthbert Lodge to every
other - also if we can get in there
but shall be quite content with
whatever you do - we have
tragedy seen here - but it is cold
with a high wind -
with best love from both of us
for the little ones -
always affectionately
Edmnd
The word from my own hand
my darling to say how thankful I am
to be on my way towards you - but
am very tired - I slept myself up by sheer
force of will yesterday - but by Saty I will
not be sufficient to come to you - at least
long to see you & the darling - so love them
I think all - may you have