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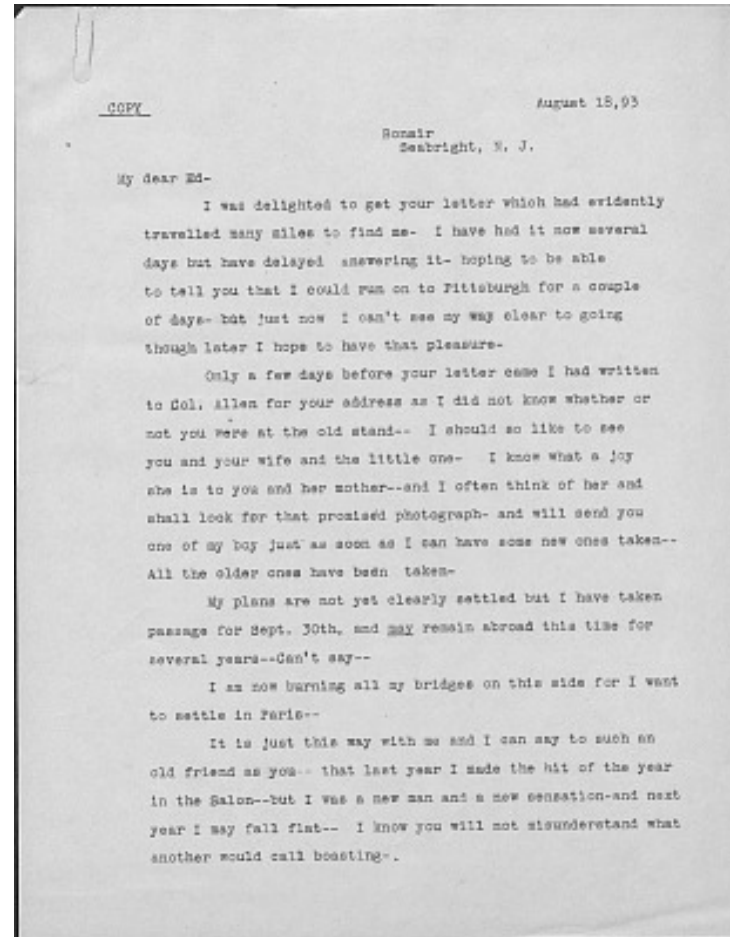
August 18, 93

Bonair
Seabright, N. J.

My dear Ed-

I was delighted to get your letter which had evidently travelled many miles to find me- I have had it now several days but have delayed answering it- hoping to be able to tell you that I could run on to Pittsburgh for a couple of days- but just now I can't see my way clear to going though later I hope to have that pleasure- Only a few days before your letter came I had written to Col. Allen for your address as I did not know whether or not you were at the old stand- I should so like to see you and your wife and the little one- I know what a joy she is to you and her mother--and I often think of her and shall look for that promised photograph- and will send you one of my boy just as soon as I can have some new ones taken-- All the older ones have been taken-

My plans are not yet clearly settled but I have taken passage for Sept. 30th, and may remain abroad this time for several years--Can't say-- I am now burning all my bridges on this side for I want to settle in Paris-- It is just this way with me and I can say to such an old friend as you-- that last year I made the hit of the year in the Salon--but I was a new man and a new sensation--and next year I may fall flat-- I know you will not misunderstand what another would call boasting-



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