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They did not know I was on this steamer, nor did I know they intended to return per SS. Bremen, which is the same steamer with which they came from N.Y.

They had met [[red underlined]] Kendall [[/red underlined]] in Edinburgh, then [[red underlined]] Frederic Swarts [[/red underlined]] in Ghent, my sister in Brussels

[[vertical note in left margin]] Gabrielle Swarts [[red underlined]] in Bruges [[/red underlined]] [[/vertical note in left margin]]

and Frederic's daughter in Paris, also [[red underlined]] Madame Dutry [[/red underlined]]. They report all well and happy and delighted at the surprise visit of Nina. Wrote a long letter to Dickie describing this unexpected meeting here and many other subjects

Weather foggy and cold 60°F [[red underlined]] Excellent cabin [[/red underlined]] just the same and same location as on SS. Europa My cabin bay is [[strikethrough]] Grunwald [[strikethrough]] Grunwald. Again excellent music & excellent films. Fine class of passengers. Mostly Americans

[[underlined]] Sunday [[/underlined]] 12. Fog gone pleasant day arranged my notes etc. Moderate Westerly winds and somewhat warmer

[[underlined]] July 13. [[/underlined]] This evening "Gallant Day performance. Concert then singing by personel of the boat. [[strikethrough]] Went with [[/strikethrough]] When dancing started went with

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[[red underlined]] Phillip Wyman & Nina [[/red underlined]] to the [[red underlined]] smoking room [[/red underlined]] which was deserted and where had very pleasant talk until time to go to bed.

[[underlined]] July 14. [[/underlined]] Wrote a [[red underlined]] letter [[/red underline]] to [[red underline]] Frederic [[/red underlined]] telling him about surprise meeting with Nina at Cherbourg

[[red underlined] Philip [[/red underlined]] [[strikethrough]] makes [[/strikethrough]] continues to make very good impression I hope both will make a success of their marriage

[[strikethrough]] Nina [[/strikethough]] It has been very hot all over U.S [[underlined]] June 15. [[/underlined]] [[red underlined]] Arrived N.Y about noon. [[/red underlined]] Weather has cooled. Every one speaks about the very hot wave of recent days. Up at 5 A.M - packing Custom officer who examined my baggage was very pleasant and made short work of it

Dick there, drove to University Club for a glass of beer. Am told [[underlined]] 2500 died during hot spell Mr Rivermore [[/red underlined]] of Yonkers [[red underlined]] died [[/red underlined]] suddenly last Sunday, overcome by the heat

Then drove to Snug Rock. Evening clear; peaceful sight of garden and river. [[red underlined]] Celine [[/red underlined]] is in camp and [[red underlined]] George on a cruise [[/red underlined]] with all his family [[red underlined]] except Cornelia [[/red underlined]] on a schooner he chartered from his friend Ford. - along shores of Connecticut, Rhode Island,

Buzzard Bay etc.



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