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Prof. C. S. Sargent [June 104]
Jamaica Plain, Mass

Dear Prof Sargent &
Robinson
On home safe
& sound, Russian tea,
pison sauce, & long hard
wanderings to the contrary
notwithstanding, & find all
well & prosperous. I hope your
& ~~Robinson's~~ home going was
I hope ^{as} equally happy, & that
you found all the family
well. Write me a long letter.
In particular I want to hear
about Alice Foudley
hoping she has fully
recovered. ^{and} send me a
sketch of your trip after
our parting at Shanghai.
I left the Bayern at Singapore
& went to Calcutta by way of
Rangoon, thence into the
Himalaya by Darjeeling -

back to Calcutta & thence to
 Benares, Lucknow, Cawnpore,
 Agra, Delhi & into the Him-
 -alaya again by Simla - thence
 to Bombay, Egypt, up the
 Nile etc. - Was unable to reach
 the Cedars of Lebanon on
 account of cholera - From
 Port-Said went to Ceylon,
 & thence to Australia &
 New Zealand, - thence by
 way of Port Darwin & Timor
 to Manila - to Hong Kong,
 Canton, ~~thence by Japan~~, &
 home by Honolulu. Had
 glorious time in India - the
^{highest} Himalaya ^{peaks & glaciers}
~~snowy~~ Deodar
 forests, ~~etc.~~ ^{Simla region}
 great Banyans, ~~etc.~~
 Temples & swarms of strange
 people monkeys etc. -

Found Old Egypt interesting also. - its long green palmy valley between brown deserts, marvelous towns, temples, & monuments of the long syne of humanity opening telling views into history & making the dead live again -

Had a perfectly glorious reviving times in Australia & New Zealand, then the flora is so novel & exciting it ~~might well~~ ~~awaken~~ & I had to begin my botanical studies over again with the old got a press & made big ~~thousands~~ ^{piles} of specimens working night & day at them with counting all labor light. The Philippine

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flora too is magnificent though I saw comparatively little of it. ~~except~~ visited many interesting botanical gardens that you would have enjoyed especially those of Singapore, Calcutta, ^{Perth,} Adelaide, Melbourne, ^{Rockhampton} Sydney, ^{Port Darwin} & Christchurch.

The last trace of that miserable Manchurian rheumatism left me ere I reached Ceylon - never was sick a ^{single} ~~day~~ after hour after leaving Shanghai - am now perfectly well & weigh ten pounds more than at any time during the the last eight or ten yrs

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 Hoping to hear from
 you soon
 I am faithfully
 yours

J. M.

I often regret

① I am deep in debt to
 you & Robeson for
 nursing me through
 that ~~horrible~~ miserable
 gastritis
 I was surprised ^{to} ~~to~~
 receive a ~~you~~
 check from you as
 I did not think you
 owed me anything
 I arrived last Friday on
 the Siberia. —