

13. Rue d'Argenson  
Boulevard Hausmann  
Paris 2<sup>e</sup> 1866.

Dear friend

I thank you for your  
kindness in calling upon me  
thus wasting the slightest of  
your time. but I have visited no  
one during my present stay  
in Paris. my recent brain-  
dunkiness has been too  
much for me. My friends have literally  
dragged me out to dine with  
them & it has been less trouble  
for them to excuse myself  
& at the same time for me

The pleasure of talking with  
them - enjoying the long drives,  
catching glimpses of other  
valued friends, & yet being,  
as it were, in the retirement  
to which my recent business  
gittings ~~had~~ consigned me.  
Forgive me that I do not come  
to see you. I will do so in the  
autumn, on my return to Rome  
Commend me kindly to  
Mr. Peplow & the children  
& believe me, ever Dear Sir,  
Your Obedt. Servant