



CLARIDGE'S HOTEL,
BROOK STREET, W.

May 12/10

My dear Mr. Bigelow;

We had arranged to come to London for ten days when all of a sudden the King died, just as we left Paris -

This event, and the wretched weather that prevails, have deprived our visit of all appearance of gaiety -

I don't like English ways and customs

even at their best,
and shall be glad
to get back again
to La Ville Lumiere -

I enclose a letter J. Es-
tounelles has written me,
with a type-written copy
of it in case you cannot
make out his hiero-
glyphics. He might
with advantage take
lessons in handwriting
at an evening school,
John Bigelow master.
But the sentiment and
the style are perfect -
I also enclose a letter
from Mrs. Waddington to
whom I was happy to
present a copy of the
Retrospectives. -
I have this moment
read from Paris yr. letter of

April 28th telling me that yr. publishers have issued an injunction against yr. taking your usual foreign trip for Grace's health - This is hard on Grace, and hard on us, though a gain for the public at large -

Perhaps the injunction may be dissolved by September which is by no means too late for a foreign trip, especially as the fruit season at Vert Mont will then be in full swing -

We are dining tonight very quietly with the Whitlans & Reids and we shall speak of you and of the Tariff - Had Horace Greeley lived the Tribune would have been long ago a Free Trade

(so called) newspaper -
long ago - That would
have been easier for
Horace than being the
Democratic candidate
for the Presidency -

This is a busy town
and I am interrupted -

Yours Affly
Edward Clark

Julia says "Send my best
love & say I was glad
to receive Grace's letter"