

On Board the Steam Ship Egypt.
My Dear Wife
Monday P.M. June 23 1873

Still on the broad Atlantic
anxiously looking for land in the
midst of a driving rain and fog
we should see Cape Clear at any
time now but it may be that land
will not be visible before morning the
Captain has commenced taking soundings
and seems to be in a little uncertainty
as to his exact position he is exercising
by careful and runs his vessel at slow
speed every one is on the qui vi to see
land which puts all in good humor
a large party are making merry in
the smoking room and will join to
keep it up all night getting quite
winterous as the evening progresses
I think there is some artificial spirit
used to try the animal spirit at least
keeping from the noise there is a
probability that there will not be much
sleep on board to night however it
has been very quiet heretofore I in-
tend to turn in as it is about midnight
and turn out early in hopes of seeing land

Thursday June 24th. I got up soon after
ten three this A.M. dressed and went
on deck the midnight revelers were
still at their cups I took a look
out but the prospect is still water
in every side being disappointed I
turned in again and waited for the
breakfast bell upon reappearing the
coast of Ireland was in full view
and we were nearing Queenstown
it was a beautiful sight to sail along
the coast of the Emerald Isle differ-
ent points of interest present themselves
as we progress we can see the green fields
the hedges and the hills about which
we arrived opposite the Cove of Cork
and lay to for a tender to come out
and take off the passengers for Queen-
stown which in a short time made its
appearance when about one hundred
including Cabin and Steerage passengers
left us the delay was short and
we were soon again starting the coast
up the English Channel for Liverpool
the hills and green fields of Ireland
quite visible on our left they look
encharming in the distance

The old beacon towers at intervals on
the projecting heights used as beacon
towers for signal before the days of
telegraphy are located all along here
standing monuments of the past sig-
nificant in their pretensions but totally
ignored by the age of electricity and
steam we should reach Liverpool
tomorrow forenoon when we can again
stand on terra firma I ^{am} getting quite
to like this life at sea and am sure
shall be quite a sailor by the time I
take the homeward voyage I have no
definite idea yet of my movements
on our landing we got the Cork pa-
pers on board this morning and I assume
you it was a treat I see from them that
the Shah of Persia is to be in Liverpool
on Thursday and it is to be a gala day
there I may try and see the sight
after which perhaps go direct to Loughbor-
ough we are now nearly out of sight of land
and again the Irish coast is fading from
our view and our next sight will
be the coast of Wales it is a bright
clear sun shiny enjoyable day and
good humor prevails generally

dinner is over and we are progressing
up the English Channel. The Irish
Coast still dimly visible in the
distance and ere long we shall see
the coast of Wales. Oh how grand
the approach to this little Isle of
the sea whose influence extends
to the uttermost parts of the earth
all her surroundings contribute to
her greatness. I had no idea of the
grandeur of the English Channel
it is like the lower St. Lawrence
enlarged many fold. We have
had many sail in sight this after
noon and have been surrounded by
the sea gull hundreds in number ever
since we approached the Irish coast
music and song are proceeding now
this last evening tomorrow will
scatter us all never to meet again
the Welsh coast is now in sight
or at least the light houses are
plainly visible. I am astonished
at the long twilight here it is
now half past ten and scarcely dark
yet I have a recollection of this in
the days of my boyhood here and the

to for several hours waiting for the
tide to let the ship cross what
they call the bar about nine o'clock
we are under weigh with a strong
gale in our rear urging us along
at a rapid rate and we shall soon
be at the end of our voyage we
arrived at Liverpool about noon an
anchored out in the river and were
laid to by a tug which came out to
meet us a tremendous gale blowing
and a very rough sea we got to the
dock in the course of an hour or two
and got our baggage passed through
the custom house and up to the
George Hotel at two o'clock my
impression of Liverpool I must
reserve for my next scribble it
to say I am struck with wonder
at every thing I see as part of the
old world every thing is so substan-
tial and solid built as if intended
to stand till the day of judg-
ment we attended a magnificent
flower show in the evening surpassing
any every thing I ever saw for love
liness and grandeur not only the

realisation of it now brings back
the recollection attended with
feelings easier felt than depression
one meets with various characters
and nationalities in this country
about I have just in my sight
a young Spanish lady who is re-
turning from New Orleans to her home
in Spain accompanied by her Aunt
from New Orleans, the young lady
has been very sick most of the way
I then showed her some little atten-
tion by taking her on deck and
walking her about for which she
seems very grateful and she has
just had a little flirtation as
this is the last evening we shall
be on board we expect to be in Li-
verpool about ten tomorrow I
shall not close this till after
we arrive it is now half ten the
cabinets are putting out the lights and
seem empty because I ask for a
little delay so good night
Wednesday June 25th awake this
morning and found a tremendous
gale blowing we have been lying

flowers but all their surroundings
the Hall in which they were shown is
the finest building I ever was in
I returned to our Hotel quite tired
and turned moderately early
Thursday June 26th This is to be a gala
day here the Shah of Persia is to
leave the town with a visit and
great preparations are being made
to receive him the morning is wet and
drossly I had to go and insert in
an umbrella at once and prepared
to see the sights after strolling about
for some time we went up to the
Rail way station where His August
Majesty was to put in an appearance
about ten o'clock he came with a
tremendous retinue and I can as
sure it was a sight I shall long
remember Miller and I got a
very good position and were within
a few feet of him there was a real
old English crowd and English
cheers to greet him

I am very tired and will close
this by wishing you all good night
as I intended to return early tomorrow

I go to Loughlin from where I
will write you again I am quite
chained with the appearance of the
old England as it is called even though
I have not seen much of it
my love to all, unreservedly I
wish I could see you

I am yours affectionately
Ch. Hudson