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Dear Sister

I have just returned from a visit to Mr Audubon - The Audubon - But I will tell you all in order — Saturday I went to see the prints of his birds at the [illegible] They are superb, of full size on elephant paper - Turkies & eagles as well as small birds as large as life & the colouring & execution beautiful, they are ~~many~~ all of them represented as in the act of feeding, seizing their prey or in some natural & striking position - The landscapes birds, butterflies animals etc are very fine - His son paints the flowers & branches of trees on which many rest, from nature, they are very beautiful He has not near finished his collection though about two hundred are done -

Yesterday Miss Dix was here & woolly told her that a butterfly was coming out of one of my chrysalids she took the box & found that I had put the pin through the top & prevented him from getting out, she took it out & laid the cocoon on the table & in a few minutes he came out & proved to be a large & beautiful sphinx, like the two dead ones I found last summer the room was hot & dry & we found his wings would not expand. Miss Dix said that they would only grow while the moisture remained, so I breathed upon him gently & put a cup of warm water near him, as he