[illegible]
for George without success however. Books of any real value on America are rarely met with
here and bring high prices. I will look farther into the matter in Leipzig. I have not
[illegible]
as yet met any consul before whom I could acknowledge the deed. I can I suppose
[illegible]
however do this at Leipzig as we have a consul there, Mr Flügel. Mr & Mrs Fay are
[illegible]
out of town and I am quite at a loss for society. I have an invitation every now
[illegible]
I then from a professor but it must be acknowledged that their entertainments are rather
[illegible]
dull. In fact I am heartily tired of Berlin and now that my object in staying here is
accomplished am very anxious to get away. I have not done anything in the laboratory
[illegible] but I think I have not misspent my time there. Perhaps next
[illegible]
winter I may [illegible]
and it will be time enough to think of publishing when I get steadily fixed and
stands on my own legs. I wish George would enquire whether Dr Jones received my
letter. You do not mention Oliver in your last neither has he written to me. I suppose
he is still in N.Y. I would have written [illegible] this steamer but have not had
time, I hope she will not therefore think that I have forgotten here. Laura must give
a me an account of how things go on at New Port this summer. I have heard nothing
of the Johnstons [illegible] time. They are all "embalmed in my recollections". New Port
and the Johnstons [illegible] together in my mind. Where do the Glares go this summer
I have had some hopes of hearing from the doctor. Elya must tell me about the
Exhibition this year and whether there are any good pictures there and by whom.
I hear here many different accounts of Powers — some very unfavourable ones. He seems
to have got into a scrape with a man named Lester who wrote a paltry work on Italy.
He is said to lack originality of conception as well as imagination and to be a mere
copyist. I hope this is not so but he has certainly friends as well as enemies. What
did Willis say of Berlin in his letters? I understand that Mr Fay and he have been
soft-sawdering one another in the papers at home on the you-tickle-me-and-I'll-
tickle-you principles. Willis' brother is [illegible] in Leipzig studying Music and is said to
be a good composer. He has now been 4 years in Germany and has had the best
masters. I understand that he is to be there next winter so that I shall be certain of one
countryman in case of sickness or trouble. [illegible] has not yet made up his mind
when he will go in the fall. He is a good fellow on the whole though strange in his ways
at times. I should like George to send me a Vales pamphlet on the Electro-Magnetic telegraph

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