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 Leipsig. I have not as yet met any consul before whom I could acknowledge the deed. I can I suppose however do this at Leipsig as we have a consul there, Mr Flügel. Mr & Mrs Fay are out of town and I am quite at a loss for society. I have an invitation every now & then from a professor but it must be acknowledged that their entertainments are rather 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] I think I have not misspent my time there. Perhaps next winter I may send home [illegible] and it will be time enough to think of publishing when I get steadily fixed and stand on my own legs. I wish George would enquire whether Dr Loney 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 to Aunt S [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 Johnston [illegible] time. They are all "embalmed in my recollections". New Port and the Johnstons [illegible] run together in my mind. Where do the Glares go this summer I have had some hopes of hearing from the doctor. Eliza 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 Leipsig 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 where 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