clean. This will interest Ap much. Our common guns will require no alteration for the gun cotton. A plug of cotton is rammed down and then comes as usual wadding and shot a percussion cap completes the business. The mode of preparing the ~~powder~~ cotton is not yet known, but the chief thing is nitric acid in which the cotton is soaked. I will tell you more about it when I know more about it myself. I do not very well know how you are to send to me in future unless to the care of my bookseller in Berlin. I should like the Sweatmeats very well but they would reach me with difficulty and would have to pay a heavy duty. You can write I suppose as usual direct by Steamer. I think of going to Paris in March but I do not like to come home without seeing Switzerland. It is very improbable that I [illegible] more than one semester. More of this though hereafter. I shall [illegible] my books and balance home in March and will then send Lama the Dictionary. I think Charles Morris deserved his sword and desire to be particularly commended to him. I am glad you think it likely that a northern party will be formed. it is high time, and, it must be an antislavery party at the same time or it will do nothing. John Bull appears to be [illegible] hot water. Ireland, France, Spain, Russia, America. All are against him. They will do Old John exceedingly brown some of these days. I am somewhat surprised that Mr Ruggles should prefer Germany to England and France. I rather incline to the French and do not believe them a whit more corrupt than the Germans. They are at least as honest. This talk about the honesty of the German character is one of the humbugs of the age. I have lived in Germany long enough to know better. Peter Porter has gone to Berlin he was much liked in Heidelberg. The new professorships in Yale amuse me much. What a remarkable coincidence in Norton's being appointed to the professorship created by his father! However Norton is a good fellow and I am glad of it. The professorship is not very richly endowed. Ap's letter was most welcome and shall be answered in due time. as also Wm's by next steamer. Love to Aunty Ruth and Sarah. I am truly sorry to hear of Aunty S's lameness. I must close now or I shall be too late. Best love to all

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