known a single individual in all Paris I am just now a little lonesome.
The French are not as open-hearted a people as the Germans and one does not so
easily make acquaintance with them. Liebig gave me a letter to Prof Pelouze but
I have not yet seen him. I have been twice to the academy and have
already seen some of the lions of Paris. Cutter's successor here is Woodman who was
in his employ. He makes for all the Americans who come to Paris and has
rigged me out to my perfect satisfaction. Old Fox is not dead, but has given
[illegible] "English spoken" on his door and who
provides all the Americans with understandings at shortest notice. Paris is
now chock full of John Bulls who are returning from Rome. Some of the female
Bulls are quite good looking but I think the French women still uglier than the
Germans. This information is for the special benefit of Lama & the Duchess. My
books and apparatus were all sent off from Giessen on the 8th. You will receive them
I think either by the end of April or in May. I had them all insured. There are
3 boxes the largest contains apparatus the other 2 books. My balance is in a
smaller box inside of the larger one I should like to have it (the inside box) taken out and
placed in a perfectly dry place but not opened. The books of course may be
unpacked and the girls may find something to interest them. Tell Lama I
am really sorry about her dictionary but I was so pressed for money on leaving Giessen
that I could not get either that or some other things I intended for her & Eliza. I
shall however get the dictionary here as there is an excellent German bookstore here.
I am anxious about Ap and want you to be particular to let me know all
about him. I suppose that you will be surprised at my writing to Giessen. I should
not have done so had he not when I left Hamburg offered most kindly to
assist me in any way in his power and had I not been really in very serious
difficulty in Giessen. In regard to a certain person mentioned in your letter
of the 1st of this month (which came safe a few days ago via Giessen) I hope he will
on no account act hastily but I would rather converse with him on the subject than
write. Love to all at home - Yours ever Wolcott
My direction is No 5 Rue du Dauphin - Paris. I write to Lovey tomorrow - let me