of this) to the utter astonishment of Mr Rengabé the Greek Minister, and his handsome red headed son, as also to that of Judge James of the rival Commission here in this building, codifying the Laws of the United States; by the way he married the daughter of Professor Shepherd of Yale College, and has just returned from the first accouchement of his young wife, a most intelligent & interesting girl, though unfortunately as deaf as a post, & with an impediment in her speech — How the devil men come to fall in love with such girls, is a question almost as insoluble as that which Solomon put — or rather, stated, as an insoluble one, why women fall in love with the men they do — To return to where I started from, the two minxes, whom Totts will at once recognize as Hallie & Katie, started off at learning the time, on a keen run down the street and were as speedily lost in the distance as that fat girl & Leon could have been in chasing their hoops. I spent a night out there a little while ago. Mrs Pierson unaltered — Mrs Patterson as pretty & pleasant as could be — the children in one eternal romp, with Secretary McCullough's little daughter who was staying with them, a beauty of eleven or twelve years, who rides on horseback like a witch. Mrs Lober was crazy about "her general" and "her boys". I had before told her how well they behaved when the flood was at Fort Hayes.

I saw Sheridan two or three times, while he was here — Except that he had grown fat, he was the same old Sheridan, & I took occasion to