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My dear Miss Susie, During my recent visit to Annapolis, I promised to drop you an occasional line, letting you know of my whereabouts doings etc; so agreeably to promise I avail myself of a little spare time this evening to write this.

And I do it with not a little pleasure either, for my reminiscences of my sojourn in your family are of such an agreeable character, that if an occasional letter from me descriptive of my wanderings doings etc, can be of any interest to you or any of your family; I would be churlish indeed to withhold it.

But I must say that this cruise promises to be so