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Honeymoon Diary of Juliana Fuller

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Juliana Fuller - married John Stratton Fuller. The diary splits up easily into three parts. Juliana notes each day the places they visit and their comments about them. The diary does contain a lot of postcard type pictures and a few photographs, pressed seaweed and flowers and a sample of each others hair! Some places visited include, London, Bath, Torquay, Weymouth, Paris, Zurich, Basle, Lucerne, Berne, Geneva, Llanberis, Snowdon and Llangouen. Their home was at Hyde House, Chesham, Bucks.

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Half page uncaptioned photo of women riding donkeys pasted in

Clipping from newspaper with on either side a lock of hair tied with blue ribbon

FULLER - TAYLOR - On the 23d inst., at Winchmore Hall, by the Rev. G. W. Seppings. John Stratton Fuller, Esq., son of Benjamin Fuller, Esq., of Hyde House. Chesham, Bucks, to Juliana, daughter of John D. Taylor, Esq., of Grovelands, Middlesex.

After taking leave of our affectionate circle/ we drove from Grovelands, starting amidst/ a shower of shoes, to the Great Western Hotel/ Paddington, intending to continue our route/ to Bath the next day, but remained in/ Town on the 24th leaving for Bath on the/ 25th where we arrived in time for dinner/ after greatly enjoying our little journey./ We remained until Monday the 29th strolling/ (*Juliana uses "strole" and "strolling" until 1868*) about the town & (*J generally uses the normal handwritten abbreviation for "and", not the formal ampersand which is all that is available on a keyboard*) seeing many of its/ beauties,

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amongst others the Assembly rooms/ pump rooms etc. (*J uses an antiquated handwritten form of "etc" which looks more like 8c.8c.*) On Saturday we had a pleasant/ drive notwithstanding a thick fog & much/ rain to the Beckfords Monument on Lansdown./ A walk through Victoria Park much gratified/ our taste on Friday - the are very fine gardens -/ we also took a walk by Camden Terrace/ towards Batheaston from which road/ there is a very fine view. We visited the/ Abbey also on that day to see the/ monument there erected in memory of/ Mrs Stratton late of 13 Camden Place./ On Sunday we revisited the Abbey enjoying/ the morning service there - then we strolled over the/ bridge greatly delighting in the prospect. In/ the afternoon we went to Lansdown Chapel/ where we heard a most eloquent sermon/ preached by Rev. Fleming, afterwards we/ again strolled on Lansdown Terrace. On/ Monday we left Bath travelling by train/ through beautiful scenery to Torquay.

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I was charmed beyond all description with/ the appearance of this romantic little spot/ on our arrival. We drove to the Royal Hotel/ & immediately strolled out onto the Key -/ the sun-set was lovely. The following mornng/ (*J's customary though not invariable abbreviation for "morning"*) was wet so we wrote a little & on the weather/ clearing up went out for a charming walk/ & just before returning to the Hotel found/ some apartments which we took a fancy/ to & we went into them that evening in/ time for dinner. Wednesday mornng we/ had a most romantic walk up to the/ New Cut on the way to Hope's hole/ returning to lunch. We afterwards/ drove round the Tor again by the/ New Cut. Thursday mornng we walked/ to the top of the hill on the other side/ of the Key & had a beautiful view/ of land & sea. The sun was so warm/ it drove us away from a seat under/ the cliff. In the afternoon drove to

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Half page engraving captioned "Ansty's Cove and Bishopstow Torquay" pasted in

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& St Mary's Church. The scenery enchanted/ us - Friday we walked up Beacon Terrace/

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passing Park Hill to a distant cliff/ from which a fine view may be seen &/ we sat some time at the top. In the/ afternoon we drove round the opposite/ side of the bay passing by Tor Abbey/

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through several villages. Saturday walked/ about the Key & town. Sunday went to Church/ in the mornng. Johnnie took a long walk in/ the afternoon by the New Cut nearly to/ Hope's hole & returning by a picturesque/ farm house came into Torquay by a new/ road. I enjoyed the air and a book by an open/ window looking out onto the loveliest/ of sea views. Monday Johnnie went out in/ the mornng to order a few things & we drove out/ after luncheon. Tuesday Johnnie again took/ a walk in the mornng & in the afternoon we/ drove out. Wednesday we walked in the/ mornng & sat a little on my favorite (*J's usual spelling*) seat -/ called on Mrs. Wolfe & enjoyed a little drive/ in the afternoon. Thursday again walked &/ sat out in the mornng & one afternoon had/ a particularly beautiful drive to the top of a/

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hill at the back of the town from which there/ is an extensive view of the the sea-coast & over/ Dartmoor etc. Friday only enjoyed the air/ for a few minutes. Saturday we had a/ beautiful walk in the mornng

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passing through/ Hesketh Crescent to the sea-shore, picked/

Half page engraving captioned "Hesketh Crescent from the Sea" pasted in

up one or two small shells & this sea-weed/

Piece of pressed seaweed pasted in

It was wet in the afternoon. Sunday went to/ Mr. Wolfe's Church, heard him preach a very/ good sermon & lunched at his house - a lovely/ view from it. It is one of the most romantic/ spots I ever saw! Monday with great regret/ we took our farewell airing - dined at Mr./ Wolfe's - some nice music in the evening./ Tuesday we drove in the afternoon to the/ railway station en route for Dartmouth/ taking a fond lingering look at Torquay/ where in the midst of such exquisite scenes/ we had enjoyed many happy golden hours!/ The line of railway to Dartmouth is very/ pretty. We soon arrived there & took a/ beautiful walk on the heights the same/ side of the river as the Yacht Club Hotel/ where we stayed. We strolled some distance/ until we reached a spot which commanded/ a lovely distant sea view. The shades of/ evening then reminded us we must return/ or darkness would overtake us. Wednesday Novber (*J's habitual style of abbreviation for months ending -ber*) 14th/ we crossed the Dart after breakfast in a ferry-/ boat & had a most romantic walk to the castle/ the other side of the river returning to lunch, after/ which we tried to get a donkey but none were/ to be had in these remote regions! So Johnnie/ took a walk, again crossing the river as/ far as a church to be seen on the opposite/ heights & returning a different way/ through the town by a very curious &/ ancient fountain, and I sat in the/ balcony of our sitting room with a/ book. The balcony overlooking the/ river I was greatly amused by seeing/ the boats passing up & down together/ with my own happy thoughts! I also/ wrote to Papa. In the evening Johnnie/ was struck by the animated scene on the/ river, boats brilliantly lighted running up/ & down and the town on the opposite side of/ the Dart adding greatly to the illumination./ The next morning we left Dartmouth at 8. O'clock in a rowing boat for Totness (*J's invariable spelling*)/ passing Kingswear Mr Harvey's, Lord/ Cranstonne's Dittesham (*Dittisham?*) & Stoke Gabriel,/ the scenery was most varied & pictures-/ que putting us both in mind of the/ Rhine in miniature. From Totness we/ took the train to Plymouth arriving/ there about 1. O'clock & after having some/ refreshments we walked up on the Hoe,/ where we saw some soldiers at drill/ who presented a very cheerful prospect/ with the glorious sea view in the distance/ below us. Unfortunately it came on to rain/ & we were sent off the Hoe in consequence/ of a high wind also but it cleared up/ sufficiently for us to enjoy a stroll down/ the principal street giving a glance at the/ shops which appeared to be rather good./ Friday mornng we again resorted to the/ Hoe from which there is a fine view of/ the Sound with numerous ships at anchor/ inside the breakwater & of (*off?*) Mount Edgcumbe./ We did not go there as it was a very/ showery day but strolled some little/ distance & drove to get a general view/ of the town & harbour seeing the iron-clad fleet which had arrived in the/ night at anchor in the Sound. The/ Galatea a frigate commanded by his Royal/ Highness the Duke of Edinburgh passed close/ to us on her way to refit in the Hamoaze./ We decided at 10. O'clock in the evening on/ starting by the half past 7. O'clock train/ the next mornng for Weymouth & after many/ times having to change our train found our-/ selves about 2. O'clock on Weymouth's beau-/tiful esplanade. We immediately found/ apartments to suit us. After having a 5./ O'clock tasse we strolled out again to enjoy/ the sea breezes! Sunday mornng went to a/ Church at the end of the esplanade. Monday we/ took a little walk in the morning/ & in the afternoon went by train to Portland/ Island to see Captn & Mrs E Tyler, saw/ the convicts at work in the stone quarries,/ lost our train for returning being tempted to/ stay with Mrs Tyler for a "tasse" so drove/ to [3 *characters or so space in the text here*] church & walked the remainder of/ the way into Weymouth. Tuesday mornng/ walked about the esplanade & into the/ town & in the afternoon I had a chair/ Johnnie walking by my side & we went/ to a fort that was being built the other/ side of the harbour on the heights. Wednes-/ day went to lunch in Portland with/ Captn & Mrs Tyler, afterwards went on to/ the Breakwater - it commands a fine sea-/ view & is a great undertaking. Thursday/ walked in the mornng & drove in the after-/ noon to Osmington passing the effigy of King/ George 3d cut in the turf on a hill which is also/ visible from the esplanade at Weymouth. Friday/ strolled about the esplanade & town. One mornng went on the Pier. Saturday went to Portland/ to bid adieu to Mrs Tyler. Sunday went/ twice to Church.

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Monday left Weymouth/ for Southampton - while travelling by train/ we bade a fond farewell to the sea. On arri- ving we walked round the steam basins &/ admired the large packet steamers one of which/ belonging to the P. & O. Company we were ad-/ mitted on board, she being about to sail for/ Alexandria. Tuesday the 27th of Novber we left/ Southampton & after several changes of train/ arrived at High Wycombe about 12. O'clock where/ we had two hours to wait until the carriage/ came for us. We employed the time in inspect-/ ing the town & Church. We reached Hyde House/ about half past 3. O'clock where we received/ a hearty welcome & great was our pleasure/ in seeing our apartments newly furnished/ with the kind presents of our relations &/ friends. In the evening we were serenaded/ by the singers of Chesham Church who/ performed upon handbells in the hall/ producing a very harmonious effect. Some/ of them also sang very nicely & departed/ to their homes after receiving the old/ English cheer!

Half page photo captioned in pencil "Hyde House, CHESHAM, Bucks" pasted in

On Thursday the 4th of June 1867 we left home/ for Town, slept at the Victoria Hotel and the/ following mornng continued our route to Folkestone/ where we remained that afternoon & evening owing/ to the weather being too wet & rough to cross./ On the 6th we reached Paris where Miss/ Walters received us at the Bedford Hotel. On/ the 7th Johnnie paid the Exhibition a visit/ in the mornng & in the afternoon we called on/ Miss Semple & Mrs Parry. Saturday spent/ the day at the Exposition with which we/ were much delighted. Sunday we went to/ Church in the Rue d'Aguesseau & after-/ wards walked in the Tuilleries. Monday/ again spent the day at the Exhibition. Tuesday/ Johnnie went to the Exhibition in the mornng/ and in the afternoon we had a drive in the/ Bois de Boulogne. We also went out driving/ after dinner in the Champs Elysees. Wednesday/ the heat being very great & poor Johnnie having/ a severe cold in his eye we could not leave/ Paris until Thursday when we slept at/ Troyes & continued our route to Basle on Friday/

Uncaptioned half page engraving of river and town view pasted in

leaving the Hotel des Trois Bois on Saturday/ mornng for Schaffhausen where we spent/ Sunday walking about the woods and/ admiring the fall, there being no English/ Church service so early in the season.

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On Monday we went by train to Zurich/ stopping at the Hotel Baur au Lac/ one of the finest in Switzerland/

2 small oval engravings, one captioned by J "Hotel Baur", the other "Hotel Baur au Lac", and a half page colour picture captioned "Zurich. Vue du pont neuf, vers les montagnes." pasted in

On Thursday we took the Steamer to/ Rapperschweil & back. It was beautiful/ weather though rather cold & fresh snow/ had fallen on the mountains/

2 coloured landscapes captioned "Rapperschweil" and "Basle prise du bastion St Jean." pasted in

Wednesday we went to Lucerne by train/ here we spent 10 days at the Schwitzerhof/

coloured landscape captioned "Schweizerhof a Lucerne" and uncaptioned landscape engraving pasted in

but unfortunately had very showery weather./ Still we amused ourselves walking & driving/ about. We twice visited the famous work of/ Thorwaldsen the lion carved in the rock, in remem-/ brance of the noble Swiss Guards who fell/ fighting for Louis 16th.

coloured picture captioned "SOLDATO SVIZZERO IN BASSA UNIFORME"

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We went in the steamer to Thuelen but lost/ the great beauty of the trip for heavy rain/ came on before reaching our destination/

coloured landscape captioned by J "Thuelen" and a sketch captioned by J "William Tell's Chapel" pasted in

full page engraving captioned "BROUNNEN Con de Schwytz" pasted in

Thick clouds were gathering fast as we/ passed Brounnen & William Tell's Chapel,/ I who knew this scenery well in the days/ of my childhood much regretted Johnnie/ could see so little of the romantic beauty/ of this part of the lake. On Wednesday/ June 26th Johnnie started by the middle/ of the day steamer for Weggis for the/ ascent of the Righi.

coloured picture captioned by J "Weggis" pasted in

I sat on the promenade until the boat was no/ more visible & in due time about 1/2 past/ 6. O'clock received my promised Telegram.

Telegram (presumably) pasted in

He engaged a guide at Weggis, & rode up/ sending a boy on to secure a room at the/ hotel on the top - after taking a strole/ round, but unfortunately the view was/ somewhat obstructed, he went in to dinner/ & on going out directly after was disap-/ pointed at not seeing a very good sunset./ The following mornig he witnessed a splen-/ did sunrise after which he walked down/ the mountain & took the 1/2 past 7. O'clock/ boat back to Lucerne where we breakfasted/

small engraving captioned by J "Righi [----]" pasted in

& spent the day strolling about & taking a/ last fond farewell of the beauties of this/ portion of the lake of "les quatres cantons"./ On the 28th we had a charming drive over/ the B----- to M--ringen. The weather was/ exquisite but very warm. Before starting/ the next norng for Interlacken (*J's habitual spelling*) we stroled/ through the very primitive but picturesque/ Swiss village. We had some thoughts of visiting the Rosenlani(?) glacier but the/ Hotel not being quite to our taste & Johnnie/ not feeling very well we preferred arri-/ ving at Interlacken for Sunday. The/ drive round the lake of Brienz is through/

small engraving captioned by J "Tracht near Brienz" pasted in

very fine scenery with the Giesbach facing/ one on the opposite shore. The little church/ at this romantic spot is very nice./

small engraving captioned "Grand Hotel Victoria" pasted in. J has written underneath "Interlacken"

In the evening of Sunday we particularly/ enjoyed a quiet strole in the lovely/ valley admiring the glorious scenery,/ indeed all our evenings were very plea-/ santly spent here as on week days/ we used to strole out after dinner &/ sit in the R---saal (?) listening to a very/ nice German band. We had also a/ beautiful balcony in the Victoria Hotel facing/ the Jungfrau & we had the most exquisite/ evenings & splendid sunsets during our/ week's stay here. We drove on Tuesday the 2d/ of July to the foot of the Scheine Platte/ in a little one horse carriage when the/ driver took out the horse & saddled it for/ me to ride up to the summit. Johnnie/ walked & had a very stiff ascent, being/ when about two thirds of the way up/ advised by the guide to take hold of the/ horse's tail to assist him, he did so &/ it being a very strong animal he found/ some little benefit from the process. We/ had a most splendid view at the top/ all over the Grindelswald & Lauterbrunner/ valleys & lingered as late as was/ prudent to reach Interlacken by day/

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light, the little chalet at the top is a comfortable little halting place & we greatly enjoyed our dinner there, the invigorating air having sharpened our appetites. I had a chaise a porteur down again thinking it too steep to ride, but Johnnie took the horse a great part of the way down & on its arrival in the valley it began to pimp & play but did not unseat him although he was sitting on the lady's saddle. On Thursday we drove to Grindelwald & on leaving the carriage at the Hotel Johnnie walked & I had a chaise a porteur to the foot of the Glacier Superieur with which we were greatly delighted. The ice caves are very wonderful. The next mornng we drove to Lauterbrunnen & all round its valley of course visiting the far famed Staubbach

half page colour picture captioned "STAUBBACH" pasted in

We were charmed beyond everything with this well-known portion of the Bernese Oberland. We reached Interlaken again in time to spend a very pleasant evening there & on Saturday took the Thun steamer reaching the Hotel Bellevue early enough to have a nice stroll about the lovely romantic garden after dinner. Sunday July 7th we enjoyed two very well-conducted services in the dear little Church situated in the Hotel grounds which I remember in the days of my childhood, the spot of many memories to me! On Monday Johnnie wrote to his Mother sitting in the Hotel garden while I made a sketch. While at Thun we started for a row on the lake one afternoon but found it too rough owing to high wind so landed & enjoyed a pleasant walk back. On Wednesday we drove to Berne, saw the bears at the city gate, in the afternoon strolled about the town greatly admiring the Panorama scene from the Cathedral terrace & after dinner we heard the organ play inside the edifice. We then returned to the Hotel & had tea in the garden.

Half page engraving pasted in - "Thun?" pencilled in below it

Half page engraving captioned "Thun. Thoune ville du Canton de Berne" pasted in

Half page colour engraving captioned "Pont de Fil de Fer a Fribourg en Suisse" pasted in

Small oval engraving pasted in captioned by J "Fribourg"

On Thursday went by train to Fribourg halting there for a few hours to see the suspension bridge & to hear the organ also in the Cathedral which we thought now inferior to the newer one at Berne. We reached Lausanne early & enjoyed a peep at the beautiful lake in the evening from the Hotel garden.

Two small oval engravings captioned by J, the first "Hotel Gibbon", the other "Hotel Richemont"

Friday mornng we walked about the town & in the afternoon took the steamer to Vevey, We had a glorious view all the way & just before nearing Vevey could well survey the Meilleries rocks. On Saturday we sat in the lovely garden of the Hotel Monnet or Trois Conronnes during the mornng enjoying the fine prospect of the Lake Lausanne & its varied shores & in the afternoon we drove to Chillon & saw the curiosities of the Castle.

Half page engraving pasted in captioned by J "Hotel des Trois Conronnes"

Half page engraving pasted in captioned by J "Chillon"

Sunday we went to Church twice. Monday we had a beautiful drive on the heights above Vevey passing through the "Campagne" of a Swiss gentleman. On Tuesday we strolled about & enjoyed a row on the lake which we had previously done here several evenings after dinner. On Wednesday we took the train to Montigny passing through the beautiful

Full page engraving captioned "VIEWS OF SWITZERLAND AND SAVOY" pasted in

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valley of the Rhone & St Maurice. On arriving/ at Martigny we drove out to see the/ waterfalls & the curious fissure called/ the gosse de Trient. Thursday we started/ for Chammonix about 1/2 past 8. O'clock on/ mules, crossing the Forcla at Tete Noir./

Half page colour picture pasted in captioned "Le village de Chamouny vers le Montblanc & le Glacier de Bossons"

Full page taken up by two dried plants pasted in, captioned by J "Tete Noir"

From the former we had a splendid view/ of the valley of the Rhone & the route of/ the great St. Bernard - no description can/ equal the beauty of the scenery from the/ top of the Tete Noir to Chammonix - after/ dinner we sat on the balcony of the Hotel/ & were much amused by the signals being made/ by means of lighted magnesium wire from/ travellers who had ascended Mont Blanc/ as far as the Grands Mulets (?) in answer/ to those made at the Hotel. The ride all/ the way from Martigny is splendid/ & is beyond everything glorious when the/ view of the Mer de Glace bursts upon/ you the last ten minutes. On Friday we/ walked down the valley towards the/ Glacier des Bossons but unfortunately/ had to return in haste owing to a very/ heavy shower. Saturday we went up the Montanvert descending our mules at/ the chalet where we lunched. We descended/ the Moraine or debris of the Glacier and/ traversed the Mer de Glace attended by/ our guide which was a feat of no small/ difficulty as we had occasionally to/ cross over narrow passages of ice between/ the crevasses. We then descended by the Mauvais-Pas, a footpath cut on the/ sloping rocks the opposite side, to the Chapeau. After refreshing ourselves here/ we continued our walk down to a little/

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Full page of pasted in dried flowers, captioned by J "Flegere"

auberge in the valley on the high road between Argentiere & Chammonix where we had/ appointed a small mule carriage to meet/ us to take us back to Chammonix. On Sunday/ we went twice to a beautiful little/ Chuch most romantically situated in the/ valley - between the services we stroled into/ the fields where we were resting when at/ the invitation of an old paysanne we entered/ her cottage & enjoyed some nice fresh milk./ after dinner we took a short walk tow-/ ards the Glacier des Bossons. The next/ mornng, Johnnie went with our guide up/ the Flegere, whence a comprehensive view/ of the valley, the Mer de Glace, the diffe-/ rent Aiguilles & the whole range of Mont/ Blanc is seen, & fortunately it being a/ cloudless day he saw it to great advan-/ tage. On Tuesday we left Chammonix dri-/ ving to Argentiere in a mule carriage. We/ then rode up to the Chalet on the ridge of/ the Col de Balme which is an elevation of/ 7000 feet. Here we passed the night hav-/ ing on our arrival at the summit stroled/ about enjoying a glorious view & a beau-/ tiful sunset. We unfortunately woke to see/ a very foggy mornng at first as we were/ starting it turned into rain when after/

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descending a short distance we took refuge/ in a little chalet, where the owner, who was/ making cheese, presented us with some/ nice fresh cream - the rain shortly ended/ & we much enjoyed our walk down to the/ valley, when mounting our mules we/ rode over the Forcla to Martigny, after/ refreshing ourselves here we took the train/ back to Vevey & the following day we had/ a beautiful trip in the steamer on the/ lake to Geneva, passing Onchy Morges & many other villages on the lake Lemman. On arriving we went to the Hotel Beau/ Mirage where we found our luggage &/ rooms ready for us. After dinner we/ enjoyed a walk about the town. The next/ mornng we went again to inspect the shops/ & in the afternoon drove to the Pavilion de/ Plegny. On our return we found Miss Walters/ & Miss Lovett had arrived - we all dined/ together at the Table d'hote & sat after-/ wards on the Hotel Terrace. On Saturday/ we drove to the foot

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of the Grand Salive, Johnnie then walked up it while I accompanied him on a donkey leaving Miss W/ & Miss Lovett to walk about at Mounetier (?) till our return when we drove again to Geneva in the evening. Sunday we went to Church in the morning - Miss Walters & I then sat some time on the Isle Jean Jacques Rousseau & strolled by the shores of the lake just opposite our hotel sitting there some time

Half page engraving pasted in captioned by J "Hotel Beau Mirage"

Half page engraving pasted in captioned "Geneve L'Isle de J J Rousseau et le petit et grand Salive"

2 small pencil sketches of boats pasted in

Half page engraving pasted in captioned "Hotel des Bergues a Geneve"

A small pencil sketch of boats pasted in

longer while Johnnie & Miss Lovett took a long walk. After dinner we sat on the terrace of the hotel. On Monday morning Johnnie & Miss Lovett started at 8. O'clock to walk before breakfast to the confluence of the Aar & the Rhone. We afterwards drove there & also to Voltaire's villa at Ferney (?). On returning from our drive Miss Walters, Johnnie & I went out in a boat on the lake but found it a little rough so did not go very far. On Tuesday we left Geneva crossing the Jura by train - a most beautiful route but scarcely seen to advantage without driving in an open carriage. We slept at Macon & reached Paris the following day. On Thursday we spent some hours at the Exposition and enjoyed it quite as much as we did the first visits we paid it. On Friday we continued our route to Boulogne sleeping there as we thought it too rough to cross to Folkestone. We spent a very pleasant afternoon walking about & enjoyed a concert in the Etablissement des Bains near the sea-shore. Saturday we had a good passage to Folkestone & spent Sunday there in the morning going to the Parish Church & in the afternoon to a church on the Lees. We then had a walk on the cliff towards Shore cliff. On Monday we went by train to Dover where we spent an agreeable

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Half page pencil sketch pasted in captioned by J "On the Lees at Folkestone"

afternoon walking & driving about and the following day found ourselves at Hyde House again.

We went to Grovelands soon after & to Bournemouth about the 3d week in August where we spent three very pleasant weeks returning to Hyde House about the middle of September when Mr. & Mrs. Busk & Minnie came to stay with us. We went to Grovelands for about a fortnight late in September & to Brighton the 24th of October after being at Bob's wedding that morning returning to Hyde House about the middle of November. We went to Fringford on the 4th of December for a week & on the 2d or 3d of March for about 10 days. In May we spent about a fortnight at Grovelands.

Newspaper clipping pasted in

ROBERT KIRKPATRICK, Captain 85th Light Infantry, son of J.
DONNITHORNE TAYLOR, Esq., of Grovelands, Southgate, to
SUSAN MARY VENETIA, daughter of the late ANTHONY BROWNE
STORY, Esq., St Alban's, Herts, at All Saints', Upper Nor-
wood - 24th inst.

Half page pencil sketch pasted in captioned by J "View of the harbour at Folkestone"

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We started from Hyde House for Wycombe/ about 8. O' clock on Monday the 13th of/ July 1868, Johnnie's Father accompanying/ us to see his Uncle. We then went by/ rail from Maidenhead to Bristol driving/ from there to the Clifton Down Hotel./ We enjoyed a nice evening stroll. (*J now usually adopts the current accepted spelling*) The/ following day we spent very pleasantly/ at Clifton strolling or sitting about in/ the mornng, & in the eveng we had a/ lovely drive & on returning from it, sat/ out of doors until 9. O'clock. On/ Wednesday the 15th left Clifton by the/ steamboat for Chepstow. We enjoyed a/ lovely breeze down the Severn - the scenery/ is very pretty as also in crossing/ and entering the Wye. While lunching at/ Chepstow a very heavy thunderstorm/ came on & although the weather cleared/ to enable us to start in an open carriage/ for Monmouth we had rain for nearly/ an hour before arriving at Tintern Abbey -/ there we were for another hour or so/ prevented going from the most romantic/ little hotel which overlooked the interest-/ ing old Abbey to inspect it more closely/ however fortunately it then cleared up/ & we walked all over it & after enjoying/ some tea had a delightful evening drive/ to Monmouth, partook again there of/ another "tasse" & retired, starting the/ next mornng in an open carriage for/ Ross where we arrived in time for an/ early dinner & after writing some/ letters spent a most pleasant eveng/ seeing the Church, where we visited the/ tomb of the Man of Ross, inside it,/ & walking on the banks of the river, &/ sitting in the garden of the Royal/ Hotel which is most picturesquely/ situated on a hill overlooking the/ distant country & the winding of the/ river Wye. On Friday we went by train/ to Brecon & there also much enjoyed the/ afternoon & eveng strolling about & went/ to the top of the old ruined Castle from/ where we had a fine view of the country/ for some miles around. & stopping to see the/ town & Cathedral of Hereford which has/

lately
been most/
beautifully
restored/

small oval engraving pasted in captioned by J

"Castle of Brecon Hotel"

small engraving pasted in captioned "Tintern Abbey"

On Saturday we much admired the country/ through which we passed by train to/ Aberystwith - the route for a considerable/ distance takes you by the beautiful/ winding Wye. After dinner at the/ Queen's Hotel we walked out much/ admiring the view. On Sunday/ had a fine view of the country round/ after mornng service where we walked up/ a hill close to the hotel, dined at the Table d'hote at 4.O'clock arranged to/ suit eveng service at 6 & on coming out/ of Church we strolled about the grounds/ of an old castle seen in my sketch./ On Monday July 20th we much enjoyed a/ drive to the Devil's Bridge, the falls were/ very good considering the weather had/ been very dry for some time. In the/ evening I enjoyed some nice sea breezes/ at the open window writing letters while/ Johnnie strolled about. On Tuesday we/ had a walk in the mornng & came in soon/ after 12.O'clock to write letters before luncheon./ Johnnie then walked over the hills towards/ Booth returning by the Machynlleth/ road, about 8 miles. I sat on the/ beautiful esplanade watching the sea/ all the afternoon & I sketched on Wednesday/ mornng while Johnnie bathed & in the after-/ noon we had a pleasant little drive./

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Full page painting pasted in captioned by J "Dolgelly Bridge"

After dinner we sat in front of the hotel/ watching a beautiful sunset & then/ walked on to the Pier & sat there listening/ to some singing. On Thursday mornng I/ finished my sketch while Johnnie bathed/ & in the afternoon we went by train to/ Machynlleth & there took a carriage and/ drove to Dolgelly passing by Tal-/ y-Llyn & Cader Idris. We had a very/ pleasant stroll in the evening at/ Dolgelly by the river. The following mornng/ we drove to Barmouth through beautiful/ scenery & in the afternoon we walked up/ a hill at the back of the town where we/ sat some time admiring the prospect. On/ Saturday Johnnie walked some little/ distance & in the eveng we sat on the sands/ watching the sunset. Sunday were in Church/ twice & in the eveng again sat on the sands./ On Monday we drove through Trawsfynedd/ to Tan-y-Bwlch, a lovely route, and/ Tan-y-Bwlch is a beautiful spot in/ the vale of Festiniog. In the evening of our/ arrival we strolled & sat in a wooded/ meadow just opposite the hotel. On Tuesday/ we walked up to Mrs. Oakley's house/ & through the grounds which was very/ enjoyable. The view was so beautiful./

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Wednesday we drove through Port-/ madoc, past Aberdinnant, and through/ the lovely pass of Port Aberglaslyn/ to Beddgelert - in the afternoon we walked/ towards Dinas Lake. The next morn/ Johnnie went out with Captn Peel's/ keeper to fish while I wrote letters & in/ the afternoon he called on Mr. Priestley/ it being too wet for me to go out & in the/ eveng we strolled about a little, the/ rain clearing off. On Friday morn/ Johnnie fished while I sat & watched him/ at the same time listening to the rip-/ pling of the river & making the accompanying/ little sketch of the Goat Hotel quite in the/ distance. Mr Priestley dined with us/ & Johnnie afterwards went out fishing/ while I sketched. The next morn/ we/ walked up a hill at the back of the hotel/ from whence we had a lovely view of/ the whole valley - we then stroled through/ the village & meeting Mr. Priestley he/ took us to see his pretty little rectory/ when the Carnarvon coach drove by &/ Captn Peel & his son descending from/ it joined us. We then all proceeded to/ the Goat Hotel to lunch & afterwards/ the gentlemen drove off in a waggonette -/ Johnnie was set down at his favorite/ fishing spot & returned to the Goat Hotel/ late in the eveng. I went on with my sketch/ of the bridge in his absence. On Sunday/ morn/ there being only Welsh services/ in the little Church we sat out in the garden/ of the hotel, but attended afternoon/ service which was in English. We went/ also to hear the hotel service in the eveng,/ Mr Priestley providing us both with/ English & Welsh prayer-books. On Monday/ we drove along the beautiful valley which/ leads to Lleyn Dinas & thence passed/ into Nant Gwynant & from the road had/ an excellent view of the peak of Snowdon,/ which winds along the shores of the/ beautiful lake called Lleyn Gwynant. We/ at length arrived at the head of Llanberis/ Pass which is situate amongst some of/ the wildest scenery in North Wales. The/ Vale of Snowdon being on the left & other/ rugged mountains on the right whilst/ all around are scattered masses of rock/ of all shapes & sizes, we descended a/ rapid incline from a place called Pen-/ y-Pass to the Victoria Hotel at Llan-/ beris passing by the old Tower of/ Dolbadarn which we walked up to in the/ eveng through the picturesque grounds/ of the hotel. On Tuesday morn/ Johnnie/ walked up to Dolberis & in the afternoon/

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to see the slate quarries & the waterfall,/ it being an intensely warm day I wrote/ letters & enjoyed the lovely view from the/ windows until eveng when we sat &/ strolled about in the garden & grounds of/ the hotel. On Wednesday August the 5th/ we rode up Snowdon & were delighted with/ the view the whole way & particularly/ with its great extent on every side from/ the summit, twenty four lakes of dif-/ ferent sizes may be seen. We lunched in/ a primitive little hut & were most for-/ tunate in having the atmosphere very/ clear. We also greatly enjoyed our ride/ down the mountain returning to Llanberis/ for dinner. Thursday we drove to/ Caernarvon & in the afternoon crossed the/ Menai Strait in a rowing boat to pay a/ visit to Captn & Mrs. Peel. We found/ only the latter at home & after partak-/ ing of the 5. O'clock "tasse" with her returned/ to our boat accompanied by her son./ In the eveng we strolled about & sat out of doors/ & Johnnie also went for a walk. On Friday/ Johnnie again went to Captn Peel's re-/ turning in time to go by train to Bangor/ where after a heavy tea we strolled into the/ beautiful garden of the George Hotel. On/ Saturday Johnnie walked into the town/ in the morn/ & in the afternoon we drove/ across the Menai Suspension Bridge to/ Beaumaris where we walked on the/ esplanade returning to the George Hotel/ to dinner. The eveng we spent sitting about/ in the garden. On Sunday morn/ we went/ to the Cathedral & in the eveng to the/ Church at New Bangor. On Monday/ morn/ we drove to Bettws-y-Coed/

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passing by Penrhyn Castle & slate quar-/ ries through the valley of Nant Francon/ a most lovely drive, lunching a Capel/ curing. In the afternoon we had a very pretty/ walk towards the clergyman's house through/ a beautiful wood. Here we remained until/ the end of the week greatly enjoying the/ lovely scenery of this romantic little spot./ We had several beautiful drives. One day/ we drove to the Fairy Glen (Ffos Noddy &)/ Pant Mill & the Conway falls which/ latter are spoilt by a salmon ladder,/ the others are lovely. In fact the whole/ district is the pick of North Wales./ Johnnie fished occasionally & I sketched./ We then drove to Llandudno passing through/ the picturesque little town of Llanrwst./ We found much difficulty in being taken in/ at any hotel in Llandudno. They were all/ so crowded.

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After driving to several in/ vain we were obliged to content ourselves/ with St. George's. On Sunday mornng we/ went to a Church in the town & in the/ eveng we walked up to St. Tudno's a little/ Church most beautifully situated on the/ Great Orme's head where the service was/ held outside the Church, it being too small/ to contain the numerous visitors at this/ season of the year. We drove about after &/ bathed occasionally sitting & walking about/ this picturesque place during the following/ week. One day we took a walk the opposite/ side of the Great Orme's head to that on/ which the Church of St. Tudno is situated/ & had a very fine view towards Bangor/ & the Menai Straits. There was a tremendous/ gale of wind during our stay here & one/ beautiful little yacht was unfortunately/ wrecked just opposite our windows it was/ very sad indeed to see the debris - it/ had arrived for a regatta which was obliged/ to be put off for several days owing to the/ weather. The latter end of the week it took/ place & we much enjoyed sitting on the/ beach in the eveng seeing the illuminations/ in the boats which were moving about in every/ direction & the town was also brilliantly/ illuminated. Several evengs we much enjoyed/ strolling about on the esplanade listening/ to the bands playing & watching the/ beautiful sea. On Monday August the 24th/ we returned to the Oak Hotel at Bettws-y-/ Coed. After dinner that eveng we walked/ out endeavouring to find the house where/ Mr. & Mrs J. Sterry were staying bu/ it was rather dark so we returned without/ succeeding. The next mornng Mr. Sterry/ made his appearance at the hotel./ We lunched with them & Johnnie walked/ with him to a lake on the top of the hill at/

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the back of the hotel in the mornng. The after-/ noon was wet so we remained chatting with/ them until nearly dinner-time. We then/ walked through the village to the post office/ & to look at the beautiful rushing river/ for about half an hour before going in./ Johnnie went out fishing several days&/ I made my drawing of the Oak Hotel/ during that time. We drove one day up/ the Lledr valley to see Dolwyddelen/ Castle. On Sunday we went to the picturesque/ little Church & after afternoon services walked/ to the miners bridge, crossing it & return-/ ing by the high road. We walked out every/ fine eveng after dinner & the last night but/ one of our stay we sat some little time/ on the bridge bidding a fond farewell to/ the pleasant sound of our favorite rippling/ torrent. On Monday August 31st we drove/ to Llangollen passing through a pretty/ country by the banks of the Conway to Cernioge Mawr, & many gentlemen's seats,/ then we lunched at Cerrig-y-druidon/ which is situate amongst wild moors/ where there are grouse & other game. We/ passed Pont-y-glyn a picturesque/ bridge at a great heighth over a wooded/ gorge through which flows a river. We/ then travelled along the banks of the/ Dee to Corwen where we changed carriage/

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& horses & followed the course of the Dee along/ the lovely vale of Llangollen. On arriving at/ which place we saw the ancient Castel/ Dinas Bran perched on a heighth to our/ left and is a most picturesque object./ On arriving at the town we put up at the/ Royal Hotel but unfortunately having/ heavy colds. Johnnie felt too unwell to/ go out in the eveng so we spent it in a/ pretty little sitting-room from the window/ of which I made my sketch. We were/ also much amused by hearing some Welsh/ harpers play in the hall of the hotel. The/ next mornng we enjoyed the run by rail to/ Tring passing through Ruabon, Chirk,/ Shrewsbury, Crewe & Rugby & we saw/ Belmont on the left hand just after/ passing chirk. We were rather too soon/ for the carriage at Tring so amused/ ourselves by having some tea - the/ carriage came in about an hour's/ time when we drove to Hyde House.

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