

13th apt, there are no signs that  
Fanny, or Frank, or Willie will have  
the chicken-pox. - William is doing just  
as nothing in the worst business.

Roxbury, March 3, 1878.

My Dear Fanny:

Frank is so busy to-day in pre-  
paring an account of our trip to England  
last summer, to be read to the Conversa-  
tional Club next Thursday evening, that  
he will not be able to send you his usu-  
al weekly epistle. I know of nothing,  
however, of special interest to communi-  
cate. Helen may have received a letter  
from me this morning, which I mailed  
last evening.

Last evening I went with Frank  
to the Museum, to see Madame Modjeska  
in the character of Adrienne. Of course,  
her acting was admirable, as it was when

we saw her personate the same character in New York; but she is lacking in physical force, on account of the exceeding delicacy of her organization, and, consequently, somewhat in personal magnetism. She has drawn pretty full houses, but our Boston critics indulge much less in panegyric of her playing than did those of your city. She was not as well supported by the minor characters as she was in New York. This week she plays Camille.

Mrs. Mawson, of Gateshead, Eng., has sent me a postal card, announcing the death of her venerable father, in ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> 83d year. He seemed to be in excellent health when I saw him last summer.

Dr. Putnam has been confined to his chamber for several weeks by a carbuncle on his right arm.

Who should drop in, this forenoon,  
but our genial friend Mr. Blanchard  
of Concord, N. H.? He has just arrived  
from New York, and if he had known  
where you are located would have been  
gratified in calling upon you. He reports  
all well at home, and says that his oldest  
daughter is preparing to enter Smith Col-  
lege at Northampton for a course of four  
years. He leaves for Concord this evening.

Parker Pillsbury is to lecture this  
forenoon ~~afternoon~~ and afternoon at the Paine Me-  
morial Hall, I know not on what topics.

I have not seen Lucy Thaxter for  
several weeks, but she is well.

Professor Morse gave a very interest-  
ing account of the manners and customs of  
the Japanese, at the Women's Club Room on  
Monday last, with drawings on the black-board.

He has recently lectured in Orange, where he told me he met Wendell.

By your letters to me and Ellie, you seem to have your hands full in the matter of receiving and entertaining visitors, and going to various parties and places of amusement. Be careful of excess in these matters, and study to keep the expenses of house-keeping (which must be heavy at the best) within reasonable bounds. Did you invite Mary Addie to come and make you a visit? I hope she enjoyed it. I am afraid that spare chamber will prove quite a bill of expense in entertaining guests.

Harry is indeed to be congratulated, and may well take a long breath, if he has succeeded in making a desirable arrangement with the San Francisco and Portland opposition lines. I embrace all the children affectionately. Your loving Father.