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My dearest Arthur,

We are here for a couple of nights -
I a little more leisurely to write - I have
besides rec^d a letter this morning which I want
to write to you about.

There is a certain Mr. Isaac William Ward
of Belfast, with whom I have been for a consider-
able time in correspondence. (His address is, Linen
Hall, Belfast, whence I conclude he manages some
mercantile concern there.) He has a capital 43 in.
Ct. by way, & a very fine eye - (he I think &
Sadler are the men to "keep the bridge" like Horatio
against the incursions of the Yankees with that
spirited fellow Osburnham at their head.) Some
little time ago he gave me such proofs of having
(what do you think?) - glimpsed Titania
& Oberon!! that - pace Sir J. F. W. H. & Adm^t
Smythe, I could not help believing him - & stimu-
lated by this, & W. Copeland's opinion that I
ought to see these Sat^{ts} myself, after picking
a triplet of Sir John's out of a goose-bush of

Have you any idea of continentalizing this
year? My wife is strongly recommended to Hom-
bury in June, having taken the Italian lakes
en route. Would there be any hope of our meet-
ing? At any rate I trust we may not be disap-
pointed as we were the other day of a sight
of you in Dorn - be the same more or less! -

I have missed today's post after all - mais
n'importe beaucoup! -

I have ever & over again forgotten to return
you the enclosed. - He is a very clever fellow.

I am aware that the meeting is next Wed^s
week - to avoid Good Friday - ~~but~~ I am going
to Cheltenham for a couple of nights (which
will probably be five ones!) on Monday, &
will try when there to put a paper into some
kind of shape if other matters will let me.
With my wife's kind love, ever & dearest Arthur

Your very affectionate friend
J. W. Webb