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My dearest Arthur

We returned on Saturday from a pleasant & salutary holiday of about 5 weeks & now, having your last kind letter before me I write to ask when we may have the great pleasure of seeing you here? It will be a great pleasure indeed, & you will have so many things to tell me, about so many people. So here comes the 4th Comet in as many months - & here come two quarrelling telegrams about him - for which I wish somebody's ~~finger~~ <sup>knuckles</sup> could be made to suffer. How little after all did the 2 previous bright ones do, to instruct us as their composition & I should not wonder if more should never be done till some fine fellow comes near enough to us to give us a taste of his composition. It has been said that in such a case the Comet would be the sufferer - I sh<sup>d</sup>,