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My dearest Arthur,

I ought to have written to you long ere now to condole with you on your disappointment, after all the pains & trouble you had taken. However I hope you got something out of it, & had an agreeable time among the French savans, who I am sure were glad to have you there. We were more fortunate - the sun was too low for the big gun, so I rigged up my wife's little Boarder of g. in her room, & projected the sun on cardboard, & caught the ingress when not more than 4" or 5" could have sundered. & saw internal contact - but there was too much vapour & fumes to say whether there was any black drop - we saw none - but when well on dice we both of us saw a feeble luminous annulus of possibly 1 radius in breadth. It is a pleasure to hear of such successes abroad. - I have never seen Comet since, nor probably have you. Desperate weather, besides D. - I had a very fine view of T₁ on 9th. - Ecker's division distinct on an-see, & transparency of C pretty evident. - I am struck with the badness of 4's limb compared