



# ASTOR HOUSE.



ON THE EUROPEAN PLAN

BROADWAY &amp; VESEY ST.

New York, May 8 (9<sup>1/2</sup> pm) 1879.

My dearest Wife,

I sent a small letter to you from Dover at half past six, & as I find it not difficult to write again here, I seize the opportunity. It seems to me almost wicked to be away from you & having a good time while you are still in the harness of home monotony. I have enjoyed this afternoon very much, notwithstanding I have missed you; & it seems to me I never loved you so dearly as when I was looking at Burt's wife & hearing her tell of her household life. They are all very anxious to see you, & I think we can certainly reckon on a visit from Frank in June, or July if she stands in due awe of our 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> holiday, of which I told her. — My darling! what a pleasure

it is to be waiting to you!

I suppose as you won't get it, cer-  
tainly before half past two tomorrow, it's of  
no use to send any directions about mes-  
sages. Only if Mr. Ely does answer before you  
get this, you may as well telegraph me at  
a venture to "Care Belden Bennett & Co.  
80 Broadway N.Y." not later than 4 p.  
m.; after that "Care Miss Megie, 437  
West Sixty-eighth St. N.Y." I think I  
shall ~~arrive~~ <sup>arrive</sup> to Scranton Saturday at 2  
o'clk. If Mr. Ely will exchange, please put  
my best love in a bag & meet me there  
so that we can go by next train to N.  
But he probably won't. ~ But if you  
want to go to Oxford, to Charles Hill's  
funeral, Saturday, let me know at  
the train at D.

Now I am going up to Auntie's - good  
night, my precious one. Love to Carrie.  
Mrs. W. Belden  
~~at~~ Scranton Pa.  
Yours ever, my dearest,  
Willie.

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