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My dear Father

I have been from several causes delayed from answering before - My matriculation - practical Chemistry & Perpetual admittance to Hospital - fees, were all paid as soon as the money was received - I have therefore paid according to your calculations £93. 8. The ~~account~~ expenses of my journey to Paris, you did not repay. I had made out a list of them together with some other accounts of money spent previously to leaving London for about (I think) 3 weeks. I brought these accounts to you at Paris that you might credit them but owing to some interruption ^{they were} ~~it was~~ put off. & ~~therefore~~ I forget what became of them. Thus I am very glad indeed to find that my private expenses have not been extravagant.

The consideration I have determined to give up Norway

and Sweden for the following season. First that although I should otherwise have enough time for Cambridge - yet an increase of 6 weeks would give me abundance - Secondly - I have already been the cause of so much expense that I have made up my mind not to incur a greater. I called upon Leonard Horner to tell him what I had determined. & to thank him for having made enquiries for a companion, but he was ~~not~~ at home not expected until the middle of next month. so I should be obliged if you would write to him.

The cause of the cheapness of the envelopes is this - The Stationer who sells them has an advertising sheet pasted on their inside. which of course will enable him to sell them at a great reduction. This man has however not found the answer: as he has no more but I hear that they are to be got for 8^d the dozen - I will make enquiries. I call to-morrow on the Haberts. I have not yet had time

owing to Hospital engagements - Every thing, including
 accounts, getting on flourishingly. - There will be
 very near play ~~to~~ whoever gets the prize. for Forensic
 Medicine. I do not at all make myself sure of it.

Good Bye your affectionate Son
Fras. Galton.



up &
 sent with
 London



John L
m.
J. Pertin Calton Esq
29 Lansdown Place
Bramington.



James Fisher
21 June 1840

June 29th 1846
17 New St Spring Gardens
London.



My dear Governor

Many thanks for your letter, to which I would have answered sooner, only that I was out of town on Saturday. Enclosed is Hall's bill. — I fully understand & appreciate your arguments about the money & I am most obliged to you for your liberality; however I think that for many reasons I had better give up Norway & Sweden & go elsewhere, & perhaps a month at Paris would be spent with as much pleasure as ~~it is possible~~ possible. There are good boarding houses to be found out by enquiry, which are kept by people who mix in fair society, who have large families (I which is very necessary) don't understand one word of

English - these would be just the ~~the~~ things.
 They require some looking after. so the best plan
 would be to find out what the Powers & Bureau say
 on the subject - the desideratum being - a large family
 as good a class of life as possible - & the most complete
 innocence of any thing like ^{the knowledge of} the English language
 in case of their being several equally qualified
 that those who can talk the most gospel to be the
 chosen ones - This will explain my taste pretty
 well - of course if the daughters are comely - with
 tant gainé, - So please write to Mr. Horner ^{saying that} a com-
 mune for N & Sweden ^{would be} ~~being~~ a work of supererogation -

Called last Sunday on the Huberts, but they were
 walking out - I will call again - Can you tell me
 whom Pritchard had lost in the way of relations, I wrote
 an epistle to him a short time ago to make ~~me~~

inquire, ~~about~~ with regard to some cases of his of
death by lightning. & he answered in a black bordered
envelope black seal &c.

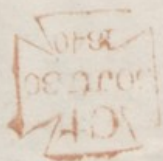
How does Emma like Jonas.

Good bye your affectionate Son

Fr. Galton

Accounts get on beautifully. Shall be released
on about the 25th next month. —





J. Tertius Galton Esq
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington

Post paid by me

29 June 1870

Francis Galton

F 407



f. 41r
Friday 10th (11th) 1860

7 New St Spring Garden,
London.

My dear Father. Thanks for your unanswered letters - that one which you wrote to Paris really was a perfect specimen of English composition - had it been a will & had £50,000 a year depended on it. I am sure a lawyer could not have picked a flaw in it -

I have just seen Leonard Horner - I do not think that I told you, that I called twice on the Huberts, the first time they were walking out & I left a message to say that I was very sorry that they were not in. & the 2nd time was on the day after they had left town for Harrogate. so I did not see them, which I was ~~very~~ very sorry ~~about~~ for. Every thing gets on capitally. Specially accounts - when I want to know if I have any coppers in my pocket to give to a begging ~~sweeping~~ ^{croaking} street sweeper I do not condescend to feel, but pull out my pocket book, add up, and the result is sure to be correct. ~~I think~~ - I shall want some more money. not enough ^{though} for the Paris Expedition, as

Thaspo~~se~~ to come to you at home first - then Rassy, &
then Paris. Shall I send you my account book or an abstract?

What I have spent including what I have ordered & is not

yet come ^{or not paid including last night.} with me - £ 25. 8. - - on June 17th I was in hand £ 4. 8. -

That bill for my carpet-bag I thought that you had paid
for - it has been due 2 years - you wrote in my name
from Leamington and ordered it. (Hopkins showed me the letter)
& almost as soon as it arrived I set off with it to Germany.
Such is the history of the case - I have paid the bill (£ 1. 9. 6)
the rascal did not offer any discount!!

Cartwright's bill for coat & waistcoat - (~~including~~ subtracting discount)
is £ 7. - . 6. -

So much for business. - Went to the Opera last night
- Pagnoni last appearance - quite hoarse with belting
out "Bravo." - Aunt Suruey has been out of town for 3 weeks
just returned. - Went to see Courvoisier hung - I was close
to the gallows. poor fellow, I went professionally for death by
hanging. is a medico-legal subject of some importance. Tell Jelly
that I have not seen a scrap of her hand ^{writing} ~~writing~~ for ages. &

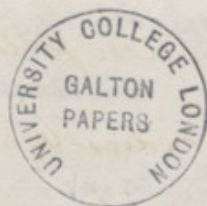
that she must send me a letter. What does she do with her school - I am glad that she is going to Somersetshire it will do her back so much good. Nothing is so bad for health, such as hers is, as a sedentary (lying down in school all day) ~~from~~ habit of living & ~~with~~ one without variation. If she divides her attention between two sets of objects - to both of which she is attached - ~~the~~ school & farm - her health will be wonderfully improved. Gampton's pills of health discards & steel mixtures thrown down the sink

My accounts shall be sent by return of post, if you will tell me in your next letter how that you would like me to send them

Good bye your ~~truly~~ affectionate

Wm Galton.

This is wrapped in an "11^d a dozen" cover



f. 42v

Francis Galton

London

10 July 1840

and $\frac{11}{7}$ 40



f. 43r
Monday - ~~July~~ 1860
17. New St Spring Garden

Dear Father

Thanks for letter, I am in a great hurry for the post. So I will send accounts tomorrow

Please write an answer and send it with all the speed a penny envelope is capable of.

Wm Miller is going to Gießen, in Germany, to Liebig's laboratory - Liebig is the 1st Chemist (in organic chemistry) in the world - in his laboratory there is every opportunity for getting on, in addition to the certainty of a knowledge of German being acquired. - The terms are very low not more than £5. for admission though of course there are many more expenses in the way of tests & other chemicals. - Wm Miller tries to persuade me to go with him - I should like to go - Have you any objection? - I write to Hodgson by this post to ask

his opinion - Miller ~~is~~ as you know exceedingly talented
 & will in all probability rise high - my acquaintance
 with Bowman has proved to be most useful - a similar
 acquaintance with Miller promises to be so - Liebig's
 assistance will of course be invaluable to me in after
 life; & as his immediate pupil, more especially as I
 am a foreigner & come with an introduction from Daniel,
 I shall have every opportunity of acquiring his friendship.

Again Daniel will necessarily be much pleased with
 one of ~~the~~ his claps, more especially his prizeman, following
 up so good an opportunity of working at practical chemistry.
 He will of course give me introductions to Liebig & will
 take more interest in me. ^{Liebig's} ~~the~~ season begins ~~next~~ next
 week & ends Sept 8th ^{nearly} all which time I shall be with
 him. My going there will not interfere with my forensic
 Medicine ~~exam~~ Examination -

I am sure that it is the best thing that I can do - ~~and~~
I shall not gain refinement most certainly - but
will have every advantage possible for obtaining Chem:
Knowledge, & will return as dirty & as clever as can be ^{expected}
be expected.

Your affectionate Son. F. Galton.

Had, very, about asthma.



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Francis Galton

13 July 1849

and $\frac{14}{7}$ 40

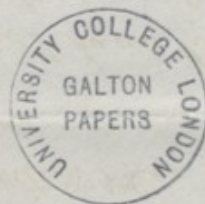
I duly acknowledge the receipt of your letter. telling me that there is a credit in my name of £50 at Barclay Bevan Frith & Co.

		£	s	d
Paid for the Governor				
June 17 th	2 No of Janet & booking them	1	6	
29.	Halls bill	1	10	
June 18 th	Boots - 1 new pair & mending old ones	1	5	6
July 9 th	Gloves 2 pair		4	
June 18 th	Supper with Bowman twice & once with J. & M. P.	6	1	
July 10 th	Writing & Scribbling Paper	1	9	
July 11 th	Hooke's bill for carpet bag	1	9	6
	Books at various times	2	3	6
	Expenses incurred in testing for the Hospital &c including much alcohol (not brandy) & other &c		13	3
	Chemicals		14	7
	Botanical excursions with the Professor & Chap		5	8
	Grubs (very numerous) including 30 each		2	6
	Tea, 1 coffee & 1 dinner			
	3 Stocks		9	
	3 Washing Bills		10	2
	Not paid letter to Paris		1	8
	Making soap & brush. Gave. Wafers &c		3	6
	Omni-buses & Cabs		2	6
	Picture Gallery in Cosmoasson & Catalogue		4	6
	Larks (1 black - Tagliani has just left town)		19	6
Which comes right.		12	13	8

1. 18. -
10. 15. 8

- I shall not have time to write to Liebig & to wait for an answer. I therefore propose setting off - to-morrow week for Gießen (near Coblenz) & taking my chance of a vacancy. Suppose it should happen that he cannot take me ~~in~~ ^{at} what shall I do - go to Paris or Switzerland or what? -

Yours affectionately
R. W. Galton.



Francis Galtier
14 July 1840 -

Account

EWB



July 16. 1840
17 New St Spring Gardens

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the credit on Barclay Bevan
Pittman & Co for £100

Dear Peter, thanks for letter. I would have acknow-
ledged your ~~letter~~ ^{letter of} credit yesterday, but was detained beyond
post office time by passport & other arrangements

I have received a letter from Prof Hodgson today, saying
that ^{my Liebig's expedition} ~~it~~ is the best thing that I can do, in which I quite
agree with him - the place where Liebig lives is (hang it, some-
body has taken the map out of the room) ~~either~~ Siepen or Geipen (of
which) on the Lahn not far from Cappel or Coblenz.

Hodgson wishes me to go with Miller on Saturday, but as that will
interfere with Forensic Medicine Examination, I stay till Wednesday
next. I will settle somewhere in Germany in case of there not
being a vacancy at Liebig's - There will be capital opportunities
for working - I in the laboratory from 8 in the morning till 8 at night
(if we like it)

p. 46v

You enjoin me not to smoke cigars, I will not, but I will buy
a Meerschaum with a pipe 4 feet & a half long, & with
a bowl that will contain an ounce of tobacco at a time - Shall
I get one for you? - I have my money changed into circular
notes at Horries Farguhar & Co - I stand at Ostend. railroad
Liege - diligence Aix & Cologne - steam Coblenz. diligence
or voitures if I must, to Gießen. Does not Bepi & Steura
to day? - How is his worship the farmer at Claverdon
Good Bye. affectionate Son getting on -

Wm. Hallin.

I will write again - Loves I all that
sort of thing -

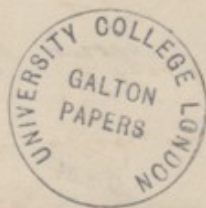


f. 47v

Francis Galton
16 July 1840
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Tuesday.

f. 48c



My dear Father.

I am 2nd in Forensic Medicine. There is only 1 prize & so I
get a Certificate of Honour. I am much vexed at not being first. but there
was more competition than usual. One of the men (I am above him) got a
Certificate of Honour in For. Med: ~~last~~ year. ~~As~~ As you understand the
circumstances in which I was placed as regard seniority, I shall not attempt
any farther to ^{justify} ~~explain~~ my failure. If it be not infra dig: after a Cambridge
degree I shall of course go in again —

I have got the £100 changed into circular notes. (Permit Paragon &c.)
of the £50. I have drawn £17. — .6

I have secured my berth in the steamer I start to-morrow at 12.
I will send you my medical books in a parcel — Don't let them be opened.
My other books I will pack up separately. My chemicals too I had rather
were not touched. I have been unavoidably prevented from calling on Leonard
Horner. Will you write to him to tell him of my proceedings — I saw the
Surveyor today. He talks about copying Bepz or Emma to Chiswick

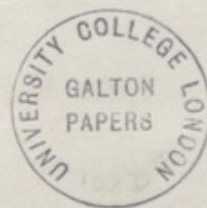
As I have much to do I write with you good bye - Love to all

Your affectionate son Wm. Hallam

Wednesday. I will not send my luggage to Leamington now, but will
call for it on my return - I received your letter yesterday.

It is a beautiful morning.

f.49r





J. Tertius Galtier Esq
24 Sandown Place
Stramington

Received of
22 July 1870

Francis Galtier

[illegible]

to practice & not having already done so sufficiently. of course ^{instructed in} the after part
is useless: ~~and I have been very busy lately~~

~~and I have been very busy lately~~ - under these circumstances & with the advice of Mr Miller
I have determined not to enter to the chemistry class. but shall work at
learning German instead - my arrangements I will tell you after at the end.

I set off from London at 12. Not by a steam boat of passengers. Lady Noel on
board - & with the exception of tramping upon a little poodle-dog's tail, & ^{by accident} making it squeal horribly. & of tumbling against a lady, who was
trying to drink unobserved a glass of wine, & so causing her to spill
it over her neighbours. I got on very well. Calm passage - not a
good berth, ^{In which I don't sleep} & splendid appetite - Dined at 3½ in the morning
shore at 4½ - Took about. got up about 6 - breakfast
Railroad at 6. Very agreeable companions they had come with me
in the steam-boat & were travelling for their first time. a lady & her
Governa - these were other English also in the same carriage - Stopped
½ of an hour at Malines just looked about me - Liège at 6½.

Ran about with one of my fellow travellers - saw every thing -
dined & set off for Aix at 10 at night. a couple of Englishmen
still sticking to me, one of whom tried to induce me into acting as
a sort of courier ^{a "shed machine" speed!} but I dished him nicely. Aix at 6½ in morning
warm bath & - ran about the town - Charlemagne's House & St. Remy.

good breakfast & set off for Cöln at 7^{1/2} arrived there at 3^{1/2}. p. 54r

boiled to the bankers, just had time to look at the cathedral
& off in the steamer, we came opposite the Drachenfels about 5^{1/2} hours
11 at night - I disembarked at Königswinter. ^{ran} ~~boiled~~ to the
top of ~~the~~ Drachenfels I waited to see the ^{The steamer had been in Cöln by 4 o'clock} San Rita - ~~boiled~~
down again in 13 minutes & ^{3^{1/2} m.} grabbed in breakfast & off
for Coblenz. found that I couldn't ^{set off} ~~get~~ to Eipen till 3 o'clock
next morning. so I walked up the Charscre ^{& in every 1/2 mile}
direction till I was thoroughly tired (boiling sun) reinvigorated
myself with a brace of ices &c. The men at the ferry (H. & S. ^{San}
Hagen) very uncivil so I knew that if I went ^{to bed} ~~they~~
would not awake me at 2 in the morning, consequently, ~~off~~
took my luggage to the Schnellpost office, told the man
my unfortunate condition & asked him to let me sleep the
a diligence - He ~~thence~~ immediately took compassion on me
& bundled about for the keys of the Passagier Stube but
the keys were not to be found. So I picked out the most comfort-
table post-wagon & fell asleep most ^{cosily} comfortably. However the
chocolate, ices, bonbons, & coffee that I had taken not exactly agreeing
in my inside. I had a desperate night more fancying that 2 virgins
were dancing the "Cachuca" whilst an old ^{rattle snake} ~~adder~~ was posturing in
the "La Gitana". At this I squeaked awfully & being thoroughly
awakened by a desperate rattling at the door I found the sentinel
standing with a fixed bayonet. I however kept still & soon went to

Sept 4 at 3 in the morning (Sunday) I got to Gießen at 2 1/2. I got to the inn & on enquiring ^{for a night} found Müller there. In the evening walked about the town round the ramparts &c. Müller introduced me to Flayhain ^{Chemical} later assistant to Graham - to Silberstein also assistant to Thompson & to Herr Kettnerbacher a Vicar & Professor - all studying here at Liebig's. Went to bed, slept gloriously.

James Gutter
Gießen
27 July 1840
and lab 4/10



I opened it

~~James Gutter~~

James Gutter

29 Danvers Place
Birmingham
England

TT



James Gutter Esq



up at 5 this morning went to the laboratory - heard Liebig lecture. saw all that was going on. Made arrangements with the German Professor for daily lessons. - My present plans are as follows. Work hard at German for a fortnight till I can speak it tolerably. I shall then expect letters from you with Berlin - Dresden or Hanover introduction. Go to one of these places & mix in society & look for 3 weeks at least & shall be in England on the 14th of September - Please write to Hodgkin & tell him about

Giessen July 30th 1860

f. 52r



My dear Father

being thoroughly ~~en~~ ennuied at Giessen
& having nothing to do from morning till night. I have determined
to make a bolt down the Danube. ~~I~~ I to see Constantinople
& Athens. I have made all the calculations of time & cost & they
are very favourable. Can I take any message to the ~~Stamps~~ ^{Stamps}?

I do not ~~wait~~ wait for an answer before I start for two
reasons. 1st that I have not time & 2nd as you promised
me a good Summer's tour even to Sweden & Norway of course
you can have no objection to a comparatively ~~at~~ civilised trip.
I am getting on in German capitally & shall learn almost as much
of it, in these my travels as if I had settled in the midst of Berlin
- much more than by staying in Giessen - Another reason for my
~~not~~ ^{unhesitating} both is that as I shall have but very little time
after I am settled at Cambridge I had better make the most of the
present opportunity - So I will fancy that I have received a favourable

answer & so thank you very much indeed for your consent -
 My Conscience being thus pacified I will tell you something of Biepen

It is a scrubby, abominably paved, little town - crum full of
 Students, noisy, smoky & dirty - Of these Students, by far the
 best are the Chemicals - they being all first rate men. wot write
 books & so forth. they are one shade less dirty than the others
 that is to say, they are of the colour of amber, the others being Bt. Sierra
 - ~~they~~ they have a table d' hôte to themselves at 6 o'clock (at which
 I join) & they drink much sour wine & Seltzer Water. Every
 now & then they dissipate. i.e. send for a quart bottle extra
 each of Rauen-Thaler, & drink healths and sing songs - To drink
 healths you clink your glass with every body else's glass at
 table, thereby spilling much wine on the table cloth & over
 your Neighbour's necks - over which you are stretching - as they
 were so sitting down together at the one which I witnessed by
 the simple rule of combinations $n \cdot (n-1) = 30 \times 29$ the glasses
 must have clinked ~~or~~ 870 times for each health that was drunk
 say (at a low computation 20 were drunk) then 17400 clinks must
 have ensued!! - ~~They have a custom~~ If one student
 calls out to another - Sie sind Doctor - it is a challenge to drink

2 glasses of wine with him. If "Sie sind Professor" then,
 & so on — They have also a very uncomfortable custom for
 foreigners which is this: One man walks up to another (whom
 he knows) & asks him if he has any objection to drink
 "Schmollens" with him, & the consequence of which ceremony is
 the calling each other "du" ever after instead of "Sie" &
 in fact making them perpetual chums, the way in which
 it is performed is by ~~the~~ ^{each} drinking a glass of wine, the
 arm which holds the glass being put through the corresponding
 arm of the other — & then saluting each other on both
 cheeks — this last part to be continually repeated after any
 absence! ^{Thav² been it} None of this ~~to be~~ performed, but I was in
 great fear & trepidation, even more so than when before
 Mary Luard, at a Christmas party — The professor who
 gives me lessons is a delectable old man — quite an original
 who has 17 (!!) pipes in his room & who smokes to a
 corresponding extent. — Tell Penny that there is a splendid
 cathedral at Limburg — almost unknown to Englishmen — and
 Byzantine architecture with a touch of Gothic, ~~the~~ just like the church
 of the sports at Cologne, only much more splendid — Bye the bye

that you sh^d fancy any part of this letter to be a "take in". I can assure you that I never was more in earnest in my life - Having nothing more to say - with many thanks for your kind consent to my travels, I remain your affectionate Son Geo. Gallia.

P.S. I have just opened it to say that I have seen one of the people here who went a similar tour last year. & the one that we have together concocted is - Frankfurt - Würzburg - Nuremberg - Katisbon - Regensburg - Vienna - Constantinople, Smyrna. Athens - Patras - Ancona - Rome - Livorno - Pisa - Florence - Livorno - Genoa - Marseilles & Paris - I have plenty of time. I could see them all very well, guarantee to, & be back on the 10th Sept. but I will take more time - I start to-morrow at 7 in the morning.

I enclose a letter from you proposing that Father will take care of you

James Gallia

Glasgow

30 July 1840



which I will

FRANKO
GRANZE

Samuel Tertius Gallia Esq

29 Lombard Place

Leamington

England.

By



At Father's request I am writing to you & the Duke of
York just dead. This is the first time I have written
to you since we have parted. I am in Scotland
in the very midst of the great & terrible
affairs of the day.

When you received my letter from Piesen I don't know how "What a monkey!"?
Well good. I believe you ever your affectionate son Frank Gallon
Dear Mary. I have been thinking away. I wish that I had you with
me, you would so enjoy the journey. You certainly nowhere see such
immense happy faces as in Germany. It is as if you were in the best hospital
I am laughing half the day. I am as fanned as if I had a machine
respectfully independent I in the best of health & am more ~~imagine~~ imaginable -
Then the evening I worked with a diligent friends to the coffee garden where
all the pastimes of the town are assembled. I flirt furiously. Really I feel
quite at home. I have seen such splendid things & I
sketches today by all the first ~~German~~ painters. Every style from Albert
Durer to Raphael, the trees are done beautifully. With you could see them
they are the Archduke Charles collection & 35,000 in all. I know I hope
Kupfer as far & healthy as possible after Mary & Billy & Mammy Lucy
& brother. I should like just to have a peek at all your pretty faces again.
It seems at least a month since I left Frankfurt & I don't know how long since
I saw you last. - Well good bye to think of you all some time. Frank Gallon

off to Würzburg by night. old town, antique Gothic buildings, some 30 domes
or sharp spires. 2 hills with windmills, on one side ^{the} one with a citadel
on the top, & the other with a pilgrimage, Rupprecht Church. Went to the fashionable
coffee garden & smoked cigar!! ~~It~~ Staid all day, off for Murenbach
at night got there next day, ran about & saw the sights. old
gabled houses - high & half tumbled down. Cathedral with paintings by
Albert Dürer & Lucas Cranach &c. set off for Katisbon at 12 with an
Hungarian noble, with long mustachioses & a scowling face. Got to Katisbon
at 2 1/2 a.m. & crossing the Danube - ~~The sight of it almost~~
made me dance, but there wasn't room to do so in the silvage.
Went to bed - up at 6. Rattled about the town ^{with the Hungarians} saw lecture chambers
Cathedral, & Walhallen - Walhallen is the Pantheon of Bavaria
built after the model (Externally) of the Madeleine of Paris, on the
top of a high hill 5 miles from Katisbon, the Danube running
below it. It is not yet finished. In it are to be the statues of
all the famous men who have been born in Bavaria. & tablets, white
marble, gold letters for the 2nd rate top lawgivers. & splendid building.
Strained it next day to ~~the~~ ^{Living} ~~the~~ - splendid scenery. dark lonely pine
wood forests. many rapids. & boating saw. ~~but~~ Here you feel that
it is the law - it puts life into ~~one~~ ^{warm} ~~one~~ quite ~~into~~
the sublime. See the bye I am as nearly mad in that way

know one word of German is always full of gratitude to me... 4

I have just come from hearing Strauss play. I have had the pleasantest
possible voyage - nice companions - very nice indeed in some cases

As dining is universally famous for the beauty of its partner.
I so in Wartburg ^{and every thing perfect} have never enjoyed myself more. I shall

James Fuller
Herman

7 May 1840

and 18 May 1840

England

Cambridge

29 Cambridge Place

Samuel Pepys Galton Esq



be back in quite time enough to Cambridge. (I have altered my
return route) so don't be at all uneasy about that - I shall be
in Constantinople on the 23^d. I don't write after me because I am
not sure of my return route but I will write. If I have time from Const-
nople - I would have given anything to see your physiognomies

Post Aug 11th 1840.
 See Romagna von England &c



My dear Father. I am sorry to bother you with another letter. the purport
 of which is as follows. There is my ~~fare~~ not including fare to Constantinople
 £82. (the fare there, best place, is about £12.8) I calculate my ^{future} travelling expenses
 to be about £76. which would leave a surplus of £6, but in case of accident
 it would be awkward to have none of the "special". Would you therefore
 send me to Trieste £15. if you the correct way of sending it be in letters of
 credit. Please make them payable at several of the places about there Venice
 especially. Should you ~~if~~ however ~~you~~ have disinherited me, or forbidden my
 "fudge" (Trading Mathematics) or some equally intolerable punishment, then please
 send ~~a~~ duplicates of that letter to Matia Igra Athens &c &c. because
 after that I have read one of them I shall be sure not to enquire after
 the others & they will ~~be~~ amuse the postmasters. Well here I am
 in the most Hungarian town of Hungary & ^{already} fully entitled to the ^{translating}
 Dub. Here is such a capital specimen of an Hungarian Opposite
 that I must sketch him. The Hair & Mustachios are no exaggeration.
 I never fully understood what a hot day was till I came
 here. in truth, sight seeing ~~off~~ opens the mind & the
 perspiratory pores also. The water that I drink oozes through as



fast as through a patent filtering machine. I must really insist in a ~~garage~~ today. the heat at
 midday is absolutely awful. This morning I ~~was~~ actually saw a live Cow not
half-roasted but really & truly quite done. I have got a mosquito Net of which
 I shall find the full benefit, shortly, about Shela Gladova. (pronounced Shela
 Gladova) A Waterproof Pea Coat is the greatest comfort imaginable -
 in a storm of rain on the river which by the bye was ~~in~~ much more
 violent than any Scotch storm and ^{highly} looked just as in the
 Scotch. I coolly posted myself on the top of the paddle box, looking
 quietly & comfortably, with my hands in my pocket, at the poor miserable
 looking passengers for whom there was not room in the cabin I ^{was} ~~being~~ ^{being} ~~being~~
 being useless, posted them as well as they could under the tarpaulin, their
 exposed parts suffering considerably - I was considered a maniac or something
 like it. but two or three Newfoundland-dog-like shakes made my
 pea coat half dry, & not an atom of rain had gone through it. ^{The nights are bitterly cold}
 to economise I tried the 2nd place but I find that it really won't
 do in the lower part of the river. There are no berths & we stay
 board at least 8 nights. no awning & the heat is truly awful. The
 fellow passengers are beastly, spitting & infirmity, & very much
 crowded - when all on deck, scarcely standing room & they have to
 make way for the cargo. In the first place, on the quarter
 deck (as in all steamers) very few beastly birds are present. &
 there I ^{am more likely to} ~~can~~ get necessary information. The difference is £4
 between the 2 places from Viena to ~~Tetamboul~~ (Constantinople ^{Tram})
 so I shall take my place on the quarter deck.

Perth is quite a newly sprung up town - broad quay but not paved.
high regular & whitewashed houses extending 1 1/2 mile - half of
them unfinished. Much of the same character as Frankfurt.

Shops scattered some very fine especially lithograph & painting.

It is faced by Buda ^{situated on a hill} or Open (Open - on account of the hot springs)
was much frequented by the Romans. once belonged to the Turks
several Turkish baths remain also the Tomb of a Turkish saint.
to which Turkish pilgrimages are occasionally made. I had an invite

here by an Hungarian noble with whom I travelled I saw nights
but did not accept it - he not being ^{here} there & I only staying 1 day
as it is very hot & I have had a splendid dinner with very fair wine
for 1.4. I can't stir out & so with copy a sketch or two.

(From Over)



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11 Aug. 1840

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much to be done
at Leamington
England.

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When you go to the Birm: Musc: Nacton I wish that you would ask Bowdler
(if you see him) to come over for a day or two at Leamington. though I am
afraid that he will have scarcely enough time. But do ask him please
as he has been so very good natured at different times to me, & has
helped me on so ^{many} occasions. — Please tell me in your private letter
who Lady Noel is ^{as regards her name} & by the way what her age ^{is} & whether
the Duke of Wellington has not a ^{Nephew} ~~at this time~~ at ^{Vergara} ~~at this time~~
I whether ^{the Duke has not a sister} he or that nephew an Aunt, about 50 years old. ^{his daughter} ~~his daughter~~
her age? — In 11 days more I am in Tatanoul. ^{thunder} ~~thunder~~
I remember a bit of Darwin's when ^{from} climbing up a ladder to the cistern in the garden
at the Larches. not to look down, but only ^{upward} ~~upward~~ to see what is left to be climbed —
just as with my present tour. I fancy myself not much farther than
Belgium ^{quite at home} ~~quite at home~~ to calculate what I have to do. — Goodbye, affectionately,
W. Galton.

they seemed very happy, driving and riding. I took a complimentary
 white couple of turks were wrangling about. ~~these~~ prices. Took a
 turk to bath to day such a ~~stagnant~~ poor & lathering & steaming.
 Now about getting home. These happy Guaraniques have been
 extended, though there is no plague now in Turkey & a great voice for
 I wanted to see some cases. I that at Pera with that at Trieste
 with me I fear ~~for~~ 24 days. Therefore we shall scarcely be able
 to see you before going to Cambridge. If you get home I will send
 of a day in quarantine at Mauthausen & Leipzig. I don't want
 I have heard Turkish or do something desperate of that sort. In
 my last letter (Nov 10 Death) I asked you to send me £15 to Prussia
 if you have not done so already please send it now - is I shall then
 have no shop the anxiety about money matters. Signed by -
 Yours affectionately
 Galton



(See Murray - as you have got my Southern Germany Murray.
you must read up my route.) the rapids & between Alt Haidin
& Skala Gladion are very fine rough brown mountains of each
side, a good deal of wood, a swift stream below which pools ^{occasionally}
& splendid eagles soaring about. The Iron Gate is a humbug
the rapids is ~~not~~ swift enough but the scenery nothing particular
at Orsova (Orshov-a) on stepping into the boat we were ~~tabbed~~
for 10 days quarantine ~~detained~~. Had we returned. & we were
in a minute amongst turbaned Turks. The Quarantine laws are
a great bore. A Turk has 3 days Quarantine in Wallachia & 10
in Hungary. a Wallachian 7 days in Hungary. So here are
3 nations close together none of whom can trade & to any extent with
the other. See Murray as to the way of making exchange &
insuring the money through water. Stopped at Gerna vada
(That is a Russian name) I went over land to Kustendie - Sother English
with myself made the first English party who had ever done
it with the exception of one solitary English man about 3 weeks
since. We arrived at Kustendie & the Black Sea (!!) all
comfortably (except one break down of the axle tree & I found a very
good Inn & actually Barclay & Perkins' porter. a bottle of Whisky
I drank to the health of all at home - Steamer was to set off
next morning at 12. was lent a gun ^{by an inhabitant} & so went out shooting.

- Shot a couple of Sea Gulls first then broke the leg of
 a hen when flop flop flap up got an eagle, bang
 the eagle lay a subject for dissection on the ground. According
 I did dissect him at least skin him to the admiration of
 all beholders (I had my dissecting knives with me) - & I
 shall bring him to England. - It is not a large one not about
 3 1/2 to 4 feet from tip to tip of wings. but a very powerful
 (Dinner ready so I must stop) . . . Set off in steamer on
 the Black Sea having first bathed therein. very windy - cross sea
 worst passage since March. ~~the sea~~ My breakfast & dinner
 were soon food for fishes if they could digest them. I could
 in fact I was horribly squeamish at last having during my
 short time of health ~~not~~ seen a splendid storm, lightning as
 bright as in the most vivid illumination & a broad glare of
~~sheet~~ lightning extending along a quadrant of the horizon ~~concentrating~~
 itself together in the middle to a broad band of forked light
 it was splendid. ^{The Black sea is really very black. I do not know to what it is owing rocky bottom} Sailed down the Bosphorus ~~through~~ through the
 Symplegades. Egad the Bosphorus beats any thing in the way of
 a view I have ever seen my peepers upon. the kiosks are to
 Opera-Scene-like, so white, & so much tinsel work about them, the
 mountains are so grand & the Bosphorus so broad and blue, the
 (I am stuck fast in the mud about how to finish the sentence being afraid of verging on the

arrived at Hamboul seeing as Byron says "The selfsame Orso" f. 59v
"That charmed the charming Mary Mount"

The Scapions are splendid ditto palaces. such a great deal of
travelling work about them. & then there are cyresses & the veiled
ladies just looking out.  between folds of gauze & very pretty
eyes they have too. Then there are the Greeks, I never saw
such black eyes in all my life. I should like to put one
of them in a rage. they must look splendid then. I saw
the women's slave market to day - if I had £50 pound at
my own disposal I could have inserted in an exceptionally beautiful
one, a Georgian - Some of the slaves had their nails dyed with
henna. Most of the black ones were ~~fettered~~ fettered. But

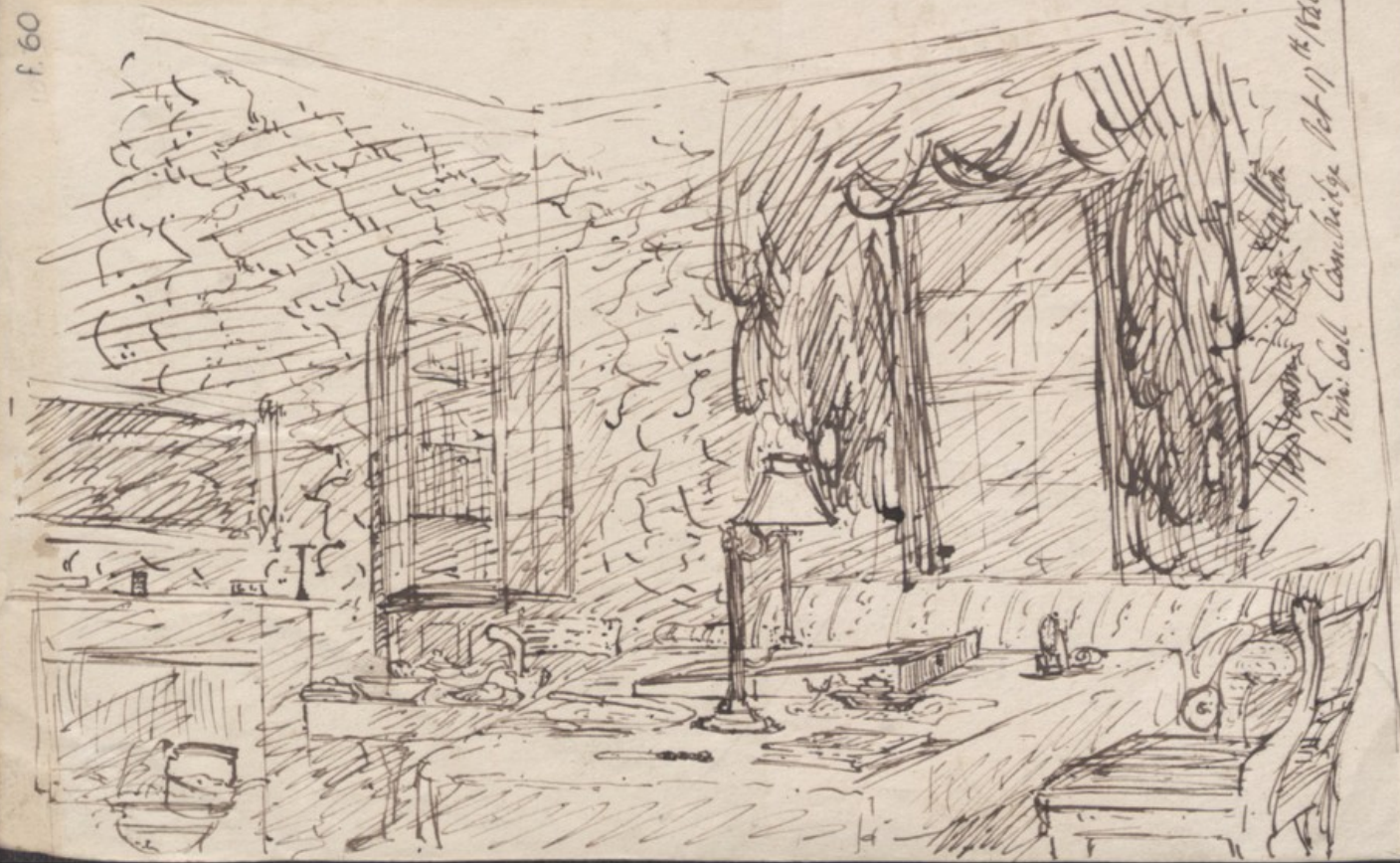
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James Fortin Galton Esq
24 Dawson Place
Leamington
England

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W. G. L.
 Prince's Coll. Cambridge Oct 17/1880

Dear Emma. This is a hurried sketch
of my room. I will send you a vignette
in each of my letters to pay you "in kind"
for your two Water colours. ^{Painting} Cambridge
has some beautiful college views. Greatly
set off by rows of Elm trees. I must fly
& sketch you some. Fra. Galton

f. 61r
Trin. Coll. Cambridge
Monday Oct. 1840.



My dear Father

Thank you for your letter. Six
silver tea spoons will be amply sufficient. If you
cannot send wine easily from Leamington, the best
plan will be to write to your London Wine-Merchant
as there is a carrier direct from there - There
are no letters for you from the post but I enclose
one from Adèle which I received today in a letter
to me from her. I have had as yet no answer
from Leonard Horner. O'Brien has not
yet returned to Cambridge, but was expected

to day .. He fell desperately in Love at Thouron
where he went with a party as tutor. I will write
to you on completing my arrangements.

My rooms are very comfortable. Emma's
pictures are quite at home, as usual, in my
bedroom, and I am going to invest in a
Plaster bust of Newton & get it bronzed over
& put up opposite the Fire place. I have
got everything except my linen which is not
quite got ready. I shall however be able to send
you my accounts in 2 days.

Theodore has returned, but I cannot find
him. He arrived about an hour since.

Perry gave us his first lecture to-day, what a
pleasure it is to hear a real Senior Wrangler speak.
My organ of Veneration is so very strong, that I
doubt when I shall dare to address him. What
a fine sight a surplice night is, the bright light
of the wax candles & the white dresses so well
contrasting with the dark panelled oak behind
gives no slight ^{resemblance} ~~likeness~~ to a scene in Revelations.

I am as happy as possible & am preparing for a
long & strong pull at trading. Love to Mother & all!

Yours affectionate Son

Frank Galton



and
P. 62v

Frank Galton
Cambridge
19 Oct 1840

I have been thinking of you very much.

Trin: Coll: Cambridge
Monday Oct. 1840.



My dear Father

Thank you for your letter. Six silver teaspoons will be amply sufficient. If you cannot send wine easily from Leamington, the best ^{plan} will be to write to your London wine-merchant as there is a carrier direct from there. There are no letters ~~for~~ you from the post but I enclose one from Bessie which I received today in a letter to me from her. I have had as yet no answer from Leonard Horner. O'Brien has not yet returned to Cambridge, but was expected today. He fell desperately in love at Inverury where he went with a party as tutor. I will write to you on completing my arrangements.

My rooms are very comfortable. Emma's pictures are quite at home, as usual, in my bedroom, and I am going to invest in a plaster bust of Newton & get it bronzed over & put up opposite the fireplace. I have got everything except my linen which is not quite got ready. I shall however be able to send you my accounts in ten days. Theodore has returned but I cannot find him, he arrived about an hour since.

Perry gave us his first lecture today, what a pleasure it is to hear a real senior wrangler speak.

My awe of veneration is so very strong that I doubt when I shall dare to address him. What a fine sight a surprise night is, the bright light of the wax candles & the white dresses so well contrasting with the dark panelled oak behind gives no slight resemblance to ^a scene in Revelations.

I am as happy as possible & am preparing for a long & strong pull at reading. Love to Mother & all.

your affectionate son
Fras. Galton.



Oct 23^d 1860

f. 64r

Trinity Cambridge

My dear Father.

I did not write before, as I wished to hear whether Mr O'Brien would have me or not, before sending my letter. However I have just learnt that he will & I begin with him on Monday next. He recommends me not to go over with him now, my old subjects but to start off & read as much as I can of Differentials & their application to Statics & Dynamics & after this term to read over again what I have done against my first examination in May by which I am clasped. Thanks for your letter received 2 days since. Port-wine not arrived. The communication between the intellectual ~~the~~ nucleus of Cambridge & the prison town of Leamington is excessive & tardy. I really think that our present economizing Government

must have made a contract with the Carrier for the
transmission of the mail-bag, as, if the postmaster
at Warwick was not seized with an apoplexy, & thereby
occasioned a delay, your letters take 3 days to get
here. Yesterday I had a letter directed to you in my

~~Mother's hand writing~~ the enclosed letter sent me
which must have ~~left~~ slept on the road many days

I for a wags any day would undertake to be on the
top of the Drachenfels by Bonn before that a letter

put into the post at Cambridge at midday would reach
you in Leamington — & I waste paper fearfully

22. scribble over both sides of it innumerable L's & Y's

& funny looking triangles Mrs Hoppit says

that "it's a great comfort to her to have a trading

Gentleman because there is ^{always} plenty of stuff

to light the fires with!" Theodore looks blooming

he hangs up pictures of Cevito
in his rooms & talks of the

Offeyra. Tea with Boulton
to night, he is not much altered
but very shy - Talking of tea

please send me some soon, as
there are many shoe leaves in the
Cambridge I have proved this

by microscopical observation

Hughes is very goodnatured &
has introduced me to some nice
men, he was officious at first
wanting I think to make me

as dependant on him as Theodore



in, but there was there a difference
of opinion between us. & now we
are great allies

Good bye Your affectionate
son

Wm. Gallon

	£	s	d
Cap and Bow	3	16	
Stationary -	3	19	0
Ironmongers bills	6	5	0
Crockery & Groceries	8	11	0
Linen &	5	7	0
Bookbinding		4	0
& many other little things			
which I have properly retained.		10	3
Making in whole			
	<u>30</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>9</u>

Oct 14th. Received from you 2

* from North Loch; bank 50

(* I have only drawn £30) I am now quite
more than £27 set off. I have left

My dear Father In the letter which I put u. to the post
yesterday I quite forgot to return you Mr Horner's letter

Now I don't like being soaped. in that letter there were
3 words or so necessary to on the subject of introductions. why
not copy them then? If I do not as yet like blarney. why
try to make me fond of it by large doses. Yours affect-ly son
Wm. Galton



Samuel Pertuis Galton Esq
29. — Sandown Place
Leamington



Galtos
Cambridge
23 Oct 1840

with Accounts

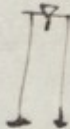
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My dear Father

I should have sent a letter to you yesterday if it had not been that the one that I had written was spoilt by an accident in my
 Gumption-reviver Machine ^{which covered it with water} which ^{might} as it has per-haps come into use since your time I will describe to you.



A large funnel is supported on a double stand  about 5 ft high. it has a graduated stop cock at the bottom by which the size of that aperture can be regulated. This as you ~~read~~ read is placed above your head & filled with water. Round the head a napkin is tied dependant on one side where the bore & read is so that the water may so drop off . Now it is calculated

that as the ^{number} of hours of study ~~increases~~ in an arithmetic ratio so will the weariness consequent upon it increase in a Geometrical ratio. & the ~~quantity~~^{stream} of water must in that ratio be increased. The Geometric ratio used in the 1st year ~~is~~ for freshmen is 2 in the 2nd year 3.

the term before taking the degree: 5. at that time the Eyp has to call every quarter of an hour to refill the funnel. The clothes are then also not protected as damp shirts do not invite repose. We generally begin to use this machine about 10 At night I continue it till 1 or 2. it is very useful. My private tutor recommended it to me, the first thing. it is in fact quite indispensable to a high wrangler. I have received Wine, Spoons & Tea for all of which thank you.

So Fanny Broadley is going to be married - I congratulate her heartily. Mr Burrows may think himself uncommonly lucky for I think that she was the prettiest girl I almost ever saw

You mentioned the case of poor Mr Holman of Catherine Hall
 I hear that he had worked himself almost to madness,
 but was quite unable to succeed on account of his natural
 powers, poor fellow he did the best thing that he could do
 though, As to who were plucked nobody knows except
 the pluckers & the plucked it is done so very quietly.

I have been reading very hard and am accordingly rather
 dull - on going to O'Brien my private tutor (a 3^d Wrangler)
 he set me about Conic Sections which I had not read
 before. ~~I am~~ He opened the book from which I was
 to learn them (Boncharlat IX pages close print) &
 asked me with a sort of grin if I could get it up
 by the next lesson - ^{in 2+ days} ~~to~~ I took it in earnest. I
 did get it up. but I verily believe that I never worked
 so hard before. I got up the book work ^{pretty} well but I
 own that I was not able to work problems, of course
 not having had time to accustom myself to a new subject.

I will write to Hadron

~~London~~ Distribution of time



Up at Chapel at 7

Notes to 7½

Reading & breakfast to 9

Lectures to 11

Reading by myself

& with O'Brien to 2

Walk to 4 — a 4 mile walk, —

Hall to 4.20

Read — 10½

including tea.

Lectures 2 hours a day Reading (full tide) 10½ hours

I shall cut this down to 6 as it is really too much. Tell Pepp that there is the most extraordinary possible change in my complexion the tan having quite disappeared. Breadth of phiz ^{on the wane} decreasing. Love is universally

Fr. Galton

James Galton
Cambridge
23 March 1870



f. 70r

Trinity College
5th Novr 1840 Cambridge

My dear Father.

I have received Tea Waire & Spoon, as
stated on my ^(all of which you are not expected to believe) last letter. I am now writing to
Mr Hodgson declining his offer & giving my reasons for
doing so. I think that you must have made some
mistake in the name as there is no Doctor Fuller of
Downing. I profess salubriously. Bye the bye
in case any laughs are directed against Theodore
I shall most pugnaciously take his part, as he
certainly has got a very great deal of knowledge

in Modern History &c &c. I have been quite surprised
with the extent of his information on Hungarian
Turkish & other out-of-the-way worthies. And though
Mathematics are not his forte. most decidedly
yet still he has a great deal in him Good bye
tell Mater that I am much obliged for her house-
keeping advice. I Good bye

affectionate son.

Wm. Gallon

*James Walker
Cambridge
2 Nov 1870*

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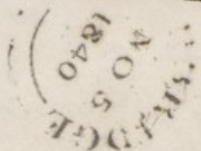
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Francis Galton
Cambridge
5 Nov 1840



Mount Vernon Place
29. Newington
St. James's

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Fa! Galton Cambridge

11 Nov 1849

Solar Lamps

Dear Father.



The patentee of the ~~Solar~~
Hot Oil Lamp is J. Parker.

believe but I am not sure that he
lives at the Egyptian Hall, ^{He has a manufactory in Birmingham} Piccadilly. I
know that a Lamp Patentee lives there, but
whether of the Solar (which is quite different &
not good) or of the Hot oil Lamp, I am
not sure. The rationale of its action is heating
& thereby rendering quite fluid & more easily
inflammable, half concrete oil. It is evident

that if to make a given oil burn with
 a given brilliancy (i.e. a given g consumed in a
 known time) it require a heat (h). If
~~a~~ ^{the heat of a} flame raise oil from 60° to $(h-x)$
 where the oil is in the first instance at
 the temperature of $(60+x)$ the same flame
 will raise it to h .

It gives an exceedingly
 bright light. but the
 lamp looks ugly. it is more
 adapted for a hall light. You
 ought to choose one yourself.

I do not know whether a common lamp
 can easily be changed to an Hot Oil.





My dear Father

Thanks for letter received yesterday. I am much obliged to you about getting me nominated to the Athenaeum, please thank much Howard for me. As he explained to me: on a former occasion it will be much better to make use of his assistance than for me to get Daniell or Portridge to nominate me, in which latter case I should be sure of a professional opposition.

I hope Bepz will get better soon — the reason why I write in pencil is as I am lying on my back, I can't get a pen to write, (I have been confined to my bed for some days, rheumatism ^{not over serious} but will shortly be released. It has put a pro tempore dead stop to Math.)

I have just received a letter from Horner, he offers to get me any introduction to any men

I may like, said he did not write before
to give me time to settle & to find out the
most desirable quarters for introductions
I must make many enquiries before ~~answering~~
answering his letter

Good bye affectionately Love

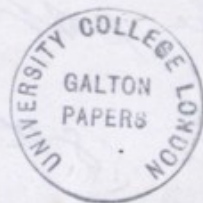
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Harro for the Queen's Kimchin

I have ordered 3 dozen of "Audubon" on a
venture for you at Seamington, but am afraid
that it will not be ready for Xmas

I shall be with you certainly not ~~later~~ ^{later} than
the 18th Decr

Edward Galt
Cambridge
28 Nov 1840



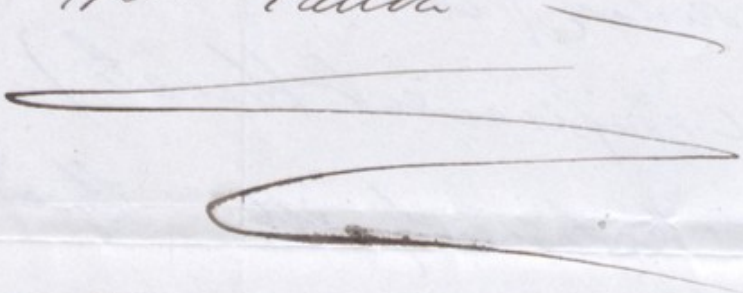
My dear Father

Would you please send
me by return of post some money
as I do not know what my doctor's
bill will amount to. was released
part of Monday from bed (the 12th day
of my rigid confinement thereto) & as
I had been extremely ill the Doctor
came 4 times in two days (fever, touch of
delirium) I am in a great hurry for

the last. I shall not be with you before
the 18th as I have some things to do
in London, we are free for 5-7 weeks
beginning on the 12th.

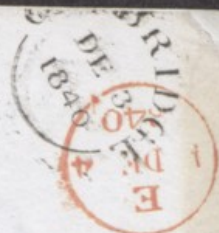
I shall begin lectures again ~~of~~ on
Monday next.

Fris. Gallie



p. 75r





Samuel Tertius Galton Esq
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington



James Galton
Cambridge
8 Dec 1840

Tuesday 8th Dec^r 1840
Trin: Coll Cambridge

My dear Father.



On reconsideration concerning O'Brien
I think that it will be better for me to go on
with him for one term more. For, during
the vacation I shall have plenty of time to
digest well what I have already gone over with
him, and to read as much further as I easily
can without explanations. Next term he tells
me that I had better go over the early part
of Math^s with him, where he would certainly

be of the greatest use to me with reference
to my approaching examination. For though
I believe that I know those subjects very well,
in the way that I was taught them, yet a
Cambridge gloss makes much difference in
the marks - The term is short, & I think
that it would be a pity to lose O'Brien
by a too hasty decision. He called on me this
morning to see how I was, I said nothing
however to him about leaving off.

On calling on Perry yesterday he mentioned
Mathison & said that a tutor would be a
decidedly good thing in the long vacation.

Of course O'Brien would be better —

I may as well add that my present decision has been made quite independently of other men's advice.

As you know all the news I have nothing else to say but that I send a liberal supply of loves to be equally divided

Good bye Your affectionate Son

Fraser Galton.



P.S. I forgot to say that I am getting on well. shall not I think direct in London but give up my time to Maths & Classics.



J. Tertius Easton Esq.
29. Laurence Place
Leamington.



Mr. J. Easton
Cambridge
8 Dec. 1840



Wednesday 9th 1840
 Trin. Coll: Cambridge.



Have, been made warming pan in train.
 plenty of hot & cold water, by seven & a half

1 clock. Saturday Evening 12th

Too ill for London. in bed again, cold in
 lecture room this morning
Wm. Galton get out again to morrow

1840

Prof. Galtier
Cambridge

9 Dec 1840

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f. 79r

Dear Father,

Edwards & Ball 32 High Street
are the silver smiths Mr Pritchard took
H. On Monday evening I dine with
James at some club at Sutton Coldfield
so cannot come before Tuesday. My
arrangements after that are uncertain
Hodgson wants me to meet Partridge
at dinner with him so my plans are
unsettled I shall however be back
next week.

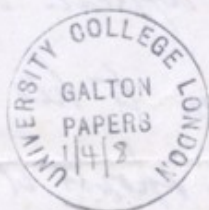
Yrs Galton

f. 79v

Francis Galt
Birmingham
26 Dec 1844

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F. 45
Jan 6th Monday
London.



My dear Mother

I have been a wise person. that I have. I run
away with Jarvis' Gup Coat & left my son. Please send
me mine by return of coach as in care of a party. I have
nothing to wear. I am full of contrition &c.

Now as I am writing, I may as well tell you how
I got here. As I got into the Coventry & Leamington
District I saw at the other end a pair of thundering
monstrous. evidently part & parcel of Prof. Sayers. however
nobody spoke a word & I fell fast asleep as usual. ^{but} ~~however~~
before arriving at Coventry we found out that Mr. Sayer
had to wait till 2^{1/2} past 12 for train he for the Bir.
& myself for the London Train. So there being no coffee

Norm we took the same sitting room & chatted away ^{P. 14}
balls & R. ^{Complimented yours very much} x He is a great African traveller. Wears a beard
which he showed me, down to his waist. & which he hides
under his shirt & stock & sports it in travelling & in fancy
dress balls. He showed me how to make a turban of my
Haid. R. & I was most agreeable.

Set off for London at 12. Got there at 5. -
Victoria Hotel - I am now at Partridge's

Good Bye Love R

Traslaton.

My dear Mother
I have been a long time in London
and I have been very busy
in the city.

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and I have been very busy
in the city. I have been
in the city for a long time
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Francis Galton
London
6 Jan 1840





Sunday
Jan. 4 1839

My dear Father

Thanks for your letter. I cannot say that I agree in what Hodgkin says but as I have written so often to you on this subject, giving my own reasons & those of others upon the question, it is scarcely necessary to repeat them — I will work like a trooper whilst I am here. & when I get to Cambridge & to Mathematics which for the last 3 or 4 years

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it has been my principal wish to study
I am confident that I shall not lose time

Dear Frank Water for sending
my coat - Tell Penny that I
thought of her & the balls on
Wednesday & Saturday. There is
a deal of skating in the water in
St James Park I saw 4 Boys
drowned there last Thursday - poor
fellows - one of them kept above water
nearly a minute -

Loves in all directions. &c &c
Good bye & believe me ever
Your affectionate Son

Fras Galton

I shall write to Betsy at Sutton Coldfield.

f. 4r



at Sutton Coldfield.

Francis Galton
London

12 Jan 1840

Wednesday Jan 4 1889

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17 New St. Spring, Essex



My dear Governor

The first news that I have got
to tell you is, that I have been pickpocketed
Bepi's New Purse & contents. nearly
£4. & Partridge's door key. — My
pocket handkerchief which was on the
top of them bottles, ^(I believe) was safe enough.

I am as angry with myself as possible
the only thing that consoles me is
that every body is served out similarly
even you & your Gold Watch at
the Broad Eagle. Catch me putting.

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Anything above 5 shillings in my coat
tail pocket again. hang the rascals.

I shall have to pay Cartwright's bill
for a great Coat & Frock Coat which
I ordered from Seamington. & which
together will be about £. 11.

So could you send me another cheque.
which I will take the same care
of as a passport in Austria.

Every thing else going on prosperously

I have just received your letter
& will certainly call on Lizzy Foster.
as soon as I easily can. (this week or so)

Your Shaving Knife is in continual use.

p 6r

Thank you very much for writing for
my rooms at Cambridge.

I have called on Eury and Hubert.
Eury out of town won't return till
end of February Hubert not at home.
Good bye yours affect Fran Galton

I have heard from Selby.

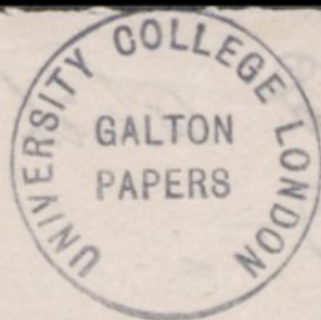


Mr. J. Galtier -
London

21 Jan 1840

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J. Galtier: London. Eng.



f. 7r

My Dear Governor

Harrak. Not been picked up
after all. Perse & Ior key slipped ^{the}
through a hole in pocket of my old
Reading Coat into the lining where
I found them last night.

I expect a regular good rowing
blowing-up letter from you to crop this

on the road which will do me
lots of good -

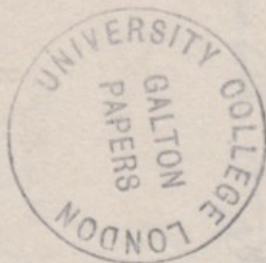
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Far Gallows

Thanks innumerable to Delly
for care & care

f. 8r

Fr. Galton-Sunder
24 Jan 1840



f.8v

My dear Governor.

Full of contention about cheque (wh. I have safely recovered)
 but thought that in these enlightened days there was no chance of a
 letter being lost. However Murad at ~~all~~ all events has found out that
 there is. I called on Murad & Co - not at home - Murad called on me
 ditto ditto. So we have not met. I should have written before
 but I wanted to send you something not yet completed, which I
 will send you in my next. Love to Mummy.

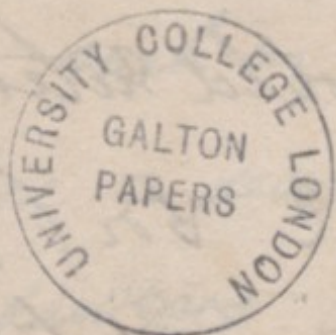
Frank Galton.



Thos. Galtier - London

1 Feb 1840

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f. 40r

G. A. Smith
London

My dear Governor

I met back toward at the
Faber's on Saturday to whom I
mentioned about the Club.

He says that I cannot enter at
the Oxford & Cambridge till I am a
Graduate. & then it will take
about 7 years. At the Athenaeum

he thinks that I could enter now
 & it would take me 5 or 6 years
 before my turn came ~~to~~ be balloted

The next best ~~to~~ think to be
 the Parthenon where 1 year would
 be sufficient to get in.

Should you like me to enter
 for the ~~Academy~~ Athenaeum he says that
 he will be most happy to ~~be~~
 set me proposed & seconded.

& that it would be better for me
 if we ~~had~~ he. ~~on~~ any professional

man such as Patridge were to
propose or second us. but some
top lawyers all which he will
manage — He says that there
is some expense he believes £20
in entering.

Now he tells us that the only
advantage of the Athenæum is the
Library — that I shall require
a great deal of canvassing to get in
~~which is~~ & that I am ^{no nearer} ~~by~~ certain
of doing so at all

Is it worth trying for or not?
episcopal

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if it is Uncle Howard (who has
been most good natured) will do
it ~~at once~~ ^{by} ~~once~~ ^{my} return
of Post & I will enclose your letter
& send it to Uncle. H.

I have lost Lizzy Forster's
address - Please send it also

in haste

Wm. Gallon

Wm. Gallon

17 Feb 1840





My dear Governor.

In speaking last night to Partridge about Matriculation & Hospital Practice he says that he had already talked it over with Joseph & that he thought that the Hospital Practice might be left out for the summer, as I scarcely should have time to attend to it. However should we see you he will talk it over with you - Now for the Matriculation - it gives ^{the following} ~~unlimited~~

attendance for these ~~following~~ lectures.

	No of Separated Courses	Payment
Anatomy	2	9.9.
Physiology	2	9.9.
Chemistry	1	7.7.
Botany	1	3.3.
Materia Medica	1	5.5.
Medicine	2	7.7.
Surgery	2	6.6.
Midwifery	2	6.6.
Forensic Medicine	1	3.3.

~~These~~ All these Lectures then I can attend: but Partridge thinks (so myself) - that I ought to attend Chemistry, unlimited, which makes £3.3. more.

On the whole = £58.13.0 for a nominal student
 & Matric Fee = 1.1.
 (A) £59.14.-
 (Turn over)

For Student nominated by Proprietors 55.10.

Now I have paid at the following rate for single lectures

	£	s	d
Anatomy	8	8	0
Physiology	8	8	0
Chemistry	7	7	0
	£	24	3

Thus the whole sum (from A) = £ 57 . 14 . 0
 of which I have paid = £ 24 . 3 . 0
 ————— to pay = £ 33 . 11 . 0

Besides this for the Practical Chemistry in Summer which
 is not included in above £ 4 . 4 . 0
 33 . 11 —
 37 . 15

The Fee of Perpetual Admission to Med & Surgical Practice
 = £ 31 . 10 . —

Mr Frederick Sedgwick can nominate me - but
 Partridge will tell you more about it I dare say

Yours
 F. Gallie

Mr. S. Gutter
London

Mar 1849

with Accounts

EWB

Now there is at the following list for my 6 letters
Anatomy 5. 8. 6
Physiology 5. 8. 6
Chemistry 5. 8. 6

£ 26. 3. -
then the whole sum (from A) = 57. 10. -
of which I have paid 31. 10. -
to pay 26. 3. -
leave the sum for the present time 31. 10. -
is not enclosed is above £ 4. 6. -
33. 10. -

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Mr. Gutter
London



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Saturday - March 28th
17 No 10 St Spring Garden.

My dear Father

I did not receive your letter yesterday, till too late to answer it - I saw it to evening - Post closing at 5 O'clock.

As to Blaherly please say that I wished to give my time principally to mathematics & was entirely ignorant of the course usually pursued with regard to a private tutor - whom he had recommended whether Hopkins or another - & what steps I ought to take to enter myself under one. I think that this is all -

My accounts I put on the last page.

I have got my passport drawn out. but they will not give it me until I get from you a certificate stating that I go abroad with your approbation, I being a minor so please send me one. Couched in the following

Mamma.

This is to certify that my son Francis Galton is leaving England for France with my entire approbation.
(Signed) F. Tertius Galton

Only think of the pain ~~insolence~~ in requiring one
it was almost saying "Does your mother know you're
out" - To get your passport. you must attend once
yourself & can represent the family - The ^{attendance} times are
between one & three No. 6. Poland Street. - Oxford St.
You must tell me however the day before you appear
as I must get a ticket for you to fill up - Just come
examined full of information about Names Height Eyes
Hair Complexion Ages & all that sort of thing which you
know. of Emma & Stone. Perhaps the "Varmints"
will want me ^{next} to write you a certificate certifying my
approbation. - The passports are "free gratis and for
nothing" as they say to the hospital Patients. The Visiting
I know nothing about as I have no passport to Visit.
I am almost sure ^{however} that I can do that for you.

Hodgson has just made his appearance - says he saw you & Darwin the other day - he looks very ill -

Now then for accounts.
 Received L v d L v d
 50

Cartwright's bill for Great Coat & Frock & - Discom order at 2.2.22. 12

Boots & Slipper	1	13	6
Washing (50 per week) 1 year		12	
P. & F. & Apples		14	
Medicine (I thought of it too)		2	
Head & Neck. Leg & Arm	1	6	
Books (all so useful this & d)		5	6
Lunches (daily when disfecting)		5	
Magnolia & Galv. Apparatus & d		5	6
Disfecting Scissors		2	
Rattle trap Stationary & d		5	
Hair Cat. 2 nd		2	
Onion. buses		2	
	18	-	6
dark & d		12	6
	18	12	6



Received	50		
Expenses	18	12	6
Balance	31	7	6

W.B.

Fr^z. Galtz

28 Mar 1840

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18.12.6

10	10	10
9	9	9
8	8	8
7	7	7
6	6	6
5	5	5
4	4	4
3	3	3
2	2	2
1	1	1
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Monday —

f. 16r

My dear Father

Thanks for Blakey's letter of course I agree with him. — On Enquiry about fares. You will have to pay the same fare to Beauvais (£1.3 each) as for whole distance & 4th next day about 8^{fr}. each from Beauvais to Paris, this last half of the journey you will have to take your chance for, as they will not ~~engage~~ ^{presage} it in England — Accordingly I have done nothing — not knowing how to act —

Richard's bill all right —
You had better write as soon as possible —

I am affec^t —
Wm. Gallon

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Francis Galton

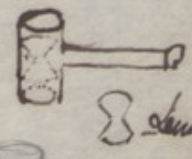
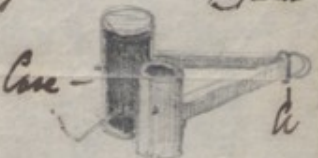
16 April 1849

Francis Galton

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My dear Governor

I have taken your place -
 I have not masticulated - I wish that you would send
 the enclosed paper to Mr Frederick Sedman to ~~ask~~ him to nomi-
 nate me, as I do not know him, there is no particular hurry
~~beginning~~ We are beginning to expect no Easter Holidays & consequently
 no Parity as Parkbridge is dreadfully behindhand in his lectures
 - However - can't be helped - The Sliding Rule was
 12 shillings - wood - beautifully marked in every possible
 direction & is of very great use. I invented yesterday
 in a Coddington lens - as I very much wanted something of
 the sort - it admits at least 5 times as much light as the microscope
 that you gave me - though does not magnify so highly - it is
 a hand lens - 18 shillings certainly - but so very useful
 they are just the size & shape of picture - it slides
 into its case with a hinge joint (A)  
 Has Gallie

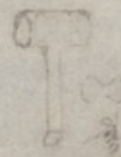
In case you cannot (libre myself) read one word on the
 ticket, it means that you start from Boulogne at 12 o'clock. & that
 I have paid £2. 9 & that you will have to pay £1 at Boulogne

Thos. Galt
8 April 1840

am

—

Handwritten notes in cursive script, likely a list or account, written vertically on the right side of the page.



Strasbourg to Baden as you can

Baden to Wilton

— Staltgard. . . ^{Hotel d'Angleterre} ~~X~~ 14 Rde 1st class

— Ludwigsburg

— Heilbronn

— A small ^{Village} ~~town~~ by the side
of Neckar near Neckargemünd.

~~and a day's - then a depot.~~

~~to Heidelberg - row up the river -~~
~~to the 4 castles & back -~~

— Heidelberg.

— ~~Summit to~~ ^{ascend}
the Neckar (take plenty of Wine)

— Offenbach

— Frankfurt +

— Koenigsberg -

Napier & all to Braunschweig except 2m

— Magence +

— Bingen -

— St Goar

— Coblenz - 2m



Run — return Coblenz making
it a central spot.

andernach
for Morselle & R

— ~~Run~~ Roddenberg if you
can sleep there — Drachenfels —
Spring &c — Bonn

— Cologne —

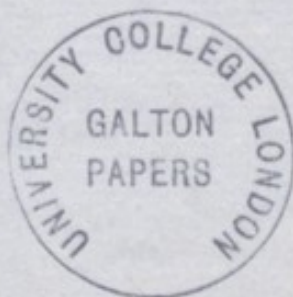
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Ceint. un. at. Strasbourg
Ville de Paris

Francis Galton

30 April 1840

Rheinisch Tour.



At Village of Auerbach ascend the
Melsbren and descend to Zwingenberg

Price de l'ensemble

100 francs

100 francs

100 francs

100 francs

29. 01/29

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Thursday April 14th 1880
13 West Spring Court



My dear Betty. Yesterday at 17 minutes & 45 seconds to 5. (I know the time because my watch was stopped.) just when you were puzzling yourself over some crop-stick pattern I whilst Selby was trying to find out a type in the Old Testament for the fact that St Paul left his cloaks behind at Ephesus - Well as you were both of you, answering yourselves, at that said time. I your humble servant Lord Tomant & Pease, ^{clothes & boots in} was floundering under the wheels of a Steam Packet the paddles of which were bumping upon my head with a 15 horse power & some short time afterward I found myself rising about some 8 or 10 feet deep, rising to the top which instead of reaching I merely knocked my head against a huge piece of wood & sank down again - at the same time gulping in water like a fish, & bubbling out air like a blacksmith's bellows. My life worth "a little less than nothing at all" as the sailors say - Well I am alive which is a great deal more than I had expected. but desperately beaten about my head. I can't lie in bed so I'll write you all about it -

I went in a steam boat to Putney to see the Oxford & Cambridge rowing match. as we were returning, very fast & with the tide, through Battersea bridge, we ran foul of the middle pier. I who was behind the paddle box saw how we were going just before we struck, & caught tight hold of one of the paddle box steps - expecting a general smash I determined to have a swim for it. Well the body of the packet cleared but the paddle box behind which I was, came full crash against the side of the arch. It split open just before me & by the shock I was thrown head foremost through the cleft, right amongst the paddle wheels, which were still ^{going round} ~~turning~~, they not having touched the pier. Now, I suppose, to the recoil from the smash of the paddle box - though when they did, they were doubled up & had no use left immediately. Well this regularly stunned

me. Thank heavens my mesh was not broken in the wheel - I was quite insensible
 & how I cleared the bridge, I have not the slightest conception. I must have been
 beaten down by the paddle wheels beneath the bottom of the boat - & fortunately
 enough - otherwise from the shape of the packet which heeled over, I must
 have been jammed between it & the pier that makes escape No 2. Well as I



of course I was insensible, & when I knew where I was, I found myself under a large
 piece of wood which proved to be the outer side of the paddle box, with part of the
 top stick attached thus making an angle in which after some
 floundering I got stuck & though I dived as well as I could, for I was
 nearly spent & had swallowed a great deal of water. I still ~~in~~ rising braved
 against the wood. I of course gave myself up but determined to have a regular
 good push for life. I felt the wood round me & could see a little but lost
 I made out the edge of the top part of the paddle box grasped tight hold
 of it & pulled myself from underneath & cleared it. I then rose rapidly toward
 the surface when I bumped again against another piece of wood, which however
 I easily pushed aside & rose. but I rose too high & consequently sank again
 but I had had a good breath of air & was a little refreshed. I did not sink
 I dare say a foot below the surface but I got entangled in some long
 bits of wood which as I was all but spent nearly drowned me: & when I
 got to the surface they were too heavy to give me any real support. so I
 looked round & saw the side of the paddle box, which had before been so
 much in my way, floating down with the tide. I struck out soon
 reached it - I did feel happy. I climbed on it & it was a
 perfect raft. so I was quite safe - escape No 3. looking about me I found that

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the steamer was 300 yards or so in front I could not stir. I was quite 200 yards & nearly 300 from the Bridge the whole of which distance I had floated down head under water. (Only 1 other man went over board & he merely got a ducking: swam to a bit of the wreck & was quite safe.) Well I was in the midst of the river plenty of boats & watermen were at the shore those nice dear fellows who when they see you struggling - look on - & never dream of rowing till you are either safe or dead - yet if safe they swear that they saved your life, march off to the Royal Humane Society & get a gold medal for their pains, with a long paragraph in the Times about "unparalleled bravery" & so forth. Well after waving my hat for I don't know how long - off some half dozen came in a body. I was pulled into a boat & felt very sick - & very dizzy & very sick. However - to put the captain out of his paper I took an oar, ^{declared nothing was the matter with me} & pulled mechanically - I was as dizzy that I scarcely knew what I did - on getting to the packet everybody looked horrified, one or two ladies held up handkerchiefs before their eyes - I could not make out what at. ~~but~~ but on getting ashore & to an inn - with a looking glass I found my face raw & whistery - & my nose all covered with blood. I had hooked me by the side of the nose - another had "barred" out my face & I had as many cuts in my ear as a Christmas pig. I got to bed - half dried clothes & walked to London - Now don't fancy I am ill - I took Quinine & salt to do anything. I except a rather ^{raw} face & broken head. I really have nothing the matter with me. I have walked out to day & am going to lectures in half an hour. I have gained great glory by ~~my~~ my splashes under water. & it is a very good tale

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* tell - at least when the pain goes off - I now know something
of what drowning is - I felt no pain but rather dreamy - I also know
what my feelings will be when I am dying as I firmly believed I was then

- Tell Dad that if he had not ~~been~~ taught me to swim I should have
been stiff by this time - I & coffin in prospect of being made - I am most grateful
to ~~him~~ ^{him} - & if I have children I'll make them amphibious.

Now don't fancy that I am ill - Once again -
just send an eighth soon - all about journey to Isle of Man
& every thing - NB the ducking has cured a cold.

Yours

Francis Galton



I have got a relic from the wood which saved my life. It stuck
into my waistcoat pocket & broke off as it was getting into the boat
& I send you some enclosed. My watch is much hurt -

Francis Galton
London
14 April 1879
Respects to Mr. & Mrs. Galton
—

Boulogne
Hotel de G. Ballat



Dear Father

Could not write before, on account of
the Examination in Anatomy & Chemistry
I will tell you why when I come but I
am too lazy now. — But, I young Mr.
& 3 Miss Walkers (Civil Engineers) were
in the Steam Packet with me — from Dover
to Boulogne — I came very "strong" with one
of the Miss Walkers who says that they are
going to stay a week at Paris. — I think
that ~~we~~ we shall travel together to-morrow
at 5 o'clock — I being "dressed" for this evening

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I think I believe, ditto; Have their Vin
McQuinn it has diluted all my assumption
till it is as weak as their Ormacelli Soup
which I have also. — Travelled by night
from London to Dover — got there at 6 am
walked without interruption for 5 hours
up the cliffs & in every direction — let off
at 12 Got here at 3. There is particularly
nothing worth telling — Tell Emma that
I have 2 Views of Dover & one of Boulogne
(having invested in a small ~~board~~ board sketching
book.) There is nothing to be seen in
Boulogne so I am going to drop & home.
ade!!

Good Bye
P. Galt

NB it is the custom in France to write on
thin paper & with a wafer & not to
 direct Epistles which are written ~~of~~
 on something very like millboard &
 sealed with a seal such as a Cardinal
 would ~~affix~~ affix to a Pope's Bull
 to London, & thereby to make the postage
 2 shillings & 4 pence.

Such was the case with a certain letter
 I received.

NB to NB (or NB 2) I am not sure
 whether the letter was 1/2 4 pence or 2 shillings
 & 4 pence — I think, the latter,

all mistakes to be referred to Verma celli
 Soap or Vin Ordinaire.



Mr. Galtier Esq
Poste Restante
Paris

Paris 15th April 1870

Dear Francis writes Thus, F. 241

Dear Dolly, May 7th —

Hurrah! Hurrah!! — I am 2^d —

Prizeman in Anatomy & Chemistry
I had only expected a certificate
of honor — Go it ye Cripples — or

Just come from Jersey, seen
the Dear who is (sotto voce) hen-

-pecked — rings a baby rattle —

says to Mr. June "do please

my dear" — & is silenced by "no

no, I really can't love" — & so

forth — Governor & Co. going

off to Strasburg, & are quite

flourishing. The Powers &

Byrnes are most goodnatured,

Poor Chance (I think you know

something of him) is dying

consumptive —

Francis Galton



Howe's



17 New St Spring Gardens
London.

My dear Betty.

Thank you for your letter, & thanks
innumerable for your congratulations. I am especially
glad that I have gained this prize, as it is such a
good introduction. it was the only prize open to me
here. I hoped that my name would have appeared in ^{another}
place as well - however look again, about the ~~the~~
1st week in August, in the papers I in the mean time
with me success in Botany & in Forensic Medicine.

~~I am~~ Had I gained the 1st prize instead ~~of~~ of the
2nd it would have been an improvement, but if you
consider that the class consists of between 70 & 80, and the
Anatomy and Chemistry - ~~the~~ the sources which students

principally follow - & again that of these 70 or 80
 students, about 30 were second-year nurses, that is,
 had directed for two years, whilst I had only directed
 for one - you will see that it was plenty ^{for me} to do -
 however I was within a very few marks of being
 first, ~~which~~ but a nip is as good as a mile

My books are, 1 folio Seneca printed ^{Antwerp} 1652. very
 scarce - good type & very valuable

D^r Warlike's Epags which originally appeared in 3 vols
 now printed in one — Songs of England & Scotland ^{Edin}

Books small 8^{vo} — all gilt-stamped with college
 arms & so forth — they are well worth having.

I am quite glad that you like Ruby so much - & the good
 memory of the lady at the Post Office is ~~highly~~ highly laudable

I had capital fun in France, - I do love travelling -
 Oh Bessy if you could but see St James - poor man -
 so down-in-the-mouth whenever Mrs James contradicts him

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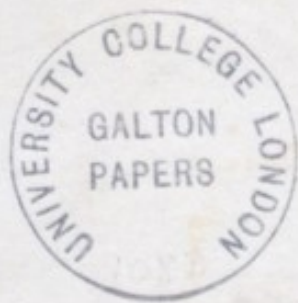
- He was talking to me of his ^{man} servant who had married a housemaid & said - "That fellow Charles like a great fool has just been married - the idiot!" - a man & good for nothing after marrying, he would do so though, in spite of all that I could say" - poor Doctor - there is however one thing in him highly commendable; which is that unlike the tame elephant ^{who delight} ~~and~~ to decoy wild ones into their own state of captivity - he loudly declaimed against all marriage in all circumstances - he launched out again before two June on St Martha - but the lady waxed exceedingly wroth - & the St-Jean was cowed.

He began once during dinner to argue & after his old style was debating whether "Cause should be considered as the precursor of Effect, or Effect as the consequence of Cause" When the lady who was sitting on his knee having previously, unobserved, insinuated its paw into a wine glass of Port, splashed a volley of the wine right upon the St's white tie. & ^{then} upset the glass &

what remained in it. fight over the St's house - I did
 so pity him - he is irrevocably a family man -
 write occasional spiritus / Yours Truly Jas. Patton.

See J. Patton - London
 to his father
 May 1840
 suicide

P.S. I think that my old schoolfellow Chance is at
 Rugby & he is dying of consumption - poor fellow - he was
 the kindest boy possible - & very talented - Should you find
 out that he is there please tell me - I was Dick's boy - yes today



f. 27
2 o'clock ~~Friday~~ Night

17. New St Spring

Dear Father.

I will dine with you at
Euston Square at 5 o'clock precisely
A letter from my Mother lies at the
Windham & a duplicate at the Euston
Hotel. I have such a lecture to
give you with regard to foreign correspon-
dance. I have just come from a party

Your affect: Son at the Horners

Fra. Galton.

There is
NB ~~I have~~ something new, which probably
will shortly fall to my lot - which you won't
dislike to hear of - hurrah.

My dear Mr. [unclear]

New St. Spring

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I have just received from you a letter

which I have read with great interest

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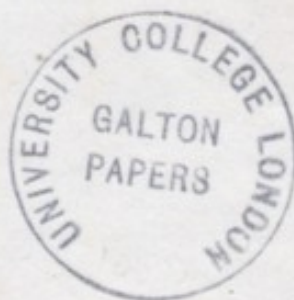
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Thos. Galton

London

2 June 1849



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My Dear Governor

You are the most delectable
Governor going in the early part
of your letter — but in the long
not a man of business (!!!)
— Now to support my charge — &
when I dined with you at the Euston
did not you, the defrauder; say, that
if the £10 pounds did not come that
it ~~was~~ ^{was} my business to look after
~~them~~, thereby leaving me to mine
own resources, & defrauder upon them
alone to obtain the said forty pounds

f. 29v

Under such orders I acted. & accordingly ~~On~~ under my "auspices" the £10 pounds appeared in my pocket. There was nothing there evidently for me to say. ∴ I said nothing L.S.D.

Now is ~~to~~ the other part. My holidays I find will begin on the 21.... 28 of July. I certainly should not disapprove of 20 day journey. Indeed I have no doubt but that I should see a very great deal, very well worth seeing in that journey. I see it well too.

The route I propose taking is. ~~from London to Göteborg~~

Hamburg. (Chemnitz) Göteborg - Stockholm (by Gothenburg)
(St Petersburg by Abol?) Stockholm to Sandvick - Trondheim
(this is beautiful scenery). - Bergen - (Klend?) Christiania. (by
Voring Fop & the Hardange Fald (Perqui) Christiansund. - Hakk

— or else going straight the opposite way & landing from Hall at Göteborg
thence to Christiania & so on. & thus I shall be able to judge more correctly
about St Petersburg. There is indeed shooting !!!!! I only 4 hours
night at Bergen !! eternal snow in the form of glaciers 300 ft high !!

f. 30v

in fact I am having mad about ~~it~~ -

I have of course taken care that Cambridge shall not suffer in ~~any~~ any way by it.

Please to make enquiries for a companion - I am not yet sure of one - Would you let me have the liberty of taking ~~some of your~~ ~~books~~ one book at a time from Saunders & Ottey & give me the necessary instructions. that I may cram up about

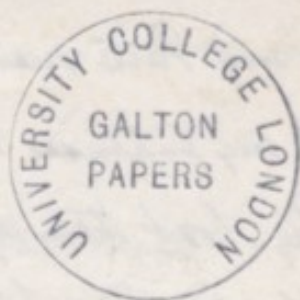
Sweden & Norway & Finland.

Please tell Emma that that lady with an illegible name something like ~~Glavell~~ or law (?). has sent me no seals.

Your affectionate half cracked son

F. Galton.





June 16th 1840
17 New St - Spring Gardens

My dear Father.

I do not quite understand by the arrangement
of your figures how much I am in arrears.

Of the money which you gave ^{me} you have the accounts
as far as my entrance ^{money} to K. C. for matriculation
also I believe my journey to Paris. Since that time

Journey to London from Paris (having to post from St. Lo to Granville)	£ 8 - 18 -
Perpetual admission to K. College Hospital (this is quite different from matriculation).	31 . 10
Medical Books. viz Christian. Beck's Med. Jurisprudence	
Society of Useful Knowledge on Botany. Case Books.	2 . 15
Chemical chest - Reagents and Chemicals generally	1 . 10
Two Botanical excursions with the Professor including coach fares boats & dinner -	12 .
Summer Waistcoat and trousers	1 . 18
Crete Louis for Pathological Drawing	10 . 6
Washing at about 3 . 6 . per week.	1 .
Twice at the Opera	17 .
	£ 49 . 5 . 6

Besides this I have been once or twice to the theatre, two
"tucks in" one with Erasmus - "3 . 6 ." for a sandwich
box. for botanical or anatomical specimens or eatables. &
other expenses. I own that I have not kept my.

accounts, especially my Paris ones at all carefully.

I have generally set my expenses down, but on scraps of paper & consequently lost them afterwards from carelessness.

I do not think that I have wasted any money though I doubt if I could ^{account} for all. I am sure that I

could not accurately. I don't owe anything except

32 shillings for a pair of boots & I cannot get the bill.

My present riches are £14. 8. I shall have to get a frock coat & waistcoat. The frock coat being the 3^d that I have had in London.

As my journey to Norway & Sweden can scarcely be less than £50. I shall not grumble at giving it up "in toto", but am quite ready to do so.

I expect a good row from you by return of post & as I deserve it - am resigned.

And now, having to the letter followed the example of our Ministers, & when the Budget must come, having made a clean breast of it. - what is to be done? - It is no use on my part to blarney about "full of contrition" & so forth. but, beginning from to day, I will send you by every Monday's post my accounts for the week preceding. & in case of ^{any} ~~omission~~ ^{omission}, I wish that you would write & blow me up. Please tell me by return of post - how much I am in arrears. as not understanding

your figures I cannot calculate it.

f. 325

Good bye I believe me & ever

Your affectionate Son

Frank Galton.



Fr^s Galton

16 June 1840

Accounts

EWB



S. Percival Galton Esq
29 Lansdowne Place
Leamington.

My dear Father. What do you mean by "to be accounted for"
 the 90 pounds must include my expenses for matriculation. &
 journey to Paris — Please write & tell me as soon as possible. For Berlin

If you want ^{any} postage envelopes I can buy some for you at ^(these cheaper than the stamps) 10/- the dozen.
 how do you think that is managed?

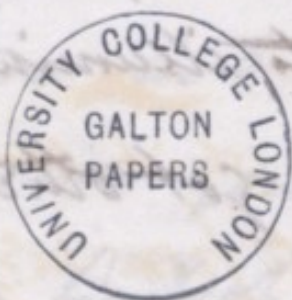
Fr^d Galton London

19 June 1840



J. F. Galton Esq

Wednesday
17 New St. Spring
London



My dear Bepg.

Bless your innocence! With
regard to the postage Envelope -
I ~~accordingly~~ enclose this in one
of a new pattern & which may
perhaps be explanatory of the allegor-
ical design of the original; & in
case that your understanding should
still continue obfuscated, I enclose
also some newspaper lines for your
edification - The reason why I

asked about your painting ^{f. 34v} ~~in~~ ^{was} that, in case that you did so,
I might coax you to illuminate some letters in my prize folio Seneca,
but as you have got other things to amuse yourself with, I wouldn't
~~wish~~ ask you on any account to do it, as first of all it would make
you stoop - 2ndly, when you are at the sea - why, what's the good
of going there if you don't make the most of it? - 3rdly, I
should like to have a previous consultation with you on the correct
colours & 4thly there is no hurry. Therefore I don't want
you to do it now. Q.E.D. As to the inelegance of
the word "ekloges" I confess it to be very great, but the fact
was, that after the previous night, "excitement" (as Mr. W. titubly ^{would}
say) all my wits were tending to fly very high, & indeed to leave me
altogether - As an opposing force I therefore used all the most matter-of-
fact expressions, & commonplaces, possible ~~in~~ which ^{two} forces,
acting conjointly produced a happy medium ^{the current of} in my mind -

Indeed the night previous I was so completely
 "knocked off my legs" by Persiani Gini
 Rubini & Tamburini in Dr. Giovanni
 That I awoke up ~~laughing~~ ^{hawking} away the
 air "La che darem &c" I only got
 to sleep again by means of a perpetual
 singing in my ears of "Katti bathi bel maschio"

I am sorry poor Lucy is so poorly
 & also the children, loves to them, please
 Enclose you a bottle of Gold Size
 & hope it won't break.

NB I won't answer by return
 of post, in order to keep up the new
 character which ^{you} have given me of
 letter writing.

I find the newspaper which contained the
 version is burnt. so I write from memory
 therefore excuse mistakes
 Fras. Galton



My dear Bessy.

As to my last letter, it must have been the very same of
Fortman that was a fault before when you sent me the original, who
has lost mine now. I am quite glad that you are so much better
but "better" won't do in your account of yourself - they must be
more medical. Such as: Jan 27. Little sleep at night. Night shivering on getting up.
Headache & nausea. Bad taste in mouth. Occasional numbness in feet with tendency to
be hysterical. After dinner. Lethargy & a good deal of yawning. Appetite better. —
Now you ought to send me such an account as this - as much longer
as you like, of about 1 day in a week or so.

I called on the Horners this other day. was shewn up - only the
Miss Horners in in extra deep mourning. Crave enough on them to
furnish Woodhouse & Haddison Shop. I thought that one of the old
birds had ~~been~~ hopped the twig. I was just going to tell them
that I was very sorry that I had inadvertently intruded at such a
time &c. &c. when one of them said that they had all been at
a ball the night before till 2 o'clock. I don't know if
mourning is considered here as a sort of fancy costume in character
or not - Wish on having them. I took to Mrs. Darwin.

When !!! round the knocker. with the utmost care & precision a ~~pink~~
grey kid glove was wound. I couldn't make out the knot - he could
only have ~~done~~^{had} it so well by long practice - This proceeding à la
Kemwigs. very much astonished me. of course I did not add
- What am I to do. I have not heard anything about ~~his~~ having a
little Perpetuation. but there can be only one way of intercepting the
kid glove. Please write me word in your next letter. What
you know, I ask you know, of the Myners' Family of Weatheroak.
Near Birmingham. Especially as relates to Miss Myners. After
all neither force money ~~or~~ ~~nor~~ ~~key~~ ~~or~~ were pickpocketed.
but the Governor has I suppose told you the circumstances.

Give my love to Lucy, James, & Animalculae.
How is Mrs Howell. you would very likely have been just as
bad as the war if you had not gone to Moor Hall.

I hope that you have heard the tune of
"Nix my dolly pals - take away &c" Sarah would
like it of all things - It is quite necessary to know it to get on in the
fashionable world.

Good Bye &c