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Mr. William  
Care of Messrs Bond & Bytters  
249 - Strand - Staring Cross,  
London. (England.)



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Paris Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1870

My dear dear Brumfkins

We are all here well, I hope  
the armistice will take place.  
It will at least give us a chance  
to have a letter from you. I miss  
from others we love. The privation of  
letters has been the most painful  
thing we have so far endured, material  
sufferings we have never had.

Your Uncle's health is certainly better,  
not enough so to think of taking active  
service, but he is able to enjoy his  
usual walk in the afternoon.

We shall never regret returning  
to Paris, for, we now see I feel

that it is every man's duty in  
such troublous times, to be in his  
place of residence, where by word &  
example he can do his part, if not more  
actively, towards maintaining order.

What every right minded man is at  
his post, evil does can never triumph.  
There are many more honest men  
than rascals in the world.

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I have little else to say for the balloon  
which carries this night Maria to  
fall into Prussian hands, therefore  
we can only mention unimportant  
matters.

If the armistice be concluded,  
I shall write you a long letter.

Give our love to the dear friends  
at Beckenham, & to Mrs & Mr  
Holt, to whom I shall also write.

Poor Madame d'Argentan has  
just left us, she is in such grief  
& anxiety about her husband, who  
was with Bazaine. Is he alive?  
Mr Lucas & Colonel Salanson too?

Best love to your Mother from  
us when you write!

I hope you have not been in want  
of money, & that Uncle Mat has sent  
the £50 to Mr Gardner. By the  
way, if there be a letter for me  
from Uncle Mat, addressed to the  
care of Messrs Bowles, send it on,  
as soon as you see the post  
is open to Paris after the signing  
of the armistice.

Engage dearest with us yesterday.  
He sends heaps of friendship to you.  
Don't fail to write immediately.  
I shall give your letter a good kiss.  
If dear Grandmother were alive,  
she would be anxious & troubled  
about us.

How much we shall love to let  
each other!

Your Uncle sends his best love,  
& Marie has chosen a singular  
place of residence for Bismark.

Ever my dearest boy your loving  
Aunt Fanny Sarah