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Osw. Falls the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 1884

Dear Sir,

I received lately the two numbers of the "Bulletin" which you had the kindness to send me. This proof that you have not forgotten your fellow passenger on board the Monowai made me very great pleasure and at the same time made me feel ashamed of myself at having not given you any sign of life since we last met in the Occidental Hotel and in the streets of Frisco.

Only I was pretty much busy during our stay in France. We arrived on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May at Le Havre. We stayed there and in Paris until nearly the end of July, then went South and spent a little more than one month

with our parents in Alais (Department  
of Gard). On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September we  
were again on our way to Paris: we  
stayed there two weeks only and on the  
24<sup>th</sup> of the same month started from  
Bordeaux for Rio de Janeiro where  
we arrived on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.  
After a week in Rio we started  
again and at last arrived here  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> October.

As you can see we had not very  
much ~~time~~ rest: in Paris and Le  
Havre as well as in Alais we had  
our friends and family to visit;  
in Paris I had to ~~arrange~~ see for  
our new departure. Nevertheless I did  
not forget our friend of the Monocle  
and spoke more than ~~once~~ to my  
father of the Republican of ~~Germany~~ of Germany.

I encountered on the Pacific Ocean.

Here in Ouro Palla I am much more busy than ever. The C<sup>o</sup>. of which I am the general manager was somewhat mismanaged and it takes a long time to put it back into order. The spot where we live in is called Ouro Palla, which means "the Gold Speaks". It is an estate of 3000 acres, a very pleasant land to see but a miserable spot to live in. The country is entirely deprived of roads and railways, even of telegraphic lines. The communications are extremely difficult. It takes eight days to exchange a letter with Rio de Janeiro distant only of 300 miles. I assure you we ~~are~~ <sup>appreciate</sup> now more than we did last year the importance of the

work accomplished by the English in  
Australia. But ~~Baro~~ Talla is  
a quiet place and we manage to  
live comfortably enough and happy  
here. - As to the gold, there is some  
here. I expect the business will pay  
~~for~~ but I am only commencing to  
develop the property.

I hope Mr. <sup>Clark</sup> and yourself  
enjoyed ~~your~~ stay in the United States  
and that you returned safely and in  
good health in Hobart. Did you stay  
long in Boston? We had the intention  
to visit that city but at the end of  
the journey through the State we  
were very anxious to see our <sup>own</sup> country.

We are now very anxious about the  
things going on in France. <sup>past year</sup> Our countrymen  
seem to grow mad about the so called  
Affaire Duffus. What we do want <sup>we Frenchmen</sup> is to  
go abroad more than we ~~do~~ generally do  
it would ~~be~~ <sup>teach</sup> us to pay the attention they

desire and too, more to things rather insignificant, but which at the present time actually suspend the life of the country.

I hope you will find some minutes to spare <sup>for</sup> writing to me: I would be very happy to hear from you - Madame Gasuel sends M<sup>r</sup> Clark and yourself her best regards. I beg you will present my respectful remembrances to M<sup>r</sup> Clark and believe me yours truly

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