Dear Mary,

It is a good bright morning and I must have a hopping foot and pursue my duty all over town! Yesterday was quite wilting as you may have observed, and I made all I could of it under the circumstances going to see Laura Richardson in the morning and then to the Aldriches and to see Ellen Cushing and had a good visitation. Then to Mrs. Cabot's where Mrs. Fields joined me and we had a very pleasant time, but she was very wistful about our going away, and we made gay plans for a visit after we get home.\[^{15}\] She has had a lame foot lately – it seems to "go" but she complains of it a good deal.

After luncheon we went down to the Charlesgate to see Miss Whitney and Miss Manning, and I went to see old General Dana and his wife who have been writing to me about stories – and I had a very pleasant visit indeed. She is an aunt of Miss Anne Lever and he quite a delightful old soldier. Horace used to be with them in a post in Arizona and so we had much to talk about. Sister Sarah and a friend came to tea in the evening! On Saturday there were ever so many people here. Howard Marynadie [??] came again and tous les autres! Laura for one who [?] asked most affectionately for you and Cousin Maria and Elizabeth and the former thinks of going next week but Mrs. Sweet is very low – at Ashmont – and not expected, and she doesn't know what Will will want her to do about the summer – he can't come on to see her and will be sailing in May perhaps for a year. We had a beautiful evening at the play seeing Lady Macbeth. Modjeska was quite noble in her part – and so beautiful! Dear old Stubby was so enchanted and listened and looked with all his might. I shall tell you all about it tomorrow and how we went behind the scenes Aunt Mary to Modjeska's dressing room and all! Think what this would have been to you and me – but for me, I have never lost the delight in Modjeska that I had when I first knew her. She is such a charming woman and true lady – and never played so well as now in these great Shakespeare parts.\[^{16}\]

\[^{15}\] SOJ and AF went to Europe in March of 1900.

\[^{16}\] Helena Modjeska (1840-1909), the great Shakespearean actress. Modjeska performed Macbeth in Boston the week of January 8, 1900 – see Boston Theatre Pamphlet in KB Collection. SOJ wrote to Sally Norton (Letter #91 in AF's Letters): "My dear Sally, -- It was too bad about your missing Lady Macbeth. I wished much for you, and indeed Madame Modjeska was unexpectedly fine, quite nobly beautiful. She did two or three things which I must put among the very best I have ever seen on the stage. One felt true greatness in her playing. I used to think of her as quite charming and most intelligent and often vigorous, but she went far beyond all these that night. You would have cared very much for her, but alas, one must miss such pleasures."
Miss Clavel is waiting over by the window as I write. I shall try to get off by the one o'clock train tomorrow unless I am over persuaded by a wish to hear XX. [Sr. ??] Dominics [?] lecture here in town [.] I will send you word if I am not coming then

Yours affectionately with a worse than usual pen

Sarah