

Southampton

Sept. 3. 1893

Sept. 4. 1 P.M.
They - put
writing my
mail

My dear Mr. Helen: My mamma tells
you find that I do not take
sufficient notice of the contents of your
letters - I suppose because from the
time that must elapse between their
writing and my reply, it seems as if the
occurrences would have passed from your
mind. I have heard of Tomini's fracas on
the beach and loss of his camera from
mamma; also of Uncle Ned's letter telling
his interview with Chadwick about the Colver.
This as you now know I have learned from
several independent sources. From you I
hear of your various friends and friends

but as it seems to me nothing very particu-
lar. We ourselves have been rather uncom-
fort - although I have felt compelled to relax
my sticking to the ship under the pressure
of the persistent hospitality of the country side
around Southampton. I think I had mamma
of my going to the ~~Christians~~ Crichtons & a
dance Thursday. I did not care for it, in fact
found it stupid. The next evening I dined at
Captain Yerkes a retired officer of the Royal
Navy - where I had a very good time being
unselfish in a happy vein and we had a good
deal of fun at our end of the table. Yesterday
I stayed on board and this afternoon went to
call at Lord Roadstock's - where I had dined
ten days ago - finding no one at home but
his daughter, Miss Waldgrave. From
then I walked round with one of our

Officers & Capt. Jervis when I found them
just finishing five o'clock tea under the trees.
The walk being two miles and dusty, the tea was
very welcome. I bade all these good bye, for we
sail on Tuesday morning for Barse. The
Consul writes from there that they are ready
to make a great fuss over us - but I don't
think it will be as bad as in England.
I want quiet. The Admiral says that after
a week in Barse we will go to Lisbon -
stay there a fortnight - thence to Tangier
for two days - then Gibraltar and after-
wards along the Mediterranean Coast of
Spain. To-morrow I go to a tennis party
at the Crichtons, but only for half an hour
to pay a call and say good bye. They
have been most exceedingly civil to us
all. I am waiting curiously your next

letters to know whether you have suffered
great inconvenience from the storms of which
we hear such dreadful accounts. The weather
here has for the most part been very good,
I hope it may last us so at Lisbon. Tell
Mamma I read the enclosed so that if she
has any church money to spare she may, if
she likes, send something. Ever since Maria
was so benighted by moving from Annapolis
to Bar Harbor it has been my purpose to help
this charity, but first want of money and
since then forgetfulness have too often prevented.
Tell her also that I see no reason why she
should not pay her part out of her ch.
money. I find myself weak & do much writing
but have written an outline beginning for the
Life of Nelson. A letter from Scudder says
the Canal article will be out in the Oct. No.
And now good bye my dear child - with
love for all I am
Your loving father
A. J. Mahan 3, 30

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