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My dear Sister,

I had not intend
 that so long a time should pass
 before I write to you, but I hope
 you will not think it is because
 you are forgotten by us, in this
 far distant land. We have kept
 each pretty well informed of our
 movements, from time to time, and
 know that he would write to you
 what he learned of us. I cannot
 tell you how thankful we were,
 when we reached the end of our
 long, long journey, and were settled
 down "at home" after all our man-
 derings. It seemed as if we were
 destined to encounter every peril of
 sea and land, before we reached
 our destination - and our escape
 from the dreadful "typhoon" which it
 makes me shudder to recall, was
 almost miraculous. Surely, we have
 a great deal to be grateful for, in
 the past year. We are situated
 most comfortably here - much more so

than formerly, as our London days
and more easily married. The winter
however, has been a very mild one
and we have had only one snow-storm.
We have all been blessed with excellent
health and the boys are going on well
with their studies -

I hope the winter has been as much
pleased to you and that you and
your good husband and children
are well and happy. Joel has
said nothing in his letters, to the
contrary, so I take it for granted
that you had all been well, up
to the time of his letter.

The life which we live here seems a
very strange one, when we stop to
think of it - but as we are so accustomed
to it ~~stop it~~ hardly seems eventful to us. Here
we are, less than one hundred foreigners,
in the heart of a great city, containing
nearly two millions of inhabitants,
living without any guard, never
keeping fire arms by us, leaving our
doors unlocked day and night -
quite at the mercy of these strange
people, and yet feeling quite secure.
We walk through the crowded streets
without molestation, although we
attract some curiosity. There, we meet

Persons who will show long trains of candles, who have
come to "lighting" to make their homes and other premises
illuminate - they are dressed in "shagreen", from head to
foot - their countenances bear much resemblance to
the North American Indians - their hair, or are the
Crows, always dressed in white with some shagreen
have made of a sort of horse hair not made - they too, come
to trade with the Chinese - occasionally, we meet a meeting
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They certainly will wear long trains of carrels, Mr. Sam
Come to Welling, to better their steam and other power for
Chambers' notes - they are abundant in the hospital, from Leeds to
first one - their continuance best must be maintained by
the North American sections - from the, we see the Corcoran
shiny covered in white with most with concrete shapies
had made of a sort of horse hair net work - they are, and
to trade with the Chamber - occasionally, we make a meeting
provision - the side seated in a clear section chair, covered
with red (which is the best color) & a kind of numerous
preparing her and a numerous train wearing harness and
santons, following her. The furthest provision presents much
the same appearance, excepting that the innermost outer
is white, and a furrowed one is covered, instead of a chair.
We form a number of provisionary families here, and
they best a good deal encouraged in their work - there
are several chapters, as well as different parts of the city
and a provisionary hospital, which is growing much in
among the Chamber.

We find very near the middle of the city, about almost every

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being, we go to walk on the top of the wall which
is about 40 ft broad & built round with bricks. The wall
is 50 ft high, built of brick and filled in with earth. It
must, all the gates in the wall are shut and no one
can go out or come into the city between that time and
dawn. Well the objection that gate goes on the wall every
day, & being with her little companions and her dog Row
& keeps school for Gentie, every forenoon and she is progressing
nicely in her studies and is also learning to sew very well.
When we come to Calypso I hope she will be little cousin
will become well acquainted. She will have had the most ex-
perience in "loving the world" but I expect they will be first class
of her in studies, for there are no schools in Peking and she
will not learn as fast as if she were studying with Mrs. Alden
Olson, I hope we shall hear from you often - Next is going
to Germany, in the spring to enter a University. We feel sorry
to part with her and that that it will be for her separating
from you and her & the German and the education - which
is so fast and good and so even - which will be of service - because