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My Dear Mr Marsh,

You cannot think with what anxiety Mary and I have perused the papers to learn of your welfare, after seeing the announcement of the illness of both yourself and Mrs. M. — Nor with what gratitude we saw by the last advice that you had returned to Constantinople, much improved in health. I hope it may continue so a long — long time.

I have just returned after a two months absence, first to Albany to attend the meeting of the American Association, next to Osseo Lake, to fish and to see Miss Cooper, authoress of that charming book, "Rural Hours", next to Mt. Washington to overlook Creation; then to Cambridge, to rummage amongst Prof. Agassiz's collections and carry off duplicates; and finally to Washington again, via New York, Philadelphia, and Reading. Mary and Lucy had gone to Carlisle the beginning of June, and staid there during the summer, joining me

P.S. Mary was going to write, but cannot now; will do so soon.
Can you get about a dozen or more skulls of dogs, common dogs, such as live in Constantinople? Don't forget the canine skulls,
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