Changes places with Bill on the way home — very dull fishing moment, looking, etc., though they had steered out of a picture. Alcophilia — slide through the "Bois" — drink for dinner and for the Opera — Captain Von Heldens drinks with us — to Opera — "Majic Flute." Not remarkably well sung — our box quite the centre of attraction. Immediately over the Queen we go on the other side in opposite box — where we have a very good look at "Royalty." Which after all is like " Abby on 'Plenty!" Peculiar as soon as we reach home — Mr. Parick gives us pictures of mine as Philosopher present.

Will leave at 4 or look for Ann, child and family on their way to three — Captain Von Heldens brings me Will's dispatch — I hurry through the packing and breakfast and go to the museum to see "Paul Potter" — but the house is closed — reach the Hotel again where stupid commissionaire meets us saying that we cannot make the train but must wait till the next one. My indignation — the Captain tells me "Scarti" — we dine together — I salute him at Philopera — I promise him