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Nov 23 1850

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Mr Eugene - Green

Leaving for

St. Louis

Nov 3rd 1850.

My dearest Eugene

We reached here on Wednesday morning, and in two hours after our arrival little Jimmy died of congestion of the bowels, produced from the exposure of the trip. He was Maqs most promising child, consequently has left her almost inconsolable. I suppose such a trip never was made, we were 15 days on the river, <sup>and</sup> changed boats three times. You know we left Louisville on a splendid new boat, she could not get further than 300 miles below that place, before we had to change, <sup>to</sup> a small boat a Tennessee packet, without a comfort upon her she was crowded to overflowing, the state rooms being all occupied, (and many by gentlemen who would not give them up) we were compelled to sleep upon the floor, without a truss without bed clothes, and amongst other troubles, her provision nearly gave out, but at last we reached the mouth, there we changed to the big Sultana and we did not learn until we left Cairo that she had been dreadfully snagged the day before