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My dear Whipple,

I have just returned from Portland Me & thy kind letter awaits me. I have read thy article on Summer. (nothing of thine escapes me) and with great satisfaction. One gets a better idea of the great Senator after reading its, discriminating but generous characterization.

I recall with pleasure

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the delightful evening I spent at thy house, which Mrs W. I am glad remembers. I seldem visit Boston and rarely make any calls while there, but I shall try to see you both the next time I am in the city.

Would it not be possible for you to run out here (40 minutes by rail) and spend a quiet Sunday with me? I wish you would: we have pleasant place here, and we will

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give you Jersey Cows' butter & cream, and you shall be under our pines & beeches & chestnuts, & do as you please generally.

With kindest reqards to Mrs. W. I am very cordially thy friend

John G. Whittier

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