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write about the fact of the matter. I have
on the subject in company with young gentlemen
and they have not yet seen the matter as much
as I do. I think we are that that is 25 or 30 miles from
a little town at the foot of Mount St. Helens in the
highest mountains in America. It is the top of
the mountain the clouds covered with ice and snow and shining
after a storm. There are some very
back to Washington and the mountains. I have
the highest of the mountains at the foot of the Great
Mount after reaching an elevation of 10,000 feet
the top of the mountain at the top. I have
for a long time in fact for the last
of the mountain. I have been
we are not in fact and having put my
ing down to the fact of sitting
I found a lot of paper to be very
I have been thinking of you

they got us a fine supper with plenty of Italian wine
which is so strong it has to be mixed with water,
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fast and started of, they supply all travelers this way,
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and here I am, I have to wait a few days for the
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Saturday the 22 of Sept I will be in Rome, when I get
in Rome I shall take boarding in some house, I
then must see the Consul and ask him how I can
get Money from home, I do not know how I am going
to do it, I ought to have ^{known} had drafts on
some Bank in London and got them Cashed in
Paris and then brought the Money with me,
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