

Hamptstead Sept. 27th / 08

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I like her very much indeed, still I can't help thinking all is not right.

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She is a first rate player. He looks a great deal like her and may be eight or ten years older. They are eight or ten years older. They are going to move away next week and I shall miss them much.

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It is a splendid moonlight night if you were here we would take a walk.

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