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Detroit, January 6<sup>th</sup> 8-9 been <sup>was</sup> winds & self present,

Lady Laurin. Heard a voice come in great cheerfulness and say  
"bonjour vous parlez vous - a cheri cheri" and quite a number  
of words all in the form of a greeting. Replied, as Lady Laurin  
is that you, and spoke a word in French  
Lady Laurin then continued in English. I long to come and see  
you. You so pleased to see you. I want to thank you for what  
you have done about my portrait, what the portrait very  
kind it is magnificent - it is "exquisite"  
I want you to learn to speak French fluently. It is pleasing for  
me, you can deliver a short <sup>(dis)</sup> course alone - (something  
about the Progress party - to talk French -

I asked Lady Laurin if she saw the Decimus party had lost  
light - she said ah yes, I was delighted. I like to see you  
using the house - French is so nice, it is nice when you  
meet your friends to address them in French - it is so beautiful  
and they like it - it is not too late, not too late to learn, you  
have some leisure you can study, <sup>before you go to work</sup> instead of reading word.  
~~read seldom read novels - she said meet them & give them~~  
~~books - Study French~~

<sup>I was glad,</sup>  
I said, "Mrs. Fulford's picture had been painted. Laurin Laurin saw  
Mrs. She is out in California. But there she is too isolated

from the town - she is too far out, it is too lonely for her  
she should be where she can hear the sounds and see the  
people, when you write to <sup>my Fulford</sup> ~~her~~ tell her this for me, and send  
her my fondest love, and say that I love her still

Speak of Laurin to me, and Lady Laurin said it is beautiful  
at your home, <sup>and to give her a copy of</sup> every article in the place, <sup>with some money</sup> ~~with some money~~  
it is your freedom to do as you please - do what you please  
with everything, that is my wish and I will give

Lady Laurin then returned to speaking French and said this  
would help me to speak correctly, to write it out first in English  
the exact words - said something about the verbs, to study them.