

The Retreat
Yoxford
4 July 1880

My dear Arthur

What is the
name of the place,
you were at in
Devonshire (?) where
you said there was
such excellent
salmon fishing to
be had. was it-
expensive? in fact
can you give me
any information
about it. that

You think would be
useful - I am not
sure whether we shall
go fishing this sum-
-mer, but in anticipation
of such an event, I
am hunting up a
little information -
Is the fishing only
Salmon, or is other
fishing obtainable,
such as trout, Grayling,
or even Pike & Perch,
for this latter is not
bad, where you get
good trolling water.
We have had very

little tennis since you
were here; one day
at the Paults. Their
ground is simply per-
-fection - full size, netted
all round & the lawn
beautiful to behold.

When are you coming
to Southwold? perhaps
if this month. We
may meet for a game.

Young Catton's death
caused (as the Papers say)
a profound sensation
in this neighbourhood.
- We are having a
jolly good bout of
rain. 3 summer
days have occupied
themselves by

raining without in-
-termission - It is no
doubt is for the benefit
of the Hay - I hope it
wont all be washed
away, as it was last
year. Hope all your
people are ~~and are~~ well
I hear you have been
away on the Continent.
My wife joins me
in kind remem-
-brances

Yrs sincerely
William Milner
I shall be at S'wold
Thursday & Friday
next, address accor-
-dingly

Butterfield
Friday -

Dear W. Grubbe

Will you be good
enough to lend us
your tennis court,
for next-Friday afternoon,
for a tennis party?

Yours truly

Isabella Darley

The Retreat
Yoxford,
Saturday

My dear Arthur
I saw Sir J.

Blois this morning
and he is going to
give me a lift to Bul-
-camp on Monday.

He says that fishing
from the Bank will
be very awkward &
that by far the best
plan will be to fish
from a Boat; so I
propose that you &

Walter come up by
Boat to Blythburgh
Bridge & I will meet
you there at one
o'clock; I will
walk by road from
Bulcamp to Blythburgh
Of course, if the day
is wet, I shall not
expect you -

If any thing
prevents your
coming, I can
return to Swald by
train: but let us

hope the day will
be fine & that we
shall return with
a dish of smelts -
I have my doubts
about success, unless
weather and tide
favor us; I think
we want a warm,
still day - the rain
of today is in our
favor. Fish always
feed more readily
after rain.

If the day is fine
I shall certainly
look for you

I hope you
reached home safely
yesterday.

Our kind regards
to you all

Yrs sincerely
William Melmer

Holton
Thursday evening

Dear Arthur

I was very glad to get
Your letter : and am
very much obliged to
you for the pipe which
arrived at the same
time . It is a Capital
one & I shall value

it much as a present
from you.

I had a capital day
with Fred. Even last
Friday - but should

have enjoyed the fun
much more had I felt
all right - which I was
far from doing - Though
much better I am not
yet all right - & Dr Morris
is still attending me.

We bagged $25\frac{1}{2}$ brace
of partridges, a brace of
pheasants, and a brace
of hares. We went through
the "Sprites" cover but only
got a hare out of it.

Frederic Even is going
to make another attack
on the enemy on Wed-
nesday & has asked me
to join his army.

I had an invitation for
a day's driving today but
did not feel well enough
to go - I hope to make
another attack on the West-
hall partridges on Saturday
or Monday -

Being unwell is a horrible
nuisance - but I hope to be
all right again before Wednes-
day.

Fred & even are very agreeable
& Powell & I got on very com-
fortably -

Remember me to Walter.
I will write again soon & tell
you about the actions -

Your sincere friend
Richard Nugent

Game Kill^d Oct. 14th

Hares — 54

Phe. — 11

Partridges — 14

Rabbits — 2

Sum — 147

52 Lincoln's Inn Fields.

^{WE}
22nd July 1874

My dear Arthur,

I received your letter
this morning: found all you
say about the cricket club,
I think it seems in a very flow-
-ering condition & do not think
we have anything to complain of
but we will not discuss the
matter, as I don't know but what
you think so too: I understood
all along that you did not wish
to hold any office & I rather
think I intimated as much to
Frederic when down at Southwold,
there can be no doubt but ^{that} they
mistake you for me in saying

that you are Captain, as I most expressly stipulated that I should keep my post. I am afraid the 3rd Aug: will not see me at Southwold, but I cannot say for certain, you take care to be Capt: of the day; if you really wish it, you are quite welcome to be Captain for good. I wrote to Haliworth & Lowestoft about a week ago challenging them for any day after the 10th of August & suggesting the 14th, 18th or 19th but have not received an answer; I want to get as many matches as possible when I come to Southwold, so do all you

can to have them put off until then, but of course, do not press the matter.

The fifth of your letter lies in the last paragraph, I suspect, about bringing you to Swots which I will endeavour to do.

I am glad to hear the Harrises are in S. & also Bailey & his friends, I shall not stay here a minute longer than necessary, in the meanwhile for goodness ^{sake} do not be quarrelling about the Club, as I am sure every thing can be arranged to every one's satisfaction by temporising.

even you
affect a Brother
George

The Retreat
Yoxford
Sunday 22 Jan 82

My dear Grubbe

- I have seen,
or heard, nothing, of
our friend the Bart:
since the day we shot
with him - I cannot
understand, why
he has not been to see
me and arrange about
a final shoot, as
he is in the habit of

doing and can only
conclude that "Billy" is
yet with him & that, I
am therefore "not wanted".
if I see my way to it,
I will certainly put
in a word for you, but
I fear there is little prospect.

We had a very pleasant
day at Reydon last
Friday, we killed 25 1/2
brace of Partridges, a brace
of Pheasants, 2 Hares &
3 Rabbits: it was a good
day for the business, but
we finished early, we
might have had 2
more drives: Nugent

shot very well, although he
was far from well in health,
had a bad cold & was
generally seedy & upset;
Fred Sweeney only killed
2 Birds - Powell 19. Nugent
13 & I killed 17: we lost
some 2 or 3 brace of
wounded birds: We are
going to shoot again on
Wednesday the 18th Feb,
I want to kill 30 brace,
I think we may do this,
by commencing early.
If the day is favorable.

I am afraid Miss
Turner could not have
enjoyed herself very much
at the Henham Ball -
her disappointment at

not seeing me must have
been too great! I should
have enjoyed the dance
no doubt & wish I could
have been there.

I will let you know when
I come up to town & we will
arrange to meet; I expect
it will be in late Spring or
early Summer.

I was shooting with Henham
Yesterday, at Brampton wood.
I have been rather on the spot
lately & yet I managed to miss
an 'easy' Cock Pheasant, in full
view of the whole field! I
believe I shot in front of him.
Good bye. Kind regards
to all your people

Yrs sincerely
William Wilmer

52 Lincoln's Inn Fields
W.C.
24th July 1874

My dear Arthur,
This morning I have received a letter from Preston in behalf of the Lowestoft Cricket Club, he says that he has "failed signally" to persuade an eleven to come over to Southwold, & unless the Southwoldians can go over to Lowestoft the match must be "off." Please tell this to Gooding as I suppose he is the person who ought to be made acquainted with it

I really do not much think
I shall get out of this before
the 8th Aug: after all, to-day
& yesterday there has positively
been a slight press: the
wretched old man Remnant
is condemned to escort some kids
down to Southwold tomorrow,
he seems very gloomy at the
prospect. Tell Dabs I am very
much obliged for his letter, if
he hears of a canoe to be sold
for £2 & it seems likely to
suit me, i.e. is moderately safe

& in decent condition, I am
willing to afford that sum.

Trout has disappeared from
the scenes here altogether, no
one seems to know where he
has gone, he writes to say he
is ill, but when inquired af-
ter at his lodgings is found
not to be in. We do not see
much of Eustace heaven knows
where he may be of an evening,
& he does not breakfast much
at the same time we do, the
Attorney general & Prime Minister

[in ~~imaginatione~~ futuro] is entirely
occupied with mysterious affairs
of the deepest importance, affecting
no doubt the future fate of this
realm, (entre nous) he told me
last night, that England will
soon be the victim of most fearful
& hideous rebellions, it is only people
of great intellect who can foresee
these things.

Remains

Your affectate Brother
George