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4/11/2020	PTB Letters (#1)	A Bit of France in Bridgeport	Bridgeport as Barnum's adopted hometown; influence of French provincial towns; planning development of Bridgeport to ensure quality of life for all; French Public Walks and parks; parks as "lungs" of cities; improving towns; letters to NY <i>Atlas</i>
4/17/2020	PTB Letters (#2)	Piling Up the Tin!	Tours and Angers, France; travel by stagecoach; tour arrangements for Gen. Tom Thumb; financial success; instructions to S. Stratton; letters to Mr. Risley, Mr. Brewster.
4/24/2020	PTB Letters (#3)	The General's Clothes and Carriage	Poitiers, Niort, and LaRochelle, France; Gen. Tom Thumb's costumes; character portrayals; theatrical agents; miniature coach and ponies; promotion/advertising; woodcuts (for printing); instructions to S. Stratton
5/1/2020	PTB Letters (#4)	Negotiating Tactics	Bordeaux and Poitiers, France; French taxes and fees; Barnum as agent; profit/loss calculations; French vehicles; Charles Stratton defined as an actor not a "natural curiosity"; character portrayals; instructions to S. Stratton; letters to Mon. Huet, Mon. Bezout
5/8/2020	PTB Letters (#5)	A "Touch of Yankee" Solves a Problem	Bordeaux and Vincennes, France; French taxes and fees; history of Vincennes and Bordeaux; French coins; profit/Loss calculations; request from Spanish Consul; letters to Mon. Huet, Moses Kimball, Mr. Dignan
5/15/2020	PTB Letters (#6)	An Awful Great Fire in NY	Peale's Museum (NYC); Peale's Museum (Phila.); catastrophic fire in NYC; resignation to likelihood of eventual fire at Amer. Museum
5/22/2020	PTB Letters (#7)	Manufactured Puffs and Dissolving Views	Bordeaux, France; management of American Museum; Dissolving Views; optical inventions; promotion/advertising; Royal Adelaide Gallery; Napoleon's re-interment funeral; panoramas; Robert-Houdin (magician -inventor); Mr. Lambert (panorama painter); M. Darche music store; letters to F. Hitchcock, Mon. Huet, Mr. West (NY Atlas); Messrs. Molteni & Co
5/29/2020	PTB Letters (#8)	The Beginnings of Iranistan	Bordeaux, France; family matters; homesickness; overseas mail; financial success; ideas for future home/garden; small sketch; <i>Iranistan</i> in Bridgeport, Conn.; water/plumbing; F. Olmsted; daguerreotypes; letters to Charity (wife) and daughters
6/5/2020	PTB Letters (#9)	Barnum on Humbugging & Puffing	Toulouse, France; promotion/advertising; hoaxes v. humbugs; opinion of the public/audiences; letter to C. D. Stuart

6/12/2020	PTB Letters (#10)	A Mountain of Worries	Family matters; health/illness; homesickness; travel by stagecoach; plan to buy land in Bridgeport; daughter's request to attend masquerade ball; financial worries; treaties (contracts); letters to Charity (wife) and daughter, Messrs. Roux & Co.
6/19/2020	PTB Letters (#11)	Plenty of Fun in "Bridgeport"	Family matters; health/illness; fears death of daughter; education of daughters; gifts; toys, teasing and fun times; Barnum as father figure to Charles Stratton (Gen. Thumb); silly sketches by Charles Stratton; oil portrait of Barnum daughters.
6/26/2020	PTB Letters (#12)	They Stared with All the Eyes They Had	Inside the American Museum; proposed museum guidebook; extant guidebooks; Sights and Wonders booklet; promotion/advertising; letters to F. Hitchcock, C.D. Stuart
7/3/2020	PTB Letters (#13)	A New Play for the General	Toulouse, France; Gen. Tom Thumb's performances; <i>Le Petit Poucet</i> (play); <i>Le Geant</i> (play); new play to be written; Albert R. Smith (author/playwright); burlesque; pantomime; coachman and footman as actors; humorous ways to introduce Tom Thumb on stage; letters to C. D. Stuart; A. R. Smith; Mon. Roux
7/10/2020	PTB Letters (#14)	Arranging All the Affairs	Béziers, France; provincial Mayors; theatre managers; entertainment taxes; theatrical rate v. natural curiosities; financial calculations; halls and exhibition rooms; advertising/promotion; handbills; renting chairs, piano; support occupations: bill posters; gas lighters, porters; display of lithographs; display of Tom Thumb's clothing; travel by stagecoach; letters to S. Stratton, Prof. Pinte
7/17/2020	PTB Letters (#15)	A Capital Dodge for Us	Nimes, France; plans for American Museum (or NYC) guidebook; early 19th c. travel guides in America; Letter to F. Hitchcock
7/24/2020	PTB Letters (#16)	Well Dressed Dinners	Astor House, NYC; Lower Manhattan and Broadway; menus in the NYPL collection; Lyon sausage (donkey meat); poking fun at the Strattons; unfamiliar foods in Belgium and France; dining customs in France; hotels; cleanliness and filth; Ladies' Ordinary as safe havens in NYC and Boston; letter to NY <i>Atlas</i>
7/31/2020	PTB Letters (#17)	Story Updates, and a Daughter's Education	Bordeaux, France; ornamental pastry; follow up to <i>A Mountain of Worries</i> blog post; family matters; overseas mail; health/illness; choosing boarding school for Caroline; female education in early 19th century; French language; E. Guillaudeu; letters to A. Taylor; F. Hitchcock, Charity (wife)
8/7/2020	PTB Letters (#18)	A Most Determined Devotion to Business	Marseille, France; travel by stagecoach; times/distances between French towns; financial worries; planning Tom Thumb's performances; theatre managers; <i>Le Geant</i> (play), and <i>Le Petit Poucet</i> (play); profit/loss calculations; French taxes and fees; treaties (contracts); letters to Mon. Roux, unnamed man in Lyon
8/21/2020	PTB Letters (#19)	Novelties and Schemes	Marseille, France; financial worries; fear of daughter dying; success and management of American Museum; petrified human found in cave; trumpeters automaton; animal (orangutan); Dissolving Views; Napoleon panorama; laughing gas; letters to F. Hitchcock, Prof. Swift

8/28/2020	PTB Letters (#20)	Searching for Monsieur Guillaudeu	Mon. Emile Guillaudeu (Amer. Museum's naturalist); taxidermy supplies; improvements to Amer. Museum; staff salaries; passport applications; physical descriptions of Barnum, Stratton, Guillaudeu, others; meeting royalty; French language; Prof. Swift; Dissolving Views; letters to E. Guillaudeu, F. Hitchcock, A. Taylor
9/4/2020	PTB Letters (#21)	The Things Inside Case No. 8	Paris, France; purchase of china, silver, precious items from estate of Russian Prince Tioufiakin; shipping crates; U.S. Customs; E. Guillaudeu; Royal Pavillion (Brighton, England); California gold ring; Jenny Lind concert ticket; coat of arms; letter to F. Hitchcock
9/11/2020	PTB Letters (#22)	My Success Has Been a Miracle	Financial aspirations; family money matters; Caroline (daughter); Alanson Taylor (uncle); Philo F. Barnum (half-brother); opinions of relatives; defining success; management of Amer. Museum; letters to Charity (wife), F. Hitchcock, Moses Kimball
9/18/2020	PTB Letters (#23)	Curiosities for the American Museum	Acquiring relics and antiquities in France; exchanging for N. Amer. animal and bird specimens; taxidermy; E. Guillaudeu; copies of masterpieces; Hyacinthe Chevalier (Guillaudeu nephew); Amer. Museum audiences; letters to Mr. Sherman; Prof. Pinte
9/25/2020	PTB Letters (#24)	Becoming a First Rate Showman	Lyon, France; Prof. Pinte (interpreter/aspiring showman); Barnum's humor; <i>Le Petit Poucet</i> playbooks; French law/authority re: theatre; French post office; woodcuts (printing); programs; posting handbills; advertising/promotion; comp tickets; mermaid; Gen. Tom Thumb calling cards; petrified human; letters to Mr. Sherman, Prof. Pinte
10/2/2020	PTB Letters (#25)	Souvenir Medals, and a Snug Saloon to Draw and Read In	London, England; souvenir medals made by Allen & Moore; promotion/advertising; brand images for Gen. Tom Thumb; comparing France and England; success in Paris; hotel; miniature coach and ponies; Charles Bagniet (artist); health/illness; relationship with Charles Stratton; French theatre; vaudeville; profit/loss calculations; letters to Allen & Moore, S. Stratton, Mon. Huet
10/9/2020	PTB Letters (#26)	A Tree Found, Tried, and Shook	Fear of Amer. Museum burning; purchase of museums (collections); Peale's Museums (NYC and Baltimore); Mr. Seaman; E. Guillaudeu; S. Stratton; Moses Kimball; novelties in Europe; the value of work; business affairs; relationship with uncle; letters to F. Hitchcock, A. Taylor
10/16/2020	PTB Letters (#27)	Read & Reflect, Then Do As You Please	Family matters; wife Charity's pregnancy; overseas mail; health/illness; friction re: Charity looking for property in Bridgeport; real estate values; uncertainty about buying in Connecticut; eldest daughter's education; U.S. Customs/import duties; misstep re: Charity in NY <i>Atlas</i> story; concern for young daughter's health; letter to Charity (wife)
10/23/2020	PTB Letters (#28)	News in a Postscript: My Present Ideas	Family matters; plan for building new home; sketch; Royal Pavillion (Brighton); taxes in Bridgeport; water quality; analogy to buying textiles; furniture and carpets for new home; Charity's choice of property; financial worries; Peale's Museum (Phila.); Oliver Taylor; relationship between F. Hitchcock and A. Taylor; letters to Charity (wife), F. Hitchcock
10/30/2020	PTB Letters (#29)	Pantomime Engagements for the Holidays	Marseille, and Paris, France; pantomime theatre; Christmas entertainment; comedy, music; Adelphi Theatre; Vaudeville Theatre Paris; planning Gen. Tom Thumb's performances; shipping props for <i>Le Petite Poucet</i> (play); miniature coach and ponies; treaty (contract) with Mon. Roux; <i>Hop o' My Thumb</i> (play); Albert R. Smith; letters to Mr. Webster, Mr. Burn, S. Stratton, Mr. Sherman

11/6/2020	PTB Letters (#30)	First-Rate Attractions fo the American Museum	London, England, and Paris, France; Royal Polytechnic Institute; Adelaide Gallery; decision re: buying property in Bridgeport; French doctors; medical advice; management of Amer. Museum; salaries; promotion/advertising; shipment of novelties; Moses Kimball; Prof. Swift; E. Guillaudeu; Dissolving Views; physioscope; automatons; orangutan; letter to F. Hitchcock
11/13/2020	PTB Letters (#31)	"Illusions" at the American Museum	Prof. Swift; Dissolving Views; artists to paint new slides; panoramas and dioramas; optical equipment; promotion/advertising; Thos. Brettell (printer); H. and W. J. Harrington (dioramas); Amer. Museum building; porcelain and silver items purchased; U.S. Customs/ import duties; letters to C. D. Stuart, F. Hitchcock
11/20/2020	PTB Letters (#32)	The Laborer is Worthy of his Hire	Staff at the Amer. Museum; ticket-taker; bookkeeper; salaries and wages; Frances Clarkson; employee dispute; removing the bar from the American Museum; albino lady; admitting mistake; impoverished sister Cordelia; past purchase of Amer. Museum; letter to F. Olmsted
11/27/2020	PTB Letters (#33)	A Heart to Feel for Others More	Paris, France; family matters; advice about purchasing property; saving to buy furniture; Fordyce Hitchcock; Oliver Taylor; health/illness; health of daughter Helen; education of daughter Caroline; Cordelia Benedict (sister); Alanson Taylor (uncle); letters to Charity (wife), F. Hitchcock
12/4/2020	PTB Letters (#34)	Hard Feelings about "Soft Soap"	Friction between Barnum and Sherwood Stratton; Sherwood and Cynthia Stratton; advance work in London; Prof. Swift; Mr. Sherman; shortening tour in France; soft soap as deception; travel and boarding expenses; financial agreement with S. Stratton; dislike of advertising; letter to S. Stratton
12/11//2020	PTB Letters (#35)	Barnum and Catlin	Paris, and Bordeaux, France; George Catlin (artist); Catlin family; death of Clara Catlin; Native American people (Iowans and Ojibwa); King Louis-Philippe; proposal to show at Salle Vivienne; Lancashire Bell Ringers; profit/loss calculations; promotion on public streets; Egyptian Hall; letters to Mr. Brewster, G. Catlin
12/18/2020	PTB Letters (#36)	Trumpets, "Venus," and a Young Man, Heading to America	Paris, France; London, England; finding work for M/M Collins' son; sailing from London; food for voyage; lodgings in NYC; mechanical trumpets; automatons; Dissolving Views; Amer. Museum balcony; Americans' aspirations/success; optical instruments; shipments; U.S. Customs/import duties; panorama contract; Messrs. Molteni; Anatomical Venus; letters to Mr. Collins, F. Hitchcock
12/24/2020	PTB Letters (#37)	My Mind is Occupied with Thoughts of Home	Homesickness; purchase of luxury items for future home; assistance to Cordelia (sister); humorous stories re: children; teasing Helen (daughter); education of Charles Stratton; French education of Caroline (daughter); boarding schools' accommodations, curriculum, and discipline; Washington, DC; female teachers; Alanson Taylor; letters to Charity (wife), Cordelia (sister), Caroline (daughter)
1/1/2021	PTB Letters (#38)	Tell Me Plainly What You Think	Paris, France; exhibiting human curiosities; partially-twinned infants; scribbled sketch; contracts with twins' parents; French doctors; salaries; expense calculations; E. Guillaudeu; Millie and Christine McKoy; Charles Stratton; Chang and Eng Bunker; Giacomo and Giovanni Battista Tocci; letters to Moses Kimball, F. Hitchcock
1/15/2021	PTB Letters (#39)	A Jolly Lot of Brother Showmen	Paris, France; showmen: Titus, Carter, Van Amburgh, Sands, Welch, Raymond, June, Angevine; lion-tamers; acquiring exotic animals; menageries; female equestrian Roux; equestrian Risley; Spillman's coffee house (London); largest horse, dog; dancing ponies; boxer James "Deaf" Burke; ballerinas Elssler and Taglioni; shipments to Amer. Museum; letter to Editors of NY <i>Atlas</i>

1/22/2021	PTB Letters (#40)	Plans Good and Bad	Paris, and Lyon, France; exhibiting human curiosities; partially-twinned infants; deceptive letter to parents; Prof. Pinte (interpreter); halls and saloons; directions for mechanical trumpets; balcony of Amer. Museum; employing a boy; optical instrument; Prof. Swift; E. Guillaudeu; taxidermy; exchange of skins; statues for roof of Amer. Museum; letter to infants' father, to F. Hitchcock
1/29/2021	PTB Letters (#41)	The Grand Agent of Yankee Showmen	Paris, and Nancy, France; London, England; planning Gen. Tom Thumb's performances; Christmas pantomimes; engaging agent in London; Egyptian Hall; London theatres and laws; Princess, Adelphi, Drury Lane, Surry, Haymarket theatres; showmen Sands and Risley; miniature coach; life of a child actor; treaties (contracts); <i>Le Petit Poucet</i> (play); letters to Mr. Fillingham, A. Taylor
2/5/2021	PTB Letters (#42)	We Have Got Quite Territory Enough	British and American territory dispute; Oregon Country; Mexican-American War; Calhoun and Polk; political parties; Kansas-Nebraska Act; Bridgeport postmaster; assisting son of English friends; saddlemaking; challenge with French language; self-reflection on reading and writing; letter to P. F. Barnum
2/12/2021	PTB Letters (#43)	Kings and Queens and Talk of Many Things	Moses Kimball and politics; equestrian Charles Rogers; circus owner Gilbert Spalding; "John Bull" and "Brother Jonathan" (British and American characters); <i>Herald of Freedom</i> newspaper; political opinions; Oregon country; potential territory war with England; partnership with traveling showman (1837); letter to M. Kimball
2/19/2021	PTB Letters (#44)	The Old American is Bound to Do Wonders	King Louis-Philippe; Seaman; health/illness; Peale's Museum (Phila. & Baltimore); Amer. Museum guidebook; Prof. Swift; Drummond light; Amer. Museum rooftop; statues for roof; dull season in NYC; risky investment; advice to Alanson Taylor (uncle); E. Guillaudeu; H. Chevalier (artist); Picture Gallery (NYC); copies of paintings; comfort food in England; letters to F. Hitchcock, A. Taylor
2/26/2021	PTB Letters (#45)	Pancakes & Short Cakes & Oysters	Family matters; loneliness; friction between PTB and wife; wife's pregnancy; postponing return; favorite American foods; Caroline (daughter) at boarding school; physical effects of homesickness; French doctors; overseas mail; unidentified guest/friend of M/M Collins; letters to Charity (wife), Helen (daughter), F. Hitchcock, R. Fillingham
3/5/2021	PTB Letters (#46)	Last Letters from France	Boulogne, France; family matters; doubts re: choice of Bridgeport; advice to mother on purchase of house; property in Bethel; yellow store; architectural styles; Bridgeport postmaster; stern tone to Caroline; homesickness; Peale's Museum (Baltimore); American v. English food; Irena T. Barnum (mother); letters to family including his wife, daughters, half-brother, sister, niece, mother.
3/12/2021	PTB Letters (#47)	Business is Dull as Dishwater	London, England; planning Gen. Tom Thumb's performances; agent Sheffield; Van Amburgh & Titus; London theatres; souvenir medals; Gen. Tom Thumb souvenir booklet; apology to Albert R. Smith (playwright); handbills; woodcuts (for printing); Adelaide Gallery; financial worries; Mr. Lawson; gifts to M/M Collins; theft of shirts; Customs House; letters to unnamed, S. Sherwood, A. R. Smith
3/26/2021	PTB Letters (#48)	Bills and Boardmen	London, England; handbills and posters; promo by boardmen (sandwich-boards); bills on vans; woodcuts (printing); instructions to S. Sherwood; Surry Theatre; miniature coach and ponies; Smithfield Cattle Show; text for ads; promotional strategy; discount and comp tickets; Egyptian Hall; plans for northern England and Scotland; letters to Mr. Peel, Mr. Nash, Mr. Francis (printer)
4/2/2021	PTB Letters (#49)	I Never Wish to be a Millionaire	Purchase of Scudder's Amer. Museum; Frances Clarkson (employee); views on money and happiness; views on engaging the public; humbugs v. hoaxes; "Old Barnaby"; longing to see family; crossing Atlantic in winter; wife's pregnancy; book on childbirth without pain; Dr. Crawford W. Long; Universalist faith; taking caudle; letters to F. Olmsted, F. Hitchcock, M/M Henry Barnum

4/9/2021	PTB Letters (#50)	A Desire to Save the Souls of Men	Views on God, faith and religion; Universalist and Congregational churches; separation of church and state; character of Alanson Taylor; uncle's use of money loaned to him; religious novelty for Amer. Museum; optical inventions; Royal Polytechnic Institute; Adelaide Gallery; promoting to clergy and Sunday schools; dull season in winter; letters to M/M Henry Barnum, F. Hitchcock
4/16/2021	PTB Letters (#51)	Extra Exertions in Dull Times	London, and Newcastle upon Tyne, England; comp tickets; winter season at the Amer. Museum; strategy used by French theatres; profits in London; novelties for Amer. Museum; model of Venice; Chinese Collection; acquiring Asian curiosities; Albert R. Smith; Charles Dickens; assisting son of English friends; concern for Charity (wife); letters to F. Hitchcock, Moses Kimball
4/23/2021	PTB Letters (#52)	A New Chapter for a New Year	Edinburgh, Scotland; anxiety re: Charity; death of sister-in-law; expectation to return in March; purchase of Peale's Museum (NYC & Baltimore); Seaman; business relationship with uncle; orangutan; model of Venice; partially twinned infants; expenses re: novelties; Dissolving Views; mechanical trumpets; lawsuit brought by H. Fairchild; property insurance; letter to F. Hitchcock.
4/30/2021	PTB Letters (#53)	An Array of Museums	Scotland; Chinese Collection in Phila. & London; catalogue of curiosities; Nathan Dunn; Peale's Museum; bonds and mortgage securities; Hitchcock as dealmaker; judgment on lawsuit; return tour to UK; financial success; Mr. Sherman; novelties for museum in Baltimore; model of Venice; letters to Moses Kimball, W. Langdon, J. V. Beam, Mr. Tyler
5/14/2021	PTB Letters (#54)	Going It Like a Rush	Scotland; statues for rooftop; Anatomical Venus; backtrack on Picture Gallery; revisions to Gen. Tom Thumb booklet; proofs of <i>Hop O' My Thumb</i> ; confident investment; optical instruments; mechanical trumpets; Gypsy Girl automaton; flags and garden on rooftop; attractions for Baltimore Museum; advice to uncle re: business; letters to Mr. Brewster, Mon. Huet, Mr. Brettell, A. Taylor
5/21/2021	PTB Letters (#55)	How to Do Business in Baltimore	Dumferline, Scotland; apology for giving advice to uncle; improvements to Baltimore Museum building; local press; avoiding loss caused by dishonest employees; dislike of comp tickets; S. Stratton as manager of ticket sales at Amer. Museum; Albino Lady; Rembrandt Peale; Seawright (Peale's partner); M. Kimball loan request; bar (no liquor); saving for nest egg; letter to A. Taylor
5/28/2021	PTB Letters (#56)	Do the Best You Can for Yourself	Fife, Scotland; purchase of Baltimore Museum; A. Taylor and F. Hitchcock relationship; career advice to Hitchcock; mental health; assisting son of English friends; Philo F. Barnum; Dissolving Views; copies of paintings; dull season in NYC; Robt. Hales ("giant"); "fat children" in Scotland; opinions of George Catlin and of Chas. J. Rogers; letters to F. Hitchcock, Moses Kimball
6/4/2021	PTB Letters (#57)	The Secret has Cost Me Much Trouble	Fife, Scotland; creating Happy Family exhibit at Amer. Museum; John Austin (English inventor of Happy Family); E. Guillaudeu; advice about monkeys; preserving secrets of exhibit; Samuel Clemens/Mark Twain; Henry Mayhew; care and cleanliness of animals; London Labour and the London Poor; letter to F. Hitchcock
6/11/2021	PTB Letters (#58)	A Good Education is Better than Riches	Dundee, Scotland; boarding school in Washington, DC; French language; homesickness; Philo F. Barnum family; female education; daughter's wish to see Congress; silence re: childbirth; papier maché furniture; anecdotes re: Charles Stratton (Gen. Tom Thumb); true age of Charles; <i>Hop O' My Thumb</i> playbook; Egyptian Hall; letters to Caroline (daughter), Charity (wife)
6/18/2021	PTB Letters (#59)	A Great Blessing to the Poor	Dundee and Glasgow, Scotland; Corn Laws (England); Sir Robert Peel; Lord John Russell; famine in Ireland and Scotland; Parliament and Prime Ministers; Free Trade; "fat children" and mother; poverty; Mysterious Lady trick; instructions re: Happy Family exhibit; advertising; printing handbills; John Austin (originator of Happy Fam.); monkey illustration; letters to Charity (wife), Moses Kimball

6/25/2021	PTB Letters (#60)	Mademoiselle Venus	Paris, France; Anatomical Venus description; Messrs. Draper & Co.; strategy for exhibiting; exhibit location options; moral exhibitions; viewing hours for women; shipping risks; U.S. Customs; Dr. Tuttle (physician); profit calculation; wax workshops in Paris and Florence; Felice Fontana and Clemente Susini (wax sculptors); letters to Moses Kimball, F. Hitchcock, Mon. Huet
7/2/2021	PTB Letters (#61)	Averting a Lawsuit	Accident in Airdrie, Scotland, hall; injuries; financial losses on tour of Scotland; Glasgow law firm Moncrieff, Paterson, Fores & Barr; sending money to compensate victims; S. Stratton; John Davidson (Chief Magistrate); misrepresentation by the hall's proprietor; liability insurance; letters to Mr. Sheffield (tour promoter), J. Davidson, F. Hitchcock
7/9/2021	PTB Letters (#62)	A Great Country for Wealth and Grandeur	Scotland and England; problem getting proofs of new play; Thos. Brettell (printer); Albert R. Smith; levees at Egyptian Hall; Prof. Swift and wife; text for newspaper ads in London; fears re: Charity's confinement; despair re: failing to be with wife; family matters; Amer. and English foods; accident in Airdrie; letters to T. Brettell, A. Smith, Mr. Collins, F. Hitchcock, Mrs. H. Barnum, Mr. Collins
7/16/2021	PTB Letters (#63)	The Lion, the Mummy, and the Museum	London, England; business relationship with Alanson Taylor; uncle's misuse of loaned money; Baltimore Museum; hiring employees for new museum; Peale's Museum (NYC); entertainment competitors; offering afternoon performances; Jenny Lind; Miss Reynolds (singer/actress); guano-mummified man from Ichaboe Island; investment in half a lion; Lewis Titus; letter to F. Hitchcock
7/23/2021	PTB Letters (#64)	Talented and Poetical Puffing	Trouble with employees at Amer. Museum; E. Guillaudeu; taxidermy of miniature pony; Queen Victoria and Gen. Tom Thumb; Prof. Swift; optical inventions; Royal Polytechnic Institute; Mrs. Ronabeck (victim of abuse?); Highlander costumes for "fat children"; sending the "Stuart" family to U.S.; Venice model; plaster casts from Stirling Castle; letter to F. Hitchcock
7/30/2021	PTB Letters (#65)	The Play is a Tremendous Hit!	London, England; arranging performances for Gen. Tom Thumb; advertisement; Robt. and Mary Anne Keeley (actors); Surrey Theatre; Lyceum Theatre; Gen. Tom Thumb in Cambridge and Oxford; David Prince Miller; "fat children": Highlander costumes, banner; teaching mesmerick trick; S. Stratton; Oregon territory dispute (U.K. and U.S.); letters to Moses Kimball, F. Hitchcock, D. P. Miller
8/6/2021	PTB Letters (#66)	My Character and Peculiarities So Correctly Portrayed	Arbroath, Scotland; Anatomical Venus; Guy Ainé (wax modelmaker); payment, packing, and shipping arrangements; Messrs. Draper; phrenology; character estimates of Barnum and Charles Stratton; Messrs. Fowler (NY phrenologists); Mr. Boyd (Aberdeen phrenologist); <i>Hop O' My Thumb</i> (play); anecdote re: Gen. Tom Thumb; letters to Mon. Huet, T. Brettell, A. R. Smith
8/13/2021	PTB Letters (#67)	Names and Illusions	Aberdeen, Scotland; contract for "fat children"; true identities of "Stuart" brothers ("fat children"); David Prince Miller (former showman); country fairs; John Henry Anderson (rival to Miller); Mr. Sheffield (agent); Mon. Phillippe (magician Jacques Noel Talon) visits U.S.; Robert-Houdin (magician-inventor); letters to F. Hitchcock, T. Sheffield, R. Fillingham
8/20/2021	PTB Letters (#68)	Imitators and Followers Will Get Poor Gleanings	Aberdeen, Scotland; copies of paintings in French collections; Mr. Allen (artist); Mon. Jeanne (sculptor); statues for Amer. Museum; Sherman's failure to pay debts; bilked by agent in France; "Spanish Dwarf" and "English Tom Thumb"; Prof. Pinte; Charles Statton's pet monkey; Mrs. Lackington (Egyptian Hall proprietress); letters to Mon. Huet, Mr. Collins, T. Brettell, T. Sheffield
8/27/2021	PTB Letters (#69)	A Correct Account of a Catastrophe	French conman; assisting son of English friends; views on giving; death of favorite pony; purchase of ponies in Scotland; E. Guillaudeu; Gen. Tom Thumb's character and "brand"; Stirling Castle models of oak carvings; "fat children" in Glasgow; David Prince Miller; description of accident in Airdrie to be published; letters to Mr. Collins, D. Miller, R. Fillingham, Mr. Stuart, T. Brettell

9/10/2021	PTB Letters (#70)	Instructive Entertainments: Early 19th Century Panoramas	Acquiring panoramas; 1848 whaling voyage panorama shown at Mystic Seaport; bargaining for panorama of Napoleon's funeral (re-interment); Messrs. Molteni & Co; Peter or William Marshall (moving panoramas in Scotland); Baltimore Museum; contract with Mr. Lambert (panorama painter); cost of panorama; letters to Mon. Huet, Moses Kimball, F. Hitchcock, Messrs. Draper & Co
9/17/2021	PTB Letters (#71)	I Entrust You with a Small Secret	Family matters; plan to make surprise visit home; success of <i>Hop O' My Thumb</i> (play); Sherwood and Cynthia Stratton; steamship <i>Great Western</i> ; anxiety re: wife's health; letters rec'd from sister and daughter; Robert Hale ("Giant"); "fat children" sent by sailing vessel; popularity of Gen. Tom Thumb; letters to Capt. Matthews, Charity (wife); A. Taylor; Moses Kimball, F. Hitchcock
9/24/2021	PTB Letters (#72)	Unexpected News	Aboard <i>SS Great Western</i> ; short visit home; family matters; Charity's poor health; daughter at boarding school; orangutan sent to Amer. Museum; promoting in Baltimore newspapers; purchase of playbooks; popular farce at Adelphi Theatre; uncle's sudden death, insolvency, and administration of his estate; letters to C. Stratton (Gen. Tom Thumb), A. Taylor
10/1/2021	PTB Letters (#73)	Igniting Interest: Barnum's Views on the Loco-Foco Party	Politics in U.S.; name changes of political parties; Federalists, Whigs, Democrats, liberals, radicals, National Republicans, National Democrats; origin of name Loco-Foco; Barnum's history of party names sent to London newspaper publisher; New York politicians; Tammany Hall; corruption and nepotism; Andrew Jackson; incident of Oct. 29, 1835; letter to J. Stewart, Esq.
10/8/2021	PTB Letters (#74)	I Shall Be Punctually at Spillman's	Gosport, England; return from U.S.; Gen. Tom Thumb tour in south of England; woodcut (printing block); souvenir booklets; proposition from Bridgeport lawyer; strange story of Henry Ferguson; Yankee headquarters in London theatre district; the "animal business"; preparing for return to U.S.; shipping miniature carriages; autobiography; letters to T. Brettell, R. Fillingham
10/15/2021	PTB Letters (#75)	Wonderful Discoveries	Conclusion of copybook; personal letters reveal character; letters to NY <i>Atlas</i> ; Barnum as foreign correspondent; dissatisfaction with own writing; Gen. Tom Thumb's short trip to Spain; Spanish Queen and royals; bullfight; plagiarizing; disparaging comments; Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain); miraculous inventions; letters to Moses Kimball, Mrs. H. Barnum