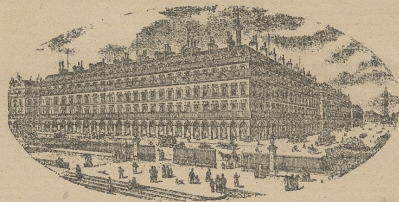


# Hôtel Continental

3, Rue Castiglione

PARIS



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farm work & under such cir-  
cumstances the lasso is used  
just as in South America. I  
imagine the sport is much like  
<sup>that</sup> one would see in Texas in the  
cattle district. It would be dif-  
ficult to overestimate the value of  
the services of the buffalo in the  
cultivation & bridgery of the  
Campagna. Many of the roads are  
swampy & marshy & over which  
large burdens are daily drawn.  
The buffalo, by reason of his  
aquatic habits is especially  
accepted for this work, drawing  
as no other animal could the  
clumsy & heavily laden carts  
through the swamps & quagmires  
with his body often times submerg-  
ed, his head just above water &  
blowing like a porpoise.

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Indeed they have been used,  
though little now, in towing boats  
up to Rome against the strong  
current of the Tiber. But the  
value of that animal does not  
cease with its surgery. Its  
flesh is often sold in the  
markets of Rome, & a small  
round cheese made of its milk  
is a very common sight in  
the stalls of the provision dealers  
throughout southern Italy.

As I have before remarked, they  
are often dangerous, especially  
the females & the milking has  
to be accomplished by stratagem  
in the sack, & by a person dressed  
in buffalo skin. A word more  
of the poor of the Campagna,  
with whom I so greatly sympathized  
& I am through, their presence  
could not but deprive the most  
heartless observer of all pleasure,

& suggest such thoughts and  
feelings in which if man  
more indulged the alleviation  
of human suffering would be  
more prompt, & the weight of  
great toil more evenly distrib-  
uted. Here as every where else,  
but in an exaggerated form, one  
sees the results of the efforts of  
men who believe that property  
has rights, but no duties. Here  
more than any where else one  
must associate the beautiful  
scenes of nature with the misery  
& hopeless prostration of man.  
It is not to be wondered at that  
there are many revolutions in Europe,  
<sup>on the contrary</sup> it is a matter of surprise that there  
are ever any periods of tranquility.  
Is there any future for the poor  
of the Campagna? Not till the  
spirit of God dissipates the infir-  
mities of men,

Ober



I would like to be able to write  
you of something new from  
Paris, but the weather is so miser-  
able we can't get out.

M. joins me in love to you all  
Affly Affly