

HAWTHORNE IN THE BOSTON CUSTOM-HOUSE.

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our friend Sarah Clarke—sings in Kentucky. From the picture gallery I went to the reading-room of the Athenaeum, and there read the magazines till nearly twelve, thence to the Custom House, and soon afterwards to dinner with Colonel Hall, then back to the Custom House, but only for a little while. There was nothing in the world to do, and so at 2 o'clock I came home and lay down, with the "Faery Queen" in my hand. . . . August 21.—Last night I slept with a child of five years old, and had no dreams at all—unless just before it was time to rise, and I have forgotten what those dreams were. After I was fairly awake this morning I felt very bright and airy, and was glad that I had been compelled to smother two additional hours of existence from annihilation. . . .

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