

had gradually sunk until it lay at
1863 ~~was~~ one of them ~~by~~ ~~at~~ full length in a stream beside
No. 140, which the brave soldier had met his. One of the young ladies
touching a button found a coat that lay half covered with sal
was surprised when told that the garment was attached to
a body. Every where on the torn snarks of the dreadful of
frag were ~~seen~~. A young girl was the only female killed
frightened by the storm of bullets falling round the house
in which she was alone with her father she entreated the
latter to retire with ^{her} ~~at~~ the cellar. But to do so they would
have been obliged to pass into the open air & thinking
they were safer where they were than either refused. A
few seconds after her daughter fell dead at her feet shot
by a bullet passing through the room. She was obliged
to remain alone with the corpse until the cannonading
was over. Such as one of a thousand sad scenes ending
by this terrible war.

19th. Had a delightful walk in the woods with Mr. Hoar & Mr.
Young. Made a translation from the Magazine Polonoise for Father
of a notice of the regulation of pensions in — in —
Father gave it to Mr. Melting in the evening for his Intelligence.

20. Went to the Navy Yard to see one of the Monitors. There for
repairs. She is a flat boat only a few inches above the water
with nothing to be seen upon her iron plated deck but a
steam pipe a tall pipe for ventilation & few little holes here
& there for the same purpose, which are tightly closed however
when the boat is at sea, and a round turret. We climbed
into this through a small opening & saw her great

No. 20. guns One of them is a monster the other somewhat smaller but large enough to make one shiver at the thought of the damage she might do. The turret can be turned in any direction. 18 men are required to man the guns. Now they can find room in the confined space round them & cannot imagine. The greatest danger they are exposed to is the loosening of the bolts fastening the iron plates which are sometimes driven into the turret by the violent concussions, causing great damage. The quarters for the officers & men are of course entirely under water. They seem to be quite comfortable although very small. It is very difficult to ventilate the vessel. The pipe for that purpose as observed on deck is a new invention. We were shown an engine for pumping in the air through the ship's ^{the top of} the turret. After leaving the Monitor we went on board of another vessel, which has been awaiting Government orders for three weeks months. She has an apparatus for heating the steam after it comes from the boiler & so a greater amount of power is produced from the same amount of fuel. Capt. Tilton here surrounded received a sword for gallant conduct on board the Monitor which was sunk by the Privateer Albatross. In the evening Miss Tilton, Miss Hedges, Mr. Miller,

Mr. Morris & the rest. took tea with us. The most interesting part of the evening was the visit of Mrs. Hedges after church on Sunday. She said Capt. Hedges was preparing to sail. He has been very ill during the summer. Our Phoebe is very ill with fever. Father saw his daughter Mrs. Clendenen today. She fears