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REGENT'S PARK, N.W.

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Dear Sir,

I have received your letter about Dumas.

It is perfectly true that my Brother took the greatest delight in reading Dumas, & I think it may be said that he seriously considered him a great writer. My belief is that, if he had been asked "Whom do you regard as the greatest novelist that ever existed - in those qualities wh. are most essential for novel-writing?" - he wd have replied "Dumas." Of course he wd at the same time have been conscious that Walter Scott, as a precursor of Dumas, had to some extent loved him as a pattern.

About "Le Chapeau de Sauvagine"