

of ribbon or a band of muslin around the head; even a thin lawn handkerchief arranged for a headdress, with a white feather in it, is very fashionable in the best society, so there is no need of going to great expense about dressing the hair.

Be so good, my dear Mother, as to tell my dear sister Therese, that this part of my letter is for her, and how she is to dress in style for the next Detroit ball. I intend to write her a long letter by the next opportunity, that is, by next month's vessel. By that time it is thought that the Princess of Brunswick, who is coming for her marriage with the Prince of Wales, will have arrived, and that she will, in all probability, set the fashion, and (as I am a lady of some consequence) I shall then be able to rehearse the styles. Do not laugh, dear Mother, to hear me talk so, your little Madam Snip.

It is now about time I told you something of your little grandchildren, who are, I am happy to say, like myself, in perfect health. My little Anne has grown into a very pretty child. She can say the alphabet and is learning to spell. She knows her prayers, too, and seems to take great pleasure in hearing about her grandmother, begging me to tell her more, and then struts around the room with her head up, so proudly. My son David still looks the same. He is very fair and is walking. The children are very fond of each other, and proud enough when their dear father shows them any attention.

I had a letter some time ago from my little cousin, Therese Mercer. Aunt and the rest of the family were all well. We promised to make them a visit of some days this winter, but the fact that the children are still too young to travel and my husband's situation, so unsettled, has prevented us from going to see them as we wished. Doubtless Mr. Mercer has written to my dear father by this same opportunity. As for me, I find the time very long since I have received any letters from the family. The last I got were dated April 16th last, almost a year ago. I pray always for the health of the family, and in the happy hope that my dear parents and the rest are in good health, with the sincere affection and attentions of