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Philadelphia April 14th

My Dear So

I have had a fortnight's notice to write you a letter by Mr. Sims but there seems such an uncertainty about his going, that perhaps this may never reach you unless it should chance to be transferred to another opportunity. The caution of his Father, and the attractions of his mistress might be a most excellent excuse for his giving up the voyage but as he has not given it up, I trust you will see him in Europe.

Our Friends Eliza Penno & I Paulding are here on a visit - the latter has but a sorry time of it, in your absence, and talks of a speedy departure. Eliza will continue sometime and on her return we shall have Mamma and her family - it might be supposed that these agreeable little accessories to the family would reconcile us to your absence, but I assure you we were never more in want of your society than at present, the thousand pleasant means you would devise to entertain our guests are wanting - and we daily repeat, how gaily the "winged hours" would fly, if you were here to gild the passing hours - Eliza is much improved, her conversation is charming - and her personal attractions greater than ever - but whether she will marry or not I cannot learn. I rather suppose the last winter report will not prove a vicious truth.

the family here are all well - Sally has gone to dine with Riches
* in compliment to her guest. and Rachel just sent for me to drink
her son's birth-day health, the little rogue fancies he has done
some wonderfully fine thing, to gain him so many compliments and swallow
down praise with as much delight as many older men do the flattery
some accidental circumstance enables them to receive -

Our dear Father is perfectly well; he frequently hopes ^{that} you will
be in Hamburg by the nineteenth, and continues to talk of you with
with all his parental tenderness - Fanny consents to go to Baltimore
next month provided one of us accompany her - and I expect we
shall set out on much ^{much} another tour as you have last summer -

I have been endeavoring to recollect something that has occurred
* since your departure, but find myself quite at a loss - Bernard Henry
arrived about a week ago, with a broken hand which he got by the
fall of a piece of timber. he is in full health however and desires
his love to you - the accident happened to ~~this~~ right hand so you must not
expect a letter. all your sister friends are in port - Gamble & Minors
at New York Pemberton is I hear making rapid advances in the good
game of his favorite Rugby - we see nothing of him - you have no
idea of the many flattering things we have said of you by that trio of
fair name-sakes, in whose society you used to take so much delight
last winter. I feel greatly indebted to them, not only for this, but
for the concert they made of you. and I hope my dear So. in heaven

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Mr. Joseph Gatz care of
Miss Parikh of
Hamburg

