

Phil^a July 21th 1857

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of your school
Dear Sir,
Your letter My Dearest Minnie
like all your epistolary visits
was most acceptable to me. I
always feel as if I were in your
presence while perusing, & think-
ing of them, you have such a
describable talent of narrating Dom-
estic scenes & events. I do not
wonder that you are contented
with the movements of your
out door friends, while your
own interesting house hold &
occupations are unbroken.

I suppose Saco has told you
that she has removed for the
summer, to the house on their
new estate. Which turns out
so much more convenient
than their other residence
that she has written to Becky
to bring her children and enjoy

a country life with her. her
children are reaping a harvest of
health, I hope, in the fresh air.
They have fruit vegetables &
shady trees around them, the
lot seems never to tire. so there
is room for a spacious mansion
and all sorts of improvements
before it will become surround-
ed by city improvements. Canada
not being in Yankee hurry to
build up. I have not yet seen
Lavinia Minis, her mother told
me she was suffering with piles
about her arm, and still looks
badly. her child improving in
health. we have had some days
of very hot weather. so that we
do not go much abroad. a daily
visit to my dear sister is my
greatest inducement to go out.
but on Sunday next I expect to
go with your Uncle Jo. to Lacabogo
to me a pilgrimage by no means

agreeable - but so insisted on
by all around that it would be
obstinacy to resist - your Uncle Ben
has written that he will meet
us there the one dear induce-
ment offered. I hope he will take
Ann & the children with him. Julia
will go to Wisconsin for the summer.
where her Brother greatly desires
to see her. indeed she has post-
poned his claims on her, through
unwillingness to leave me lonely.
I owe much to her affection!

I have been very sorry Dearest,
that I could not execute the whole
of your commission satisfactorily.
if I can meet with any that re-
sies well preserved, will procure
them, if your letter had come
one week earlier would have
secured some in traveling jars
of Whitby's preservation. I have only
read 2 vols of Irving, Washington
but will procure the others, I found
the beginning so very interesting -
have you read "Charles Monte"

by Mrs Gashele? her life is as deeply
affecting as her own Romance,
and Mrs G. writes with so much power
that we have been induced to
seek for some of her own tales
"Lanford" is a perfect picture
of village life - "North & South" a tale
of the manufacturing districts of Eng-
land, full of deep interest.

I read Little Dorrit as it came out
in the Magazine, and thought
Dickens brought it to a very lame
& impetual conclusion.

Missus Estlin has quite revived
on the expectation of Henry's return.

Sara Murdock is delighted with her
new residence, and Alfred quite up
to the duties of his Cadetship. I hope
all will go on prosperously with them
all. Rosa continues with her dear
grand-mother. & both send much love
to you. Sally & Philippa & their family
are well. Jo just informed me that Mrs
Wash^{tr} Florence has lost her youngest
child! Your Uncle, & Julia & Horace send
dear love to you. Your darling boy is here
before this and all your family of love
united, give to them & their Father my
affectionate love - and always united