

Phil^a Decr 1st 1860

I cannot tell you my dearest
Minam how happy I was to hear
of your darling Gratz safe arrival
at home, and that you thought he
had improved in his short visit to
us, gladly would I have kept him
another month if he had not deemed
it his duty to return. At the time you
appraised he is a noble boy may
thank him for a letter received this
morning which shall be duly acknow-
ledged. Horace & Julia have gone to the
Opera to night, and my heart is so full
of you & your dear family that I could
not resist the desire to pass the evening
in writing to you. I read your husband
letter in the morning paper and
bless him for sentiments it put
forth, and feelings it conveyed. I have
always encouraged the hope that some
wise & good men were left to save
the country in the times of peril, and
if it pleases God to make him the

country in preservation of our glorious little the United States

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instrumental of a happy result to
"pour oil on the troubled waters" I
pray there may be wisdom & virtue
enough left to effect that blessed end
and unite us again in brother hood
& peace.

I was glad to hear you approved
of Gray & my choice of the Mantilla
at the price affixed which exceeded
the amount of your check \$9.62 when
I called to pay for the Table cloth & a
Leerys, they told me the bill of which
the enclosed is a duplicate had been
sent with them to Savannah. it is pit-
table to see the forced sale of so large
a stock of goods at a great sacrifice
when money is so scarce that no one
is inclined to purchase articles they
do not immediately want. I am told
Mrs Leary is the greatest sufferer, her
husbands illness a hopeless grief to her
renders him partially insensible to the
evil.

I was yesterday at the Foster home

and am glad to tell you our new
Mather is highly approved of she is
an English woman who has been long
in this country her brother is super-
intendent of the Orphan Asylum in N.Y.
and she is familiar with her business
but we have only the experience of
a weeks service to judge from - and
as the society have very limited means
it is partly a "labor of love" to engage
in it - The family now consists of 37
children, and a hard winter is -
before us. Nevertheless we are not dis-
-couraged for a merciful providence
is watchful over all who strive to help
the poor - and the happy countenances
of innocent children gain on the affec-
tion of all who visit them. Little James
is quite well now and thinks himself
big enough to go to Sunday school.
I forgot to send you by Gratz a nice
little book we have lately printed from
an English edition - for the use of the
school. My last letters from your sister
reports all well. Becky much relieved
by the improvement in her husband's

health she had a letter from Edward
by the last steamer, he too was
well. Laura Mordue had spent
a week with her. Gray can tell you
how much we enjoyed her. Really
she is very intelligent, pleasant &
amiable. Sara is a very happy mother.
The Major attentive & affectionate to his
family & more in love with his wife
than ever.

I was surprised to hear of your Ann
Maonage a runaway too! she appears
of so stupid an age, that one might
have expected more deliberate action.
I hope you will not suffer great incon-
venience from her loss. Dear Phannie
is no longer in need of a nurse, and
as she goes to school will hardly miss
her. Sally Naps has been gratified
by a visit from Willie who came home
on Thanksgiving Day & left this morn.
Sally & Phil both were at the Lecturers
Synagogue on Thursday. God bless you my
beloved niece & nephew we will pray with
loving hearts for a happy ending to our