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Dr. Jackson on Friday - telling me I might try the  
gauge of San Mine. and what was more  
agreeable to me that he hop'd to be here early in  
the week - his patients have detained him. I  
have used the San two days - but without any  
advantage so far. My general health has much  
improved. I am stronger - sleep better - and have  
a better appetite - but my voice has not  
improved - the aching in my throat is less -  
but it is extremely weak - and indeed my dear  
Aunt you must not expect to hear me speak  
for a long time - I do not anticipate any  
speedy recovery of <sup>my voice</sup> ~~it~~ and thus shall be greatly  
surprised whenever it does come. I believe that not  
attempting to speak at all is the best thing for me -  
for I feel the slightest exertion of the kind - this  
is of course impossible though I am sure I do not  
on an average talk a half hour during the day -  
but occasionally I am obliged to say a  
word or two - I think it best for me to remain  
here - as long as it is necessary for me to stay  
away from the city - The sea air & bathing  
strengthen me - I am perfectly independant  
doing exactly as I please - and with less

You can't imagine my dearest Aunt how  
much we both wish to be with you and Uncle  
Jo, but we both agree in thinking it better for  
us to remain here as long as we can, or at  
any rate, as long as our physicians advise it.  
Dr Jackson will be here Monday or Tuesday &  
then we shall know what his opinion is,  
whether to remain here, or go on to you to dear  
old Saratoga. Tell Uncle Jo, I wish he would  
ask Marvin for my sake, to send some one  
to Cape May. That would be to keep a second  
United States Hotel. Mr Thence is sick with the  
goat & we are all trying to persuade him to make  
a trip to Sharon Falls, but I doubt if he will do so.  
I hope you may meet with the young gentleman  
that Sara mentioned, for we found him an agree-  
ably agreeable, refined person, and one that I think  
you would be pleased with & we are very anxious  
that he should see & know you. ~~He~~ Mr Trich  
and Teddes are the only interesting people we  
have yet met with here. Tell Uncle Jo, I begin  
to want to see him down here again, most heartily.  
Tell Miss Larinica's heart as well as my own is  
entirely free. It appears a whole rough year since  
I parted from you my dearest Aunt.  
Ever your devoted Mary.

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