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Bernard returned home just one week ago
dear Aunt and brought us such agreeable accounts
of you all that I almost feel as if I had seen you
for myself. His return was much sooner than I an-
ticipated it would be. He has gained a considerable
share of flesh and many more good looks.
He has told me so much about your numerous en-
quiries concerning me, & of the great interest you
still take in that - although I am so far from you -
that he has made me literally fall in love afresh
with you. & I fear soon my "whole heart will be
at stake. So have mercy upon it!"
I greatly regret my dearest Aunt, that circumstances
will prevent my accepting your many affection-
ate and kind invitations to visit you this sum-
mer - a visit that you know always gives me so
much pleasure and, I trust it may now continue
to do so. You must know I could never stand upon
ceremony to make - although it would give me
great pleasure to have Sara come and see me
next winter. I often check my anxiety to see you

by thinking I ought to be thankful that during a good many years I enjoyed so much of your beneficial and delightful social intercourse, and by hoping, in future, to have almost as much more of it - again wish I could!

I have determined that my mother's going to house-keeping shall not clip my liberty or lessen the intercourse.

Enjoy with my friends - but to lay innumerable plans for the future is one of my besetting faults - and to see them always frustrated is a constant pain.

My Mother and self are leading a quiet, retired ~~rustic~~ life. - I cannot say my retired ^{life} for our numerous acquaintances and friends pay us - almost daily visits but it is a life that I enjoy exceedingly - I am so constantly employed about something or other, that not an hour of my time drags by heavily - I read a good deal, but have of late shamefully neglected my music - altho' I intended dear Aunt to begin with the month, to do better.

I cannot bear, I should forfeit the pleasing title of being "your musical niece." My health is greatly improved - since last winter, but am still under the Dr. Care and pursuing his strict regimen, which has considerably reduced my usually fleshy person. Recieve along and beautiful letters from Dr. Bartlett - endorsing most emphatically Dr. Hays' opinion upon the necessity of my visiting the sea shore. I am sorry to say he has resigned his professorship here, with the intention of accepting one

My on her ~~return~~ home although I fear she will
find it a stupid place. Is Aunt Hays going to spend
the summer with Rosa & what are you all about.
My Mother has been suffering for some weeks, with
another rising on her arm. She desires to be kindly spec-
ulated to you - Bernard has just come out to see us & says
give my love to Aunt - Tell Sara Auntie write soon. Yours
always

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be a Philadelphia vagabond when he does come.
I sincerely hope that you and Uncle Jo will journey to
Ky instead of going to Saratoga. It will do you equally
as much good & give us more pleasure. Bernard tells
me said is a great blunder. I am sure now my predic-
tion is coming true - that is - she will certainly be off
the floor before Sam! Tell Mrs Cohen I wish she
could make it convenient to come through.