

Philadelphia August 4th - 1866

As our Dearest Betty will not write to New York this morning take advantage of her omission to send a few lines - and transmit the pleasing intelligence of all's love & accept the warmest congratulations on the birth of a sweet little niece - she is the smallest, but most perfectly beautiful babe I ever saw - all are delighted beyond imagination at our daughter's making her appearance - Cousin Fanny is strong, well and happy & just come from there, she is going to get up - and yesterday she also left her bed without the least fatigue - Cousin Richard was to have been in town this morning - but rain last night, and lowering clouds I suppose will prevent her - Wilhelmina is out there, but as Mrs Meridith and her two children will pass a couple of days at B. - he will come home - a letter from you just arrived & am delighted to hear our loved Michael's children better - the joyful Tidings I find had not yet reached New York - but ere this you participate in the general rejoicing - my dear Sally I have not any news to entertain you with - your letter was handed me as I returned from Mr Abercrombie's examination - I was much gratified and think his charge the best he ever delivered - you will no doubt see it, as Mr Jennie has set it off to great advantage in the port folio - the parson last night was to have witnessed the solemnization of his daughter's

ter Margaret's nuptials - it was to have been quite a private
wedding - and this morning early she was to accompany Isabella
Ruit out to her mother's - to pass a few days - it was kept
a profound secret and from one of her abandoned cousins
last week I heard it, ^{and} was sworn to secrecy - so even my best
friend was ignorant of it till last night - at the she saw
Betty Abercrombie and her father at Mrs Mo Sunday evening -
it was not known - yesterday afternoon, I went for the

first time to the Academy of Arts - your dear mother, Beely
mania boarding, young Mrs Patterson - the Misses Fox and Sergeant
made up the party - I was charmed - particularly with
your hero - the godlike Apollo Belvidere - you certainly
was excusable in teasing him as giving an idea of per-
fection in the form of man - but you know you are
after mischievously inclined - and being feelings you might
wish to suppress - yesterday we had a letter from Miriam
it was written in very good spirits, but she must indeed
be a mighty conspicuous figure from her accounts - she does
not leave her chamber to see any but the family - and
is obliged to borrow her dearest largest gown - God grant
she may with safety get over her perilous situation -
My prayers are daily offered for her preservation -
I fear I shall be too late for the post - so will hasten
to give your mother and Bick's love to you and dear Rachel
B looks better the last week and is not so languid - give
my love to all the family you are with - I have not time
to particularize - write to me again if you are not
distracted with this revival - and believe me yours
affectionately J. M. Cohen

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