Sunday morning June 20th

My loved Becky's letters demands my earliest
and unfeigned gratitude dear girl how kind and considerate
in you thus often to favour your Sally - I know you feel interes-
ted and participate in all that gives pain or pleasure to your
friend - therefore without reserve will communicate all that
occurs - an has passed since I last addressed you - last week was
spent in visiting - every day engagements - some were agreeable
others not so - but which I accepted of - in respect to the persons
as being old acquaintances of my mothers - appearances must be kept
up - and I often regret that so much duplicity is necessary to be
practised in the common occurrences of life - were we always
to follow the natural dictates of our hearts - those that are well
regulated wants seldom err. but the wants - the opinion of ur - let
who will add to the contrary - must be attended to - I do not think
any person with all their vaunted indifference can totally
desregard its frowns - are we not gratified ~~with~~ by the ~~good~~ appro-
bation of the worthy - and we clearly perceive that to appear callous of
their smiles - wants. incur them and cause a pang - therefore my
Becky I think that a strict adherence to propriety of conduct - will
not only insure us the friendship of the good - but ~~cause~~ that innate
satisfaction - which calms the mind and conscience our faithful
monitor - will reward our endeavours. excuse the digression -
I will resume my narrative - Monday was spent in company
with my loved Sally seeing - shopping and calls - were our ~~only~~ pursuits
Tuesday - I was invited to dine with Mrs Myers - but promised to spend
the afternoon with my loved Eliza at an old and worthy neighbour

of amusement most agreeably - I went home with my friend in the evening where her Sandford joined us in a pleasant walk - ~~Tuesday~~ you ask me Becky if he was not the chosen partner of her heart - I ought I esteem him - I admire him it is true. his manners and address are insinuating and please every person that knows him - and I am confident I may with safety rely on his wife's word - setting aside her partiality) that he is unexceptionable in every respect - were he not so closely connected with Eliza - it is probable I should not look on him in so favorable a light - still think I should have discovered his merit. another digression - but you know it to be consistent - in writing is not my creed - nor do I think I shall ever be more so - for whatever occurs to my imagination I pen - without rule or measure - let me see I believe I left off at tuesday - well Wednesday and thursday were spent with those you are not acquainted with - the Gomzés - friday - at home - except my daily visit which is to grand ma - yesterday morning I went to Synagogue - where my reflections are on the sombre shade - for immediately opposite where I sit - is the seat vacant - that was once filled - by the most worthy of men - by my ever lamented father - the thousand thoughts that obtruded prevented my listening to the lively remarks that were made by my companion Sally Lewis - a fine sensible girl - but indeed my Becky - I am daily and hourly reminded - of the numerous virtues that blessed Saint papa possessed - and was I not to struggle hard with my feelings they would often overcome me - each spot that was trod or dear to him I hold sacred - and the habitation that once boasted of a worthy tenant who gladdened every heart - whose hospitality welcomed the worthy stranger - and whose hand was stretched out to relieve their wants - from which place - was conveyed to that sad bourne from whence the wearied traveller never returns - my ~~unfortunate~~ regretted father -

Monday 7 o'clock

I went out this morning to procure some articles for home - and on my return met Mrs Levy who told me I had a letter - I hastened to receive it - and with delight recognised the well known hand writing of my friend - indeed my Becky my gratitude for your goodness knows no bounds - and never shall I be able to repay you - except it is in affection - of that you possess the largest share - I trust you are convinced you are dear to me will therefore avoid making professions - I ever despised them for are not actions resulting from the genuine dictates of the heart - the truest criterion to judge by - I always endeavour to silence a person who is fawning on me the warmest appearances of regard - fearful that a ~~[illegible]~~ a little hypocrisy may lurk behind

Yesterday afternoon I was invited to spend with Mrs Levy - your friend Maria was there, also Caroline and her brother Ward - he is more improved that I could possibly imagine - and his conversation the most impressive and pleasing - I sat next Maria all the evening - numerous were her enquiries of you all - Oh how I wished for my Becky to be there - Mr. Moses told me at dinner he was going down there and would take your letter - I therefore gave it to him as I do not intend calling on her again - unless I receive a particular invitation - do not call me formal for I disclaim all every thing of the kind - but you know my dear Becky to judge with your usual candour - their conduct towards me has been such as to preclude my being on the terms with ~~them~~ them I should wish naturally that I esteem them as fine amiable women - but as being the chosen friends of my dear girls there was a great many elegant beaux last evening with us - none tho that interested me particularly - indeed Becky I begin to think your friend is quite callous - and that her heart partakes of the nature of adamant - that it may one day be softened she will not pretend to deny would give pleasure - but you are so well acquainted with my sentiments that it would be folly to repeat them

So with another sheet I will commence another subject, ~~or whatever~~ a blot in the first place - I feel grateful to you my dear Becky for the wish you express of seeing my loved Sally Swan - I have not entertain any hopes of having it gratified - the obstacles that prevent her returning with me - I am apprehensive will not be surmounted - most sincerely do I regret it - the boys you will accept her love and thanks for your attention - ~~also~~ her worthy father presents his to aunt and all of you - tell the dear girls - that were I an entertaining correspondent - I would address them - but two or three letters exhaust my fine ideas - assure them the silent I am not ungrateful for their goodness - nor deficient in regard towards them - I hope your loved sister Rickia is well - to her and her cherubs present my love also to my dear aunt - Uncle and family - Should I see Mr Hubbard I will make enquiries about aunt Shiroh - I feel anxious to hear of her welfare - I have written to her since I have been here, I am sorry (for I believe the first time in my life) at being obliged to follow your example and leave a blank piece of paper - do not again my dear girl - if you can avoid it suffer any of your letters to reach us filled even a Moral Essay would be satisfactory - Uncle I do not think could give or write a better one - but I must now leave off - and write to my dearest mother - adieu my ~~my~~ dearest girl - guardian angels shield you from every ~~of~~ ill - ~~Yours~~ sincerely Sally M Cohen

Sally McCorkle

Miss Rebecca Gratz

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miss Carson

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