

You have been quite inundated with female correspondents of late, my dear Ben, a large parcel must have been waiting your arrival at Lexington. Yet you have probably suffered the inconvenience of receiving them very irregularly - as you last complain of not having heard from home in some time - so that however, your anxiety is relieved I hope by those that were sent after you from Vincennes, it would be a pity you should experience any unnecessary case - for thank God we have all been blessed with health and every other comfort that we could reasonably desire.

Simon commences a journey to his town to-morrow, and thinks he shall go to Dawsonburgh and be absent 3 or 4 weeks. Reuben is also on the point of leaving home for a tour of business to the South. he is going to place Edward with the young Shoemakers to acquire a knowledge of farming. Edward & Hammond conduct the farm, the former is going to be married to Miss Fales, sister to his brother Sam's wife, and they have consented to take Reel which is the best thing that offers for him. and the necessity of lightening the burthen of Reuben's difficulties makes it desirable that his boys should be provided for. Henry will sail shortly. He confels is writing at Annapolis for Mr. Graham, and I hope the long voyage will settle him into a good sailor and a fondness for his profession. Grate left home last week, after a visit of two months and again poor Fanny feels the severity of parting with her sons who are scattered abroad in all directions, & she has not the satisfaction to find them pleased with their situations, or realising their hopes.

A Country Lawyer should not be made out of a city bred gentleman
this costs experience, and then to sacrifice all his pleasures and make
money so slowly requires infinite patience and a good stock of philo-
sophy. The girls are getting on much better. Rosa has perfectly
recovered, and is growing handsome again. Ellen is very gay, at least is
very much in demand just now, some of her school-mates are in town
and numerous parties made for them. they are at Keppels to night -
I believe J. Middle & Sarah are engaged. Charles Morris & D. Clapier are
certainly. & Elizabeth Morris is soon to be married. you will find quite
a sweeping off of the belles on your return. there are several pairs named
for each other who are deemed too young to have acknowledged engagements
but seem to have a perfect understanding of the matter, and are looked on
as selected. Maria Ray is trying Electricity for her face, hitherto without
success, but Chapman has hopes of its being useful & his cure of Rosa
gives them much confidence in him. I suppose you have had a long
list of broken Merchants sent you - or the Gazetteer inform you of such
news. Dr. Gillispy has purchased & resides in Rapier's fine house at
Chesnut Street and we hear sad complaints, and see sad changes in
the fickle Goddess's votaries, but with all public amusements & gaudy
near the giddy round and these blanks are so soon filled up, by other
candidates that they are scarcely wiped & soon forgotten -

Mrs Camac, who has been all winter preparing her new house for
entertainment is just coming out now with a great route -

It is engaged with the new Church with all his heart & zeal - he
is one of the building committee, and they are authorized to get a
plan & forthwith pull down & build up again - provided they do not
run the congregation in debt over & above \$2000 more than is subscribed
at the time they commence. Which clause is necessarily a little check
upon them, as their annual does not exceed 7000. and the estimate
10,500. then making a reasonable allowance for extra charges, they may

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