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Frank Etting has been here, he told me you darling Anne was sick when
he left Kentucky - I hope you will
soon be able
to tell me the
whole
again.

I thank you my ^{dearest} Ben
for your affectionate & interesting
letter. I rejoice that your health
is restored, and that your visit
to St Louis afforded you so much
satisfaction, in the first place that
Dear Cady sustains his reverse
of condition in so manly and
correct a manner. we may apply
to business what equally applies
to every other condition of human
affairs "It is not in man to com-
mand success. he may do more
he may deserve it" - and with
the consolation of unimpeached
integrity. I trust your sons, my
beloved Mother, will rise out
of their present trouble, wiser
and better able to combat with
the trials and affairs of life -
that you met with extraordinary
connections, who sought for recon-

situation, was gratifying to your benevolence. it is thus we wish to live with all our fellow creatures. I thought Henry Nash was always a favorite in your family: indeed I do not know any of the Gists through all its branches, who are, or were not indebted to your kindness.

Bessie Moses returned home about 10 days ago. Howard stopped one day with us on his return home and offered to take her to St Louis, but she was then waiting for a party her Father had written to her about.

I am glad the Dr gives such a good account of his condition. but suspect he is rather short in ready money.

if one may judge by his letters to Horace, or the state of Bessie's purse. The Brothers differ in one respect

Horace never runs in debt and would rather wait for a thing until he could pay for it. than take it in subordination.

We have had some very hot weather - but only at intervals - then refreshing rain cooled it off, and imparted us to hear a repetition - but this is favorable summer weather and our household are blessed with health - the younger portions of the family complain of general weakness - Sally & Philippa & Edward are especially thin & pallid - saw Joseph Vitz to me that she had a letter from Mary Laura, saying her health is much improved - Did Dear Ann receive a letter from me - and a Lace Mantilla by Express? Mr & Mrs Bristol were kind enough to call on us - he spoke so warmly of you, that I wished to see more of them - he took a little parcel which was left in mistake. Our Nieces are well - Becky just recovered from a fever - was enjoying the pleasure of Gov^r Fish's family returned from abroad - Grace & Julia send love to you all. Take my previous Mother my hearts devoted love, to your self with kisses to the dear girls - ever your affectionate R.G.