

April 20th.

I feel Dearest Ben, as if it was time I should hear again from Kentucky. Your last gave rather an unfavorable account of poor Laura's situation, and as we are always disposed to think most of what gives us trouble when left to conjecture of the possible rather than the wished for, I have been very desirous of seeing your dear hand writing, and affectionate greeting or one of Dr. Lewis' agreeable letters which has been so very long withheld. Horace and I are both enjoying good

health, the season has
been delightful, which enables
me to take daily exercise in
the open air which the in-
dulgence of my friends tempts
me often to avail myself of
by their companionship -
they by common consent
object to my going abroad
alone, and so I rarely object
to accompany them, when
they take the trouble to come
for me. I have just returned
from a pretty long walk for
me (20 squares) till sun I
do not think she would have
desired for more, had she
been with us. particularly as
the sun did not shine on us
and the wind was raw &
fifful. as if the seasons were

a Merchantile house in New
York - To stay we heard that
house had failed - so I
hope the first report was not
true, and that she will not
come home under such ad-
verse circumstances - give a
great deal of love for us to
Ann and all the rest of your
dear family. Sara Mordecai
sends love - Rose is getting
on pretty well - but I do not
believe will ever be restored
to her former activity - she
easily gets tired of even moder-
ate exercise ~~which~~ ^{complaints of} weakness
in her back, the seat of all
her complaints - pray my dear
Ben let us hear soon again
from you - or some of your
family if either business or any
thing else prevents your writing
to me, and always believe me
your devotedly attached & loving
Sister Rls.