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The joyful accounts of your safety my dear sister fills my heart with gratitude and after returning thanks to the Almighty for your preservation I come to express my gladness to you that you have added another blessing to my dear Brother's portion - and to utter my hopes that ^{your} Boys may ever be sources of comfort and happiness to their Parents in ancient times you know sons were considered the best of all inheritance for our sex ~~was~~ not so important in society as we are at present and with all the advantages modern civility gives us I cannot but believe you will allow sons have greatly the preference to daughters, in your family particularly as your first-born will thereby obtain a name and a companion, whereas had the second been a girl, little sister would not have infringed on his rights in the least - and he might have been quite alone till the next appeared - I assure you the stranger took me quite by surprise as I did not expect him for some time - but I hope to profit by his early appearance, as he will be of a good travelling age in the spring and his young Cousin Miss Gertrude will if she continues improving be quite a belle for both the Kentucky boys -

We have had a most pleasant winter thus far, very little snow or cold weather and as our fashionable world is very sober, it is fortunate they have the comfort of pleasant

as a substitute for gaiety & dissipation - the only novelty
of the season is the Countess Luithen, or "Princess" Charlotte
Bonaparte, who makes her first appearance here in society
at home the two Miss Georges, daughters to an eminent French
Physician, are her mainstays of honor - who do not sit in her
presence, and treat her with royal distinction - but as these
ladies do not go much into society, the Princess is patronized
by Miss Keene and Mrs. Lenox - The report of La' Mere's death
is not credited by Joseph, as he had letters from Rome but
a few days previous to the date of the account - at which time
she was well - and being desirous of presenting his daughter
it would be very inconvenient to credit it - She is a diminutive
personage, but very accomplished - speaks a little English
and appears pleased with America - The Count is much
admired for his nobility of manners and amiable
conduct - Your friend Harry Legeard has lost his in-
-stant mistress. Miss Caroline G. has bestowed her fair hand
on Mr. Croxal, to the utter astonishment of the beau-monde
Her father came home at Christmas, and not intending
to leave his seat in the Legislature again during the session
the marriage was hurried on, that the public business might
not suffer from his absence, the bride left town a few days
after, and is now daily expected home to receive the congra-
-tulations of her friends. She passes one year with her parents
and then takes up her residence in Trenton, where her
husband is to practice the law -

We have had great anxiety about Genl. Etting, who
continues so much indisposed that we fear it will be necessary
for him to return home, as soon as an opportunity offers to get

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