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I have not answered your letter before my dear sister, because of the disappointment it gave me, and I had no arguments at hand to oppose to your difficulties. For I was detained at Bellefonte nursing poor Chas though another severe attack of the same dreadful disease he had last year, and Hyman had gone also to look after his affairs in the country, but he told me he had written to our dear Ben, and as he threw out some hints not indeed so plain as to give me clue to his designs, but they were accompanied with an encouraging shake of the head, which if it did not restore my confidence did certainly revive my hopes, and I waited until I could tell you that Geo^r was better (which good news arrived last night) and that our Brothers had gone forth on their journeyings, before I again spoke to you of Phil^l and the way to get here - Your boy is now three months old and better able to bear travel than he would have been earlier, and almost any time in this delightful month that the river will afford you a passage will be quite reasonable (I think the poets on this side the Atlantic (when we get them) will give a new character to November for it is a thousand times more lovely than May, except that the passing song of the birds is not so joyful - and the brilliant colours of the forest give one the melancholy thought, that their beauty is passing away! but then you will say "when I come over your again Magazine Mountains, your trees will be dressed in young verdure, and tho' the many coloured leaves which now adorn their branches will be spread as a warm carpet at their feet. but as you display the varied beauties of the changeable year, your autumnal, and spring charms are both lovely to an eye like mine" Dear sister what a delightful winter, would it not our dear Ben's society give us - you know too how I love children, and that the additional business it would give me as housekeeper, would be both salutary & agreeable, indeed I am in danger of losing all my talents in that art for so and the two children are my whole household and I shall grow fat & lazy without some such motive for activity. so I beg you discard all the cons relating to that part of your copulations and let the pros have their due preponderance. My next door neighbour

has a family of eight children. her mother & two sisters. bringing
a little girl or two. are coming to spend the winter with them. and
as Mr Rutledge is a clergyman some brethren of the cloth are ever
and anon increasing his family. yet his house has no more accom-
modation than ours. and they are the most charming cheerful family
in the Row. so you see altho the house is exactly half as large as the
one down Chestnut Street. I have not the least apprehension of being too
crowded. - Your husband's business is indeed an obstacle I cannot approach
he wife, I know ~~not~~ do what is wisest, kindest best - and one wishes
must not outstrip his better judgement. nor expose you to difficulties
beyond your strength.

The girls are all going to spend the last week in this month with
Ellen. Rosa has been there a fortnight, and will return home with
the Moses' leaving Sarah in her place. they have never been to Balt^{re}
and anticipate a great deal of pleasure from the visit. Minnie will
yesterday to crown all, if they could but meet you there, and all come
home together it would really be unimpeachable. and if you can obtain
so great a favor from your kind sister, pray bring one of your nieces with
you. I was exceedingly gratified by the attention of Mr. Brown of Frankfort
in making her visit in Phil^a known to me, tho I only had the opportunity of
seeing her once. but she spoke so affectionately of you and my brother, and
of all my nephews that she won my heart. - I have not heard in what
state of health Mrs James Brown has remained they are still in N. York
and Susan's friends have received no letters from her yet. but as
the papers talk of a public dinner to the Exminister suppose she is
not too idle to receive the attentions of her country folks - I have not
seen Mr Hunt yet, he called one day when I was not at home. and
you know how difficult it is to get the gentlemen through a course of chaper-
vints. so I do not know whether he will again make his appearance in
Boston Row - for the last week I have been at the making of an upholsterer
my carpets were to be fitted. but President Jackson is now furnishing
his east room. and every hand in Christies shop was employed with
curtains, carpets and damask ropes. for the great man's great room.
but the defail is preoccupied. and what future display of grandeur
or grace. may reward the labour. will probably reach us through
a public channel.

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