

Tuesday Night Jan^y 20th - 1835

Last Friday my Dear Mamma your box was
 despatched by the Mail Stage to Pittsburg to the care
 of Mr Hutchinson, with orders that if the navigation was
 not open - to forward it on by the Mail Stage - so that I
 hope you will have your dress before the arrival of this
 letter - I should be very glad indeed to hear that your
 Bonnet & Cloaks were in use long time - they were sent
 in the Steam boat Lady Marshall, to January & Henson Marys
 ville with other packages for Crutchfield & Kilford and sailed
 from Pittsburg on the 12th Dec^r - if you have not received them
 perhaps had better write to the persons above mentioned
 at Marysville about them - I expect my dear sister when
 you open your present importation you will be reminded
 of the Irish servant, who being sent for a physician, called
 also at the undertakers as one should naturally require
 the other - having purchased you a gown & Furboa
 I thought you would require a cape to suit a walking
 dress - and one to make it complete for an evening
 and so I executed your order by these articles - The
 Blonde looked so pretty with its colored bows that
 I would not have them exchanged - knowing you
 could substitute the little scarf belonging to your dress
 while you wear black - and I hope most sincerely you
 may enjoy health & happiness and wear them with
 a light heart - we heard a few days ago - that Henry

Paul was to be married immediately - I congratulate you
on his success. for I knew you have a mother's interest in
his welfare. and that his Lady-love is one you approve of.
I suppose he will exchange his naval honors for the garb
of a gentle cit. - or country squire - unless the warlike spirit
of our chief should be caught by the Congress - and bring about
something for our navy to do. - if the season were more favorable
I should recommend his making a visit with his bride to
his friends here. - Mr Brown has been confined all winter - he
has long been infirm and I should fear from reports of his
situation - that he must be in a very declining state. - Susan
looks very pretty in her maternal character. she has a sweet
little girl - and she is matronizing her young relation Ellen
Wace in her debut into society - the unfortunate situation of
Mrs La Roche, cast a gloom on them all during the first part
of the winter - but she has partially recovered. and tho still
but the melancholy mark of her former loveliness - is able to talk
abroad, and wears the semblance of re-animation.

George Elting was at home to day - and has been well for
several months. he employs himself in bringing his former busi-
ness to a close, but rarely goes out. - by a new arrangement
of the managers of the institution, he is more constantly confined
within the bounds of ^{the} hospital. - and I think it is evidently an
advantage, for his attacks are less frequent & of shorter
duration - but his hopes of a final restoration fade as year
after year passes without producing a change - it is pitiful
indeed to hear him discuss so feelingly - so sorrowfully the
blight of his young days. - yet passively resign himself to the
will of him in whose hands are the destiny of all - he reads
a good deal - and his choice of books are serious & instructive
in the intervals when he may safely indulge himself in reading.

Elizabeth was quite a belle on Saturday Evening at a Ball.
She is so full of brightness & vivacity that it is impossible not
to be attracted - the party was at Pemberton's - and fixed on Saturday
as the only evening she has permission to go out - embraced
the dear boys for me - and present my unbounded love to my
dear Brother and his better half - Adieu May God bless you
both with every blessing each could ask for the other - ever

My dear Mother, Your own attached Sister Elizabeth
Sarah desires her best love to her dear Aunt - Uncle & her
little Nephews -

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Mrs Benjamin Grath

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