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I thank you a thousand times my dear sister for your last ever most delightful letter. The account of our dear Ben's safe arrival was most gratifying, & I never enjoyed the full & complete happiness of his visit until he had returned in safety to his beloved family. For then I felt that we had indeed received a blessing free from all penalty & drawback - but you had some trial, beside being without his presence for a month - you were sick, and would have been comforted by his society - and yet dear Maria, your generous nature seemed to utter no complaint on that account, for the spirit of cheerfulness was diffused over your letter, and you mention your sickness as a mere circumstance. I am glad Ben returned home in time to receive & welcome Genl. Harrison, he had quite a triumphal entrance into your city - the banner State has a right to exult and the trail to Lexington was a befitting compliment to its distinguished Citizen. Mr. Clay certainly deserves all acknowledgments from the Presidential Elect, and if he is consulted in all the new duties of the station we shall feel more confidence in the wisdom of the new administration - You must have told your dear heart towards the friends of your parents, and given him your full support. We were quite agitated for the fate of Penn^a during the election struggle, but now think it was a most honorable triumph, considering that the opposite party calculated on at least 20,000 majority. I trust the whole country will have cause to rejoice in the change.

I am very sorry for the fate of your bonnet, it was
Paris make, and finished in such good taste, with such
nearly maternal, that I thought it preferable to any M.
could make, shall I get enough velvet of the same pattern
to make another crown, and send it by Major Telford?
You are so ingenious I am sure you could fix it without
detachment to the bonnet, and if you write immediately it
will be in time for this opportunity - I have just written
to Howard, since his first communication to Jane we have
not heard from him, but I suppose he finds it easier to write
home, and perhaps does not find time for more, we shall
expect him in a few weeks, but I am afraid he will find
this severe snow storm make the country look very dreary
however, there will be nothing to win him from his books
and as Frederic Cleemann is bound to the same college
and is preparing industriously for it - Howard has
an object of circulation, to do likewise, we heard of Sally
from Mary Boswell, she is quite well, Miss Hasen brought
some of the girls down to the Deutchs, they are very kind in
that respect, and as attentive to the girls in such things
as their own parents would be, Miss Eliza has been twice
down since the session commenced, returning the same day.
Our sister will soon have to part with Jane's family.
The Capt. has gone to prepare her a house in Washington.
We shall gain a good deal of her society by the change, for
they both keep so close to the duties or pleasures of the
morning, that we seldom see them abroad - Fanny is
anticipating an addition to her family, in the Spring
this not to her house hold, Edwards choice has fallen
on a very amiable girl, but she is not so intelligent
as Sally, nor near so peckish as Sally was - but you would
be shocked to see how your favorite is wasted & faded

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