

Saturday night Aug 7th

I can wait no longer My Dear Maria, for the first word to come from you, for I begin to feel uneasy at the long suspension of intercourse between us. Let me see, I think the last letter informed you of a day fixed for Minna's marriage - and she has been gone a whole month before your answer has arrived, perhaps you have had a letter from her at length, telling you her feelings she is, that she has been received with the greatest kindness by all Mr Coburn's family, that she likes them all very much, and notwithstanding all the new & strange circumstances by which she is surrounded, she is as absolutely contented as ever woman was - such is the tenor of her letters home, and the minute accounts of her reception and the society around her, completely satisfies her friends here that she is indeed happy. Wele then let me further assure you, that really as we all miss Minna, we do not fail to rejoice, that she is thus - and as Fanny is a noble little creature and does all in her power to supply the place of M - to her father & brothers. I believe all are reconciled to the change. Such is the facility with which inevitable changes are submitted to in all German affairs - but this is not the only trial we have had to encounter, each house hold has been visited with greater or less - Sally's recovery echoed the whooping cough for many weeks. Saml Etting has again been unfortunate, and now Ellen besides this sorrow has been watching her little daughter in a long and anxious disease - but all are better now. and I will not tell you of one more trouble, lest you cast my letter in the fire and resolve to keep up no longer a correspondence with

such a croaker - and that would be hard, for I am so
anxious to hear from you, the newspaper tells us you are to have
a sermon for your Orphans - and that Mr E Hunt is dead.
I am sorry for the last event, that family has been severely visited.
I hope Mrs H's health is improved, for her children's sake as well
as her own, in all circumstances Orphans are unfortunate.
for neither money nor friends can supply a parents love
care, and watchfulness. Characters are to be made - habits
formed, & feelings regulated - far much more important is all
this, than the accomplishments that are called education -
and parents must ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~have~~ this foundation for the successful
labours of after teachers - you my dear sister, know & feel
this and I trust your children will reward you for your care.
We last week got through our Anniversary Labours, and I am
sorry to say Sister Secretary that we made a very beggarly account
of ^{an} empty treasury. I do not know what is to become of ^{the} poor, unless
they see the folly of these "trade unions" which seem to forget the
wholesome old adage - "half a loaf is better than no bread." and
hold out for high wages or no work - in your plentiful country
they might go out and plant corn, and hemp, and produce
enough to feed & cover them selves & families - but here they must
either stand on poor benches or beg - since they are bound in
leaves not to work, out of their own rules. } Our Brother Elting
is now in excellent health & spirit. Indeed the invalids of
that house are recovered astonishingly, Isabella has not been as
well for several years - we hear frequently from Ross, always satis-
- factory. and Saco is happy in her country residence, so that
our Sister has great cause to be thankful that her daughters
have chosen the destiny that contents them. Ellen has seen
many vicissitudes, and her chattered spirit submits with a
degree of amiability, only equalled by the strength of
her attachment to her husband. she sympathized in his
own account -

is six weeks since you have written. Isaac & Harriet have gone out
they begged to have their names written in loving characters to
Dear Aunt Maria. and they kiss Dear Mary. & the man. and so
they would know & be glad if they had a chance - and the very
writing of their names brings their dear faces to my mind's eye
and they are always visible to my heart. pray are they all at home.
May God Bless them - Sister Dear, fill a whole sheet with them
and my dear brother & yourself and tell me something about
Marguerite & Caroline - and tell them to remember & love me as I do
them. if I had a good pen & a quill, I might scrawl on till I had
you but I must remember your patience & peace and here close my
letter -

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Did you receive a box containing your
trunk & suitcase's cloth? I have all the
things you sent for arrived in good order.

you mentioned Matilda some time ago - pray is she better? remem-
ber me to her & Sylvia, and America and all your table family
not omitting George & Beverly & Aunt Judy. we often talk over the kind
service we received from them - Casewood & Granny are remembered too
all we have seen & enjoyed with you my own dear sister, is recalled
with fondness, and our beloved Ben's happiness is a source of continual
gratitude to you, and God for having blessed us with so many
blessings. May they continue to increase "even as your loves do grow" pray,
my dear Maria your ever attached Nephew.