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A new novel and an opportunity to send it
then "Westward Ho!" shall live to thee My dear
Mama, before a critic has the chance to fore-stall you
which, and taking for granted that our old favorite
will not be less agreeable when he aspires to entertain
you in your own regions I hope he will meet with a
kind reception, and brighten the hours you devote to his
labours. I have been writing Miss Martineau's tales or
illustrations of Political economy, and should be very
glad to send you a copy, but find they are not to be had
they came out in numbers, and but few copies have
been sent to subscribers. but suppose they will be more
common when better known in America, for they would
be useful to young readers, and make a dry subject very
easily understood, and quite interesting. I was introduced
yesterday to a boy whom I could have hugged for being
so like our dear Beauce, but he was smaller and 12 yrs
old, he was so affectionate, and watchful of his father
that I fancied his heart was as much like your
sons as his face - poor little fellow he & his father were
saved from a wreck in which his mother and two younger
children perished, and they passed through this city in their
way home over land, fearful of again trusting the element
that had been so fatal to their happiness.

Henry Etting returned last evening in very good health
and the decision of the court in his favor, has set his
mother's heart at rest. we were all much interested and as
no mischief was done to the wounded man, greeted Henry
with much joy. Grah was at home to receive him and
Isabella able to bid him welcome -

But Ellen is gone again - her husband found he could not settle his business to his satisfaction in Balt^{re} and was obliged to relinquish his establishment here. he broke up house keeping - sold his furniture and ^{has} taken his wife and child home to his father's. This for the present is an act of necessity - Ellen will return here in December, to be confined at her Mother's. and then should I am be extricated from his difficulties he will determine where to work for his living. Richen has suffered greatly in all these changes. but she knows too well, the chances & cares of life to which the duty of a wife must yield to murmur at her Daughter's fate. and we know that an affectionate home will be afforded by her relatives in Baltimore. until better times may restore her to a domicile of her own - I took courage about a fortnight ago and went up to see Aunt Belle. for four months I had not been at her house, and wonderful to relate every member of the family received me kindly. it was more than I deserved, as it regarded the old Lady. but when I was sick they visited me not. and if I met any of my cousins in the street they passed me by without speaking so I hardened myself and kept away. but when the seasons changed, and I thought of commencing another year without asking a blessing - or giving good wishes to the ancient sister of my parent - my pride gave way. and determined to humble myself and seek forgiveness. poor old Lady - she is feeble & helpless. she cannot walk from the effect of her fall. and looks so shrunken - so doubly shrunken with old age & poverty. that my heart melted into

God bless you & your dear sister, I think of you - and pray for you daily. embrace all your darling for me - tell the boys they must never forget us - Horace goes to Mr. Saunders's school again and is quite happy - Sarah has taken a long holiday, all her companions have left school, and the classes have not formed, as cholera took a great many away who have not yet returned she recommences in a week more - Mr. Furness & Mr. Fuller enquired for you when I saw them a few days ago - Poor Mrs. Hunt is sadly changed - since the loss of her daughter. Dr. Heller has her best love - Adieu my dear Maria, till Ben I hope we shall hear from him soon - ever your & his affectionate
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Tomorrow we celebrate the anniversary of Ben & Maria's marriage at their own house - they are very hospitable, and popular in the family