

Decr 28th Sunday
night

I thank you my Dear Ann for your kind letter. I was beginning to be desirous of hearing something from Lexington for I assure you the interest my visit renewed in my dear Brothers family makes me desire to be familiarly acquainted with all the sayings & doings of the house, I go over again, and again the scenes of the last summer and would keep up the train of events as they pass - you tell me both your children were sick, I am sorry Miss Mearns has found out that troublesome infant malady the compass to plague you with but if taken very early in its first stage, it is easily conquered. Mary's letter to Jane received to day, says you are all well again, it would be matter of much surprise if I could say the same through all the branches of this large family, where colds are ripe - running from one member to another - but in the general acceptance of the term all's well - may be understood that there is no particular illness. And with this allowance I can thus report altho Brother Hyman has been three days in the house with a moderate attack of lameness (very like the gout) tho he does not take it so, and Sister Mary was not able to go with Ellen up to dine at Dr Estings - because of a cold - Horatio nursery too is full of hoarse children, in consequence of the beautiful warm bright days preceding Christmas - and that day too was more like Oct or April than the 25th Decr - but winter has come at last we had a snow storm yesterday, and the sheets are

covered beautifully with a white carpet which in the moon light looks cold enough for the towers of winter.

but, would you believe it, ten days ago I saw gathered a bunch of Roses from a garden, in which were many bushes in full bloom - I hope your climate has been as mild, and then you could wait patiently for the arrival of your winter clothes, which I hope had arrived before this. I was very unfortunate in boxes sent by sea to Miriam, the ship was lost and her peckles & preserves I fear sent to the fishes in the deeps - but there is no danger of that kind to disappoint you - and Mrs Waters, whose stockings I can assure you were changed, brought the letter of directions with their inclosure to me, and did as she was therein bidden, & sent the changed ones in the same paper up with other parcels to me - and so my dear friend you will have no more trouble about the stockings, but I beg you to believe that if I can in any way serve Mrs Waters - or any of your friends I shall not deem it any trouble to do so.

I am very glad to hear that our dear Mary and her mother are getting on so happily in their own house, with every thing so comfortable about them, it must certainly be their own faults if it were otherwise - there is no condition in life that does not require the exercise of our virtues to make us happy. mutual forbearance is a necessary household commodity, between companions as well as in every other domestic relation - it must exist between mistress & servants, or we should never be fixed. particularly where the latter are free to change whenever an offence is given, and our Hebrew community - released from the oppression of their own country, seem to think all the rest of the world made for

give my best love to my brother and the dear Boys
@ how sadly I feel for poor My man - the long long suffering
of that arm - and yet no positive amendment! -

Kiss your sweet babe for me - and believe me My dear
Aun, with great sincerely your affectionate sister,
My dear love to my dear Mary & Mrs. Grady -
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