

will sometimes cost you some patience, as I struggle on quite without
 two much paper I care, as you will not have to pay more for it. but
 even a letter has its limits and you
 will be thankful
 that mine does
 to an end.
 remember me to
 your friend &
 my neighbor Mrs
 Mary Melby, & her
 sister, Mr Verber
 my friend &
 my other friend
 Frederick, Mr
 & Waesfeld
 and believe me
 your affectionate
 sister, Rly
 old here & long
 but she is dear
 Love —

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 1845 P

My dear Ann
 on my return home last Sunday to hear the
 happy news of the birth of your son, and
 of your safety most sincerely do I congrat-
 ulate you and my dear Mother on this
 event, and embrace the little treasure of a
 nephew with many blessings. What does
 sweet Miriam say? She will not feel jealous
 of the young stranger, for her own love
 will secure for her ever may appear to
 share her triumph I suppose you have by this
 time decided on his name, he is just one day
 older than Beech's son Jonathan, I was with
 her when he was named, and left her quite
 well, considering her babe was only nine days
 old — she made such a strange miscalculation
 that two whole months of expectation hung
 heavily upon her previous to his birth, but
 her health did not suffer, & she looks so bright
 and happy with her three baby boys, that
 I look on her with wonder & admiration — her
 husband's humble means, does not cast a
 shadow over her brow, that it induces her to make
 every household arrangement in her household

an exercise her own activity in the care of her children, she has the rare & noble trait of character which dares to meet the evil with the feeling & deportment of a gentlewoman. she is cheerful, and thro' devoted affection to her husband & children happy - The weather was so warm, and one brother I had preceded us home, which obliged us to hurry on, so that we could not stay in N.Y. any longer - but I left Becky with great regret - N.Y. is I think what London must be - there is so much splendor & so much misery - such magnificence in some parts & such filth & noise & discomfort in others - Not a stranger who has the luck to be lodged in one part of it, can form no idea of what is suffered by another in the opposite direction - for my part I never wish to be there in hot weather, unless my home is in a friend's house - we were at the Monticello House, over a mile from Beckys dwelling, and of course next drive to her house, and this deprived me of the opportunity of looking into their pretty shops, the usual attraction on the street - in Broad way -

Why De Ann, what a desperate set of people you have become but you have improved on Phil^a you do quickly - What they would do in a hurricane was not - I hope neither city will have any more

by going thro' a severe cold, in which many rank weeds
were growing. Her face and neck were swollen & sore, bathing
& drinking however has restored her, and she looks
quite like herself again. I found all well at home.
Ellen & Rose with their mother. Mr Etting & sister better
than I left them, and My man not at all weary of his
lonely home, but quite glad to see us. I've left us to go
to Sharon Springs, and is still absent, but will probably
be home to night. I am busy in making preparations
for the Bazaar, for the Academy of five acts. My man
& Maria are so much interested that I could not de-
cline tho' the whole business is so new to me that I fear
my table will be the most inefficient among
the Lady Patrons. We have several regular beggars
for a while, but such applications are so numerous
that I fear one shall be twelve tho' being for such
an object no sect will have an object in declining,
and in the Autumn so many Manges are in town that
if we have pretty things there will no doubt be buyers.

Isaac Moses joined us at the Springs. He is certainly
wonderfully changed since I last saw him, his health
is perfectly restored. He has turned in to westernness habits
been successful, and resolved to restore his character
which in a strange community, a stranger, he had to
build up for himself. and I am happy to say. He appears
to be well received & respected among his fellow citizens & he
has met in his journey, he is in N.Y. at present. Both
he & I see a strong resemblance between little Gerty
Notham, and your Nickam, Gerty is ^{two years} ~~few weeks~~
older in May. very lovely & beautiful, as your soul
doubtless was when I saw her. They are cousins you know.
You must present my best love to my dear Mother
Thank him for his letter which I received & will send
you some of these days. cheap postage, my dear Ann