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It is indeed a long time my dear Ann since we have held converse together, and so many interesting occurrences have & are to take place in which we have mutual feeling that I sometimes wonder I did not break silence long ago. My heart is so full of our dear Mary's destiny that had we been together it would have formed the subject of our meeting discourse but it is just the thing one writes least about tho' it fills up our thoughts. In another week I shall be her sister, she is to be married at St. Stevens Church on Monday morning at 11 o'clock and will go immediately to New York with Mr Riggs' parents, who come on to the wedding, after a visit of a week or two they return here, and will proceed to Washington to their own home, which I hear is a very good one - handsomely fitted out with all things befitting the condition of her new alliance. I like Mr Riggs very much, he is intelligent, sprightly, and very devoted, his manners are plain and his taste domestic. I do hope that our child will be very happy. She is now nervously alive to every thing, and were it not for the business of making preparations for the occasion would

probably be sick - Lizzie Lee came on Thursday
and they have gone to church to get ~~married~~ - Mr. Cloy
has been to see Mary and is to be present at the
wedding - Perhaps will give the bride away
(if there is any objection to my performing that
office) which she says is her first choice - I have
executed your commission by purchasing
a very beautiful Pearl Lace Cape & Cuffs
which cost \$78 - She is highly delighted with
this present, being of a character, that never
grows old and out of fashion - Many will be
mamed in her travelling dress, an embroidered
cashmere - The wedding costume is a white
brocaded silk & your Pearl Lace - but she can
not wear it on the occasion, as they leave at
12 o'clock, and the risk to her health would be too
great at this season to go so attended to church
in the morning - I wish you and my dear Brother
were here - The wedding will be private only
a few invited guests and the family - Mr.
Riggs brings one or two friends with him.

I hope your little chance has quite recovered
and that all your dear household are well
we had a very pleasant visit from Chas. W.
in October. He has two very lovely & good children
and seems to be very happy - Mr. Cohen is a very
devoted husband, I seem to admire her as
much as he ever did. They talk of a western

you must give my love to So when you write
to him, and tell him to go unceremoniously to
Grady Moses's and make himself at home in
his family. When they know each other it will
be mutually agreeable and there are so many
of our connections there that they may be
quite a family gathering. Mary is writing
at the same table with me and desires me
to give her love you and her Uncle Ben, to
thank you both for her beautiful present.

The wife very soon did so for herself - and
also told her Guardian how much better he
calculated her expenses than she did herself
and how much she thanks him for his
fine gift - Now Dear Ann, in your kindest
manner, give affectionate love for me to
my dear Brother, and your doings and
accept the greetings of our brothers.
My love also to my dear nephews all -
and ever believe me most sincerely
your affectionate Sister R.G.