

April 30th 1857

At length my dear Ann I have been enabled to get all your things together and packed by Miss Doyle who boasts of her skill in that necessary department of her profession for in this age of progression, all trades are professions, and a milliner has as good right to exercise her taste in that way, as with her nimble fingers. They that is the Box containing them) is to be consigned this day to Messrs Lunnell & Co. in New York, directed to Mr Henry Cole, for Benj. Grady, and I trust will be safely & speedily received. I hope the dresses will please you and Mr. Miss Davies kept them a whole week longer than she promised, but at this busy season she could not be more punctual. If I have exceeded your order, please to remember you bade me, last year to use my discretion on such an occasion, so I have added a pr of embroidered sleeves (which your dresses seemed to require for the present fashion) and an extra frock for the little girls on a cool summer's day. such as their little cousins Fanny & Philippa wear. now I beg you will unhesitatingly tell me how far I have succeeded in satisfying your taste, which will aid me another time I tell me too, if I have been more extravagant

Adm Miss Ann, I will send you a bill of my expenses and keep the receipts for a couple of particulars - pray tell me how you like them and believe me most truly your affectionate
Anne Brady.

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than you interested. for I know neither you
nor I, subscribe to the old satirical adage
that "what is far fetched, and dear bought, suits
tastes the best. Yule Minicam her bonnet is just
like Frances Etting & these frocks like common Phil
shirts, so they can remember their Phil^a courses
when they read them on. I love to think of the little
dackings as they were last summer, so full of
loving & innocent attractions, and of my dear
brother's beaming happiness when he looked at
them, & anticipated their future loveliness.

We have been in great anxiety about little
Philippa Etting for the last week, but trust the
crisis of her disorder is past, and that she will
recover. She has been ill of fever for 12 days -
which left her frame so exhausted that we
feared yesterday, she could not rally, but to
day she is better. Dr. Hays was preparing to meet
the convention at Charleston. I we hope if
the favorable symptoms continue until Friday
he may not be disappointed. Sally has been ill
too for several days. Her spring attacks are so very
severe, that we shall try to send her away before
the usual period. Her present illness is only
pneumonia, but I do not mean to carry you
from house to house among the invalids, nor tax
your unavailing sympathy, as I hope they will
all be well before this reaches you. Betsy Re-
than is well, & is abroad with her Father in
New York - and Mary Figgis quite bright again

remember me kindly to Mrs Macalester
while she be coming west remains this way.
She was certainly encouraged to bring her
pretty, nice niece among us, is Mary Beaud still
with her? I hope her own health has improved.
She is among my greatest favorites & I should
like to meet her again either at home or
abroad. Now I wish Beaud would pay us
a visit. It is so long since we have seen him
and the opportunity broken. He might spare time
to give us so much pleasure. Sara too would
be delighted to greet him in her own house. I
hope to accomplish that journey this win-
ter. She did not come with her husband
this spring. Their navigation was not open
and her daughter only six weeks old when he
left home - one sister, & brother send you
greetings of love. The former have been sick, but
are now recovered. The girls letters frequently
mention you & their uncle with affectionate
remembrance. Julia Hoffman always desires
grateful acknowledgments for your kind
messages to her. I shall lose her society early
in May. When her brother's family move to the Gap.
I extend my regards to Mr. Boston & Miss Sydney
and any of my former friends who remember
me, especially Mrs E. Wafield. I like to think of
the Lexington friends who were so kind to me -
Kiss my darling little girls for me - and give
my love to my brother & nephews. My father
so seldom tells me of so that by? I must not be for-
gotten by him. Will you ever receive your sick mother
and father?