

Philadelphia May 5th 1854

I have just received your letter
 My dear Anna, and am much gratified
 to find that your Box has not only arrived
 in safety, but that its contents met your appreci-
 ation. That your dresses fit will be quite
 a triumph to Miss Williamson as she greatly
 desired to suit you. I shall bear in mind, for
 the next occasion that you do not approve of
 flourishes, tho' the unbecoming fashions - for all de-
 -measurements patronize them - I should have con-
 -sidered your better taste & rejected them - Nevertheless
 your people is so well apprehended to your
 will that I think you may exhibit to very good
 effect. Mr. Leary bid me suggest that a lining
 of lace or any other colored silk would make
 your Mantilla serve for other seasons than the
 Summer - and add to its beauty -

I am greatly concerned to hear my dear Bro
 there has been so sick. I hope he will be as care-
 ful to preserve his health - as he has been patient
 in applying remedies for his recovery - neglected
 colds become very troublesome diseases. I may
 Dear Ben will be perfectly cured of his sore throat
 and avoid the damp & night air. Which are very
 hurtful in such affections - I believe I told
 you one sister, requested Rosa to pay her a visit
 and spend the Passover here -

she was prevented by an accident
which has proved more serious, than she
at first supposed. she was upset in her
carriage. very much bruised & twisted, but
it was not discovered until three weeks
after. That her hip bone was dislocated, she
knew, continually, that she could not feel her
foot to the ground. I was lifted from her bed
to the couch on which she passed the whole
day - last Friday (this day a week) Dr Gibbon, discover-
ed the evil - and the poor soul had a very hard
& severe operation to undergo before the limb could
be forced back into its socket. we have now hopes
of hearing better tidings of her - her health has
been so deranged for the last year, that her
mother is always anxious about her - I hope
the long rest, and regular nursing she now
undergoes, may be of benefit to her general
health - sometimes much good comes to us in
the form of great evils. I try to comfort out
Sister with this view of Rosa's case - but I
do not know what good may come from
Ben's snuff - unless it saves him from
a disagreeable business - and gives dear
Bernard an opportunity of exercising his
good-feeling & judgment - and gaining
an experience in the ways of men - which

is enjoyed by them - and surely every
day of their young life will bring pleasure,
you will mingle their studies with such pas-
s-times, as will have good races on them the
many - & they in their turn will glorify
their Parents hearts - God Bless them &
our brothers are well - Joseph left home
yesterday - but will be home we expect
before night - Sister & Julia send their
love - to you & Ben - & so do our brothers -
give mine to Leonard & my mother.
I hope Leary finds St Louis as pleasant
as he anticipated. I believe I must make
another attempt on him - now he has an
establishment, my first letter may have
been mislaid. Fare well my dear Ann
excuse a hurried letter - but always
believe me affectionately your sister
R. G.

I enclose your Pills, which according
to your direction our brother Jo has
taken -