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My dear Anna
affectionate & interesting
little should not have been so long unanswered
but that we have been in a bundle of preparation for departures - engaged with anxious attendance on invalids and various other matters which have passed on - and now the hurry is all over I feel dull & alone -
I believe I told you that I left home for a few days in the beginning of June to visit my friend Julia Hoffman in her illness - on my return I found both Mary & Isaac with bad sore throats. Mary soon recovered, but Isaac continued sick & his disease increased so as to deprive her altogether of her voice. She besides lost her appetite & strength, so that when Mary determined to give up her design of returning home, and follow the Drs advice to spend a month at Cape May, and both in the ocean, it was recommended by Dr Jackson that Isaac should also try the effect of that climate also - in case the sea air should agree with her she is to return in a few days and go to the mountains. one brother Jo accompanied the girls, in order to make the

me very truly your affectionate sister. P.S. Anders & Mary and Mary - and our brothers need you

and bring Laro back if she cannot bear
the sea air. Mary will continue at any rate
under the care of Mrs Florence in whose family
she is intimate and with whom she will be very
happy. Mrs F has all her family with her, and
her daughter Lavinia is Mary's favorite compa-
nion. I do not think the girls could be with a party
more to their taste and so many of our acquai-
ntances will be there this summer. They will
feel quite at home. Mary had made all her
preparations to return with Mr Gibson, and it
was only a day or two before his departure that
she determined to forego such a good opportunity
but both her physicians recommended it strongly
& I hope she may derive permanent advantage
from her compliance. Dr Dudley's party has
not yet arrived in our city, and I am sure they
are wise to linger in the beautiful country to
enjoy the wonderful spectacles of Niagara
Fenton, quaff the health giving waters of
Sharon & Lacota and bathe at Nahant in
the blue ocean - rather than tempt the heat
and dust of a dull city - This is our dullest
season, every body who can go away - leave town
and those who stay keep within doors so that
it looks desolate - but I will do my best to
welcome them, when they arrive -

What is the opinion of his engagement now?
If the long absence in the Rocky Mountains &
the hardships he has encountered since has not
worn out his love, Alpo need not fear the test
of salt water. Give my love to Mrs Alexander
and both her sweet daughters. I am gratified of
her remembrance. Mrs Bridle has gone to her
usual summer resort The Sea Side. The knowledge
of her two sons, has been a great happiness to her
they both have nice wives. Tell Howard I did
hope he would have written to me, introducing his
Lady-love, which might have authorized my
addressing myself to her instead of which he has
cut short our correspondence, so that instead
of gaining a niece I am in danger of losing a nephew.
Give my love to all my boys, and a kiss to ^{your} sweet child.
My kindest dear love to my brother, and kindest
remembrance to all my friends. You see Genl
Bombs has got a splendid Vesicle. he crumbles
here very successfully in fashionable life, and
purposes to be a candidate for Ladies favor.
I hear Mrs Vestre is expected, hope her noxious
air may restore her health. Give my love to Mrs
Thatchers, and like her I hope she will be repaid
for her present disappointment in the good health
and improvement of her dear child. I wish she
could be induced to cross the mountains, that
we might thank her in person for the pleasure
we owe her. God Bless you my dear Ann believe