

Patience my Dear Anna
 is a goodly virtue, which all
 benevolent kind have daily oc-
 -casion to acknowledge and make
 use of. but there is a limit, beyond
 which one does not like to exercise
 it, and I fear you have reached
 that point. with regard to the
 things you sent for nearly a
 month ago, and which I expected
 to have sent you at least two
 weeks after - but the promptness of
 mechanics & ship makers are
 like a wheel within a wheel. depend-
 -ing so much upon a multitude
 of hands. that it sometimes seems
 difficult to understand. Miss W
 sent me word on Friday that it
 was impossible to send your
 dresses home the next night as she
 desired to do - so I could only say
 civilly what that they might
 come as soon as possible - and
 in the mean time, saying that

that our correspondence did not
depend on her stitches, would not
resist telling you how glad I was
to have had night by a letter from
Grady Mores, that our dear Ben was
well, and enjoying himself in St Louis
he mentions Mr Reed Mrs Blair also
^{as usual} their visitos - and that Cary is
a man of business, taking pleasure
in his occupation - I hope the scholars
when they do arrive will suit you,
if you can, at your own convenience
some time send me an old cast off
sheep that fits you, I am sure Miss
Williamson would give you satisfaction
as a mantle madee - or with such a pattern
we could employ any other you prefer.
we are still on the morning of this
1st of June, sitting in a room with fire -
yesterday the thermometer stood at
45 degrees - but it is decidedly warmer to-
day - and we shall probably be able to
retire to our beds next week.

You see by the papers that Fanny
Humble has arrived - her daughter
Sarah has gone to meet her in New York
what a joyful meeting there must
be after such long years of separation!

in human society. - than the
companionship of affectionate
sisters - one family have been
reared in it for two generations
and I trust will be continued
through another - there are so
many darling girls in Iowa
& your family - My letter from
St. Louis, is 5 days old - perhaps before
this our Papa had got home, it so give
him my affectionate love, and
also embrace the children (I love to
call them so) for me, they must let
me know what Father says about
little Eliza. & Mary - Grady tells me he
has got a situation & is glad to be busy.
Remember me kindly to Mrs. Venter.
& May Whooly. I often think of Lexⁿ
and all its pleasant circle - its beau-
tiful surroundings - the college green
and that one house where I experienced
such loving happiness. When my dear
sister - I shall write you again while
of the forth coming Oct - ever affectionately
John & brothers Wm & P. B.
and love.