

Monday June 7th

It is not too late Dearest Anna to
 wish a happy New Year to you. Tho' it
 has opened with such gloomy prospects
 to our country. I hope another illustrious
 Kentuckian will be as successful
 as Henry Clay was in clearing
 the fog of the South, and overcoming
 the obstinacy of the North so that
 our long Columbia may be hailed as
 a happy land "once more." I am exceed-
 ingly sorry that Dear Miriam has
 lost her beautiful hair, but do not
 doubt it will be renewed. I think it
 a pity you did not have her head
 shaved. Which appears to be the best
 remedy in such cases. When Gray
 Jones was a medical student, he
 was sick of some disease contracted
 in the dressing-room and lost all
 his hair. he had his head shaved

give these love to my brother and the girls and Bernard. is he still in
 Lexington - I am well & hope soon your affectionate
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several times, and wore a wig -
at length he forced the hair up -
-ained a healthy strength, and
it was suffered to grow - the new
chop being no finer & beautiful as
the one he lost - Sarah Ann related to
me a case very similar to Minnie's which
occurred to an acquaintance of hers, cured
by keeping the head shaved for a few
months - it is an unpleasant process
but worth the experiment - it is easy to
arrange a head covering becoming to an
or young face so expressive of good
feeling & cheerfulness as your dear
child's, and I sincerely hope, if the
means you are now using fail, that
Dr. Bush will approve of trying the
same - Howard arrived here on Satur-
day night, and is in the full tide of
successful experiment, "he made his
first essay of showing his capacious in-
-vention ^{to Mary} and returned home this evening
quite satisfied with the Hays efforts

she will spend her time at Silent Things
during her absence, her boy is a great ~~del~~
there. Horace removed his dear ladies coffee
last week and we all send grateful love
to him. The promise of a visit from him
makes my heart glad, but I can wait
patiently for it, until he can unconsciously
leave home without anxiety or exposure
he is too merciful to us, Dear Ann, to
risk his comfort to our pleasure.
Did Lucy come home since his return
from Solihull? how is Beonard? and
what is Hyman doing? I should be
sorry that Anna & Laura were "bad
friends" - now the little Carly is a mother,
her amiable sister-in-law espoused &
kindness would be worth much to her.

Sarah & Horace send their love. I hear
constantly from our nieces. Miriam is full
of grief & anxiety about our political troubles
the other sisters who removed from exile
meet have a deep interest in passing coats
the daily newspapers are the chief of my reading
and keep me from the behavior hoped for
for the Union.