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Sunday Eve - March 14th

If I come my Maria, I shall come to you - and spend a few happy days in your hospitality - but it is yet uncertain - my dear Rachel's situation makes me sometimes hesitate, when she is well, my resolution grows strong, and I begin to anticipate a thousand pleasures to be derived from you: but if she is languid - she is sure to tumble down all my air drawn castles - however there is another week before us - and I hope if it does not terminate our anxiety, it will at least give me courage to take a peep in your for a few days -

Your New Yorkers have really given us a treat - I do not think if you had purposely made the selection to do honor to your City, the choice could have fallen on more worthy heads - we shall no longer boast of superiority - Paulding - Washington & Burdett rank high with our literati - and take off the stigmas which the flocks of butterflies that usually crowd from New York had placed on your Islanders - we spent last evening in company with them at Mrs Griffiths in quite a sociable way. Washington says he has written to you, by which I hope you have

heard that he passes his time pleasantly - we see him every day. and he has of course become a favorite with the whole family. Brewster is also greatly admired and with our old friend Mr Livingston make a charming trio. Miss Astor I have only seen once in the street, but like Falstaff she causes much wit in others, tho' not possessed of an abundance there herself - and thus we are all indebted for her visit to Philadelphia -

You certainly excuse us in the character and style of your Amusements last winter a masquerade - and this an Italian fête - while the ideas of our circle citizens never aspire higher than Tea & Cards - or Dancing & dapper parties - through which they mechanically drag themselves every night in the week - and are comfortably set dozing off a slumber at Mad. Rivaroli's Sacred Concert.

Aunt Cohen & Sally leave us on Tuesday and make their home at Mr. Leys - the M-family contemplate passing great part of the Summer at Baleston, and Rachel will become a resident at the Mount during their absence, but we hope to have her back in the Autumn. Yet this separation I feel disposed to refine at and think we could have better spared her when first she was married - If you pass the next summer at Harmony Hall she will not feel so solitary as I fear the period will seem to her - as Ann & Eliza are fond of strolling -

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