

Cabland September 24

Do not my dearest Girl ^{place} a wrong
construction on my silence. believe me I have been
so very much engaged, in the many domestic
concerns that await me, that I have not had a
moment to devote to my pen, altho it has long
been my wish, to converse with my esteemed Becky,
and wish I had some thing new, or entertaining, to
tell you, but I am so partial to the country, and
to my home, that I am seldom in the way of learning
much news, we are all well with health thank God
when so favoured, I seek little pleasures from abroad

I have just heard of the return of our Dr. J. and
hope she has benefited by her journey, and that
she is again ~~restored~~ ^{restored} to her former health, make
my love acceptable to her assure her of my best
wishes, Mr. Myers talks of leaving us on Thursday
next, I am very sorry to part with the dear children
they have so far attached themselves to us all, that
we shall miss them very much indeed. they are the
most improved since then, you can happily imagine
but you will judge for yourself in a few days

How often I wish for the society of my dear absent acquaintances.
Could it so have been settled, how much would it have
added to my happiness. The delightful intercourse
between friends. I may almost add Sisters have pleasing
and how much to be envied, to be with an dear
Germanian how much ~~to~~ wished for. But that
satisfaction I much fear I shall never enjoy. I once
flattered myself with the pleasure of again residing
among you all, but the times and other causes bid
is Decline, and bids me be content, when I have
been so, for so long a time, my dear Sally and Children
all beg their love to you.

I have taken this from my D. Rachel supposing she was writing
to a sweet heart, on finding this to you, I have only to add
that you are to believe but half the latter part; she does
yet expect to reside at Philad. We have not so far dropped
the expectation, as to prevent us often speaking of it. ~~to~~
Accept from a friend the compliments of the season, with best
wishes you may be blessed with all your heart desires. I
my dearest Sally still gives me hopes, but not for worlds
would I urge, to his disadvantage, please tender my
love to Uncle with my wishes for his health, and to
all the family happy holidays, & to my dear Becky

Ad Etting

Sept 24th 1899



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