

Oakland September 23

As our worthy inmates talk of leaving us on Tuesday, could not suffer them to depart without a line to my much loved girl, begging your forgiveness for so long a silence, my wish is ever, to converse with you, but my infirmities, cannot entertain my Becky, and so paucely repay you, for your, letters, that were I not afraid of their being viewed with the eye of affection should restrain my feeble pen, from intruding on the time of my friend, but trust sincerity will make up for the many deficiencies they contain,

I am happy to hear my dear Piche is recovering from her health, I have been very anxious about her for some time, but am now in hopes she will enjoy better spirits, thereby adding to her state of health, assure her of my invariable affection.

I wish I could promise myself the pleasure of a visit from either of my adopted Daughters, the season is now advancing when our City will be lively and pleasant, and my utmost endeavour should be to make my home agreeable to you, and make you happy whilst under my contracted roof consider of it my dearest girl, and I afford me

my dear good man and children all join in affection to you



the most heartfelt satisfaction, by complying with my  
most ardent wish, I look forward with much pleasure  
for the period that is to bring my dear Jacob this  
way, tell him I hope he will keep to his promise  
more strictly than did my good Ben, however I  
shall not give up the hope of seeing them both  
here, ere long, to my dear uncle say all that  
affection can dictate, hope he enjoys health, I often  
think of the promised pleasure of visiting him again  
my endeavours shall not be wanting to accomplish it  
knowing it affords him satisfaction, and me much  
real pleasure.

I am very sorry to part with our  
esteemed relatives, wish their time could have been  
longer with us, but the approach of the holy days  
hurries them home, they appear to be pleased with  
Baltimore, to Aunt Bess I refer you for all particulars  
she can give you an account how our time passes  
at Oakland, and of all that news in our city.

Say to my dear Rachel for me, hope she is perfectly  
recovered, kiss her sweet children for me, also the  
sweet flock that surround my dear family and my  
happy to hear she is so well again, Heaven grant a  
continuance of that blessing to her, and all of you.



Mrs Rachel G. Stearns

My Beloved Sister

Salvia del Mar

From 2 by  
the friend

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