

Rebecca Gratz to Benjamin Gratz

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Truly welcome was your letter my beloved brother, I know you felt all the sorrows that visited us, and your sympathy was soothing to the heart of our dear Sister in her affliction _ she is now nearly recovered from her severe attack _ says she has no recollection of any thing she suffered and now seems less afflicted at the loss of sight than she was a few weeks ago _ she has learned to accommodate herself to the little vision that remains to her, she has been downstairs, & regains strength notwithstanding the extreme heat of the weather _ still we are on the watch, with anxious care _ tho' greatly relieved since the death of Dear Rosa was revealed to her when I read your letter to her, she rejoiced with me in the prospect of embracing you
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and your beloved family during the next month _ I note what you say of your darling children, others less diffident of speaking their praise have told of their wonder-ful improvment _ I only know they were lovely enough to satisfy any parents heart, long time ago _ and under such direction as could be given by a judicious Mother's care can hardly fail to keep the promises of their early developements _

our little Mary, is very happy now, her Sister & brother are with her,

Jo left on Sunday for Saratoga, & Hyman talks of going on Tuesday next to Sharon Springs _ I hope they will both be benefitted by the change & their favorite beverages _ they were

very desirous of taking me with them
and if Sister & Jac were in better care
I should most willingly have left the
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city for a [month]. but under present cir-
-cumstances preferred being at home _
Jac is now suffering from a painful
swelling on his knee _ he has been much
better in other respects, has resumed his
seat at the dinner table, and passes more
time down stairs, he bade me give his
love to you, and says he will write, as soon
as he can sit up long enough _ My own
health, my dear brother, need give you
no concern, I am much better, than I
was a month ago, indeed have only
to complain of the effects of hot weather
which has continued so long, that
we may reasonably expect a change,
and with every cool day _ ones strength
is renewed. the comfort of seeing
our Sister so much restored is a bless-
-ing to be grateful for _ her grand daugh-
-ter Rosa, is a cheerful companion & nurse
to her. and I trust we shall get through
the summer with contented minds
and grateful hearts _ Tell my dear
Ann, I am from necessity her debtor so
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long _ her letter with half a dozen
others are waiting for time, (not inle-
nation) for answers give her & the
girls my best love _ Gratz Moses, talks
constantly of Cary _ his sayings and
doings, and we love him more, for
hearing of his familiar habits _ give
my love to Bernard & Hyman, I
suppose little John is with them, before
this _ Mary Riggs writes that they are
all well & enjoying themselves at the
White Sulphur Springs _ your last sum-
mer visitors, returned home filled with
the Spirit of Amity _ and I think most
grateful for the reception they met at
your hands _ “O that brethren would dwell
together in peace!” what a garden of Para

dise might this beautiful world become
if men & women would consent to
make it so! _

Horace & our brothers send you their
love _ Sister would fill a page with express
-ions of loving Kindness did she know I
was writing. she thanks Ann for her
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Kind & beautiful letter _ returns much love & sends Kisses
to her young nieces _ May God Bless you all _ believe
me My Dear
Ben, your
ever Affectionate
Sister

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