

New York. June 4th 1844.

Meeting with a gentleman yesterday evening, who told me that if I sent any thing to Olyphants office this morning by 8 o'clock it would be in time. I scratch these few lines, not that I have any thing of news to add but merely to say how do ye do? and Good bye again ~~but also because~~

I walked on the Battery yesterday afternoon with George and we met but few of our old friends - Kitty and Sally Thomas were there but looked thin and scrappy though as giddy as ever - and for the first time since her misfortune I met Mrs. Justice - She looked however as well as ever and I do not believe she broods much over her griefs. Luckily she is not curst or blest - (but curst in this instance) with extreme sensitiveness, a deep feeling on the heart would be broken hearted. Most fortunately not so little Alfred has come according to appearance is likely to come into the world - as he must arrive with a brand upon him and I trust he will think better of it and not make his appearance.

Sorry to say I have not seen Ruth S - since my last - one thing there has been no party where I could meet her and I have been too lazy to seek any one out - She is to be here some weeks yet so that in my next I will be able to talk about her.

The Opera here I fear will fall through - they have done bad houses at present - it used to be delightful last winter to meet the girls there - the Callenders & Giddens were always there - But the fashion is gone by - and as there is now little music in the hands of this bank note community the singers begin to rise to empty boxes - Though, owing to the low state of my purse I went but seldom, I regret that it should not be established here in case I should one day have the means of going of this.

The Boat club is dying a natural death, they have not yet been out - and I fancy will not, the most active members are away a married or have lost the spirit. I do not belong to it any longer - I am looking forward to some row however this summer - As I am not going out of town I have promised Selma Schermerhorn to row down with him occasionally to his place just below Red Hook. How I should like to have a row with you - those were merry days Will - those rowing boat club days! some glorious frolic with Polio's had we not? do you remember coming over in a storm. Bull's light - How Morris ~~about~~ ^{was} ~~resting~~ ^{was} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Marion's expense~~ ^{Marion's expense} But it would do to keep over too the past - menhood is the time for recollection - but youth should live in anticipation and we will hope before many years to meet again forget all the irritation and trouble of the melancholy interim

and laugh oneself into youth again - do not you give up to the blues and talk melancholy - O yes! I hear you say, well enough for you to talk of being gay who have always lead a pleasant life - do not know what trouble is! "very true!" - but when I shall have to lead a troubled life, as I suppose according to things go in this world, I one day will, I feel certain that I will be still be cheerful - I don't mean to give myself any credit and talk of - Wholly so for I know it is constant with me - If my feelings are weighed down, like a spring they will push up in some other place - I am accustomed to turn my back up all that is gloomy and look out for sunny nooks - you say all this amounts to do little - granted - I merely wanted you that I did not preach a doctrine I could not practice -

Do you recollect - of course you do - Elizabeth Gile - she is to be married next week - all the family invited save the Boys Edgum & Theodore they have not been attentive enough - late - and why the latter has not I can give several reasons - one is they are too good and too wise for your humble servant - but the chief reason is - I dislike Gile himself - he has given further a ~~del~~ ^{del} ~~right~~ ^{right} of trouble than worth - you know how he has button on his paper - and I believe he has not paid father yet. though Mrs Gile assured him it would be all paid - in the mean time father is ~~not~~ kept short for money - and what does father get for all this trouble not a copper - and here thanks - I will say more about this

Thos Irving June 4. 54
Mass Sm arrived Oct. 20.

When I have time - I propose to say
I have concerned in that account -
I am sorry to be unable to say
to himself very dear wife - and then you must expectantly
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