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My dear Brother

Kate received your letter last Tuesday you cannot imagine how it raised all our spirits when we get letters from you. I always know at the moment Father comes in when he has heard from you or of you for he is always in such good spirits last.

Saturday the presents that you sent arrived at home the backgammon board, screens, fans, and the silk handkerchiefs those fans and screens just came the right time for I had a few young girls from Mr. Skill and it was very warm and dancing made it much more so we used the screens as fans

Edgar is at last really going to be married. I believe it is to take place in August but I am not certain. Sarah and Kate are invited to be bridesmaid and they are talking so much about it that I do not know what I am writing after

They are married they are going to Saugerties to live I suppose Edgar has ^{told} you all his plans We have not heard from Laurence since he left he has been gone eight months and we are very anxious to hear from him for his health was not good at all when he left that is what makes us still more anxious.

Anna has been staying with us for a week she went back to the Societ yesterday she is a sweet little creature and very smart we ask her where her Uncle William has gone she says to China and says it so pretty she is a great favorite with every one.

Uncle Van Hook sailed last Saturday for England we were all very sorry to part with him for he is such a delightful man. Elizabeth Gill is to be married on the twelfth of June Sarah Paris is to be bridesmaid the report that you heard about Ann Olyphant I do not think can be true as we have not heard any thing about it here. Theodore has taken his old room again and Father his so the house is the same as when you left We thank you very much

indeed for the presents that you sent us we have them laying all about the parlour to show them some on the center table, some on the fire table ~~some~~ on the mantle piece and some on the sofa so you see how we have distributed them Aunt is going to Troy this week her health is very much improved next month they go to Huntington. Kate is going to ask the Schermechers here this evening as they go out of town on Thursday and in the fall they go to Europe (the whole family) I must close this letter as Father is waiting to make up his packet - Sarah O, Aunt, Mamma and all the children send their love to you

Your affectionate Sister
Sarah

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