

New York March 20<sup>th</sup> 1820

I did not intend my dear Emma to have  
delayed so long answering your letter and I am afraid  
you will think that I did not even mean to do it.

Pa has not yet come home I have just got a letter  
from him and from his sending me money I do not  
believe he means to come soon I shall be delighted to  
see Matilda for I am very lonesome and very tired of  
being with only George.

Mance has another family of kittens. Katy only kept  
two they are the great amusement of Billy he plays  
with them and makes them roll over a great deal.

I have not seen Mary or Phil in a great while all  
winter I have taken Spanish lessons in the morning  
on Saturday which prevented my going for Mary and  
since I have left off every Saturday has been rainy.

Mr. Field was here a few nights ago he said that  
he expects to ~~go~~ to Stockbridge the beginning of  
April so that Matilda will just miss him.

So Mr. Fairchild is engaged to Miss Jones I suppose  
since his engagement he looks his eyes on her instead  
of rolling them on Matilda and you as he used to  
do

It is well that I cannot see to write any more  
Give my love to your mother and children  
Your affectionate aunt  
Julia Hoffman

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Miss Emma Nicholas

Stockbridge

Massachusetts

