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My dear Sister

Your letter of Sunday, the 31st June, was only rec'd yesterday morning, 'though it reached here yesterday, probably after I had been at the Post office. I am glad that you have made up your mind to come on, and keep us company for a while in the outset of our housekeeping. Indeed I do not see why you ~~should~~ have hesitated, not having either a house or "Piccaninies" to look after. As you want the number of our house I will give it you somewhat in detail, that in case you arrive without my knowing it, you can come direct from the boat, and thus not have to stop at a half way house on the road. I beg you to know that this visit is to ~~thank~~ ^{thank} myself, and 'tho; I may consent to your running away from me a few short hours at a time, yet "Chelsea Cottage" No 29 is to be your home.

In the first place then we (that is Sarah, Kitty, and myself with Mary) reside in one of a row of 36 houses styled "Chelsea Cottages". Second, that said Cottages are in 24th Street between the 9th & 10th Avenues. Thirdly, that our house is designated by the No 29, and fourthly, (as there are no numbers yet placed upon them) our house is about the 9th or 10th one in the row from

the 9th Avenue — the second one with a "Veranda"
to the front door, and also is the second one in the
row that is occupied or finished. Do you think
you can find it with this description?

Since my last letter we have put things in much
more of a ship shape order, and though our house
means the appearance of "tyros" in housekeeping,
yet we flatter ourselves that we are tolerably
comfortable, and really begin to enjoy the comforts
of an independent home.

I fear we shall have to part with Mary, who
has been so long with us. When she had Kitty
alone to look after she did tolerably well, but
since greater responsibilities are put upon her,
she manages but sadly. She has no judgment
and we cannot trust her to cook the most simple
dish. Of course this requires that Sarah be in the
kitchen far more than is agreeable to either of us.
I am sorry to feel obliged to part with her, as
she is fond of Kitty and most perfectly trustworthy.
yet it is evident that so long as she remains with
us, just so long must Sarah have a tedious and
irksome time of it. I am sure we can get a
good woman, one that will do all of our
work, for the same wages which I have paid to
Mary.

Sarah talks of writing to Sue, and sending
on a New Year present to her, which has been

waiting for the spirit to move her to a writing mood.
When this will take place, post requires tells you
when. Give my thanks to Sue for her pretty Book
mark.

So soon as the spring opens and the weather gets
a little settled we shall look for your good mother,
and I hope we may be able to make her contented
to stay with us, and make our home her home.

We have a room all ready for you, so come
on just as soon as you can. I think we are
likely to have good weather for the coming week
having had so much storm for the past eight or
ten days. If not too much trouble drop me a
line saying when we may expect you.

They were all well in Chambers Street yesterday.
With kind remembrances to all

I am your off brother
William

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