

the same sources of independent enjoy-
ment, which remain with me through
life and are the best sweeteners of home.

Love with my dear Kate. Give my
love to my dear little niece, Fanny and
Gaga (who I fancy have completely
forgotten me.) and to your mother, to
whom I wrote recently. Tell your father
we should all give him a hearty welcome
if he should really come out this summer;
and a still heartier one, should he bring
you all with him.

Your affectionate uncle

Washington Irving

Miss Kate Larrow.

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My dear Kate,

I have just received the shippers
which you have been so very good as to
work for me, and which have been a
long time in the shoe-maker's hands. As
Hewings put them on I sat down to
tell you how well they fit me, how
much I admire the colours you have
chosen; and how much I am astonished
and delighted with the needlework
and how very sensibly I feel these
proofs of affectionate remembrance. I
assure you I take great pride in

exhibiting this specimen of the taste
and skill of my Parisian mill, and
if I were in Paris, should be very much
much tempted to go to court in them
even at the risk of causing a question
of costume.

I dined a few days since in company
with your father's partner Mr Bates and
his pretty little wife, with both of whom
I was much pleased. Mr Bates told
me that it was very possible you might
all pay a visit to America this year;
that, however, I put about as much faith
in, as in the return of the fairies. I
hope, however, you still keep up a ~~well~~

recollection of your home on that side
of the water and of your young cousins
who were your playmates. They and
their intimates make a very happy
circle and it grieves me much that
you and your sisters are not with them;
all growing up together in delightful
companionship. If you remain much
longer separated, you will all forget
each other.

Your cousins Julia and Fanny Irmish
are improving greatly; among their other
accomplishments they are getting on
extremely well in music and drawing.
I trust you are diligent in acquiring