

From Mrs. Saunders ^{Young} ^{Constitution} ^{June 20}
to Grandmother ^{Monday} 1853.
^{Champion}
My dear Sarah,



It is I believe
never too late to fulfil a
good promise, when you
left New York I certainly in-
tended writing to you very
soon, but not knowing
how to address a letter to
you I have delayed, but I
will not take up all my
time & paper with excuses.
Since I came here I have
made the acquaintance of
a great friend of yourself &
Willis, Mrs. Grooming, she
is boarding in the house
next the one we are in &
we often have little talks
out of our respective windows
as there is a very narrow
alley running between the
houses. She gives me very
pleasant accounts of you

all; that the children are
lonely & that the house could
scarcely get on without you.
I trust ^{Will} will be undisturbed
in his present berth, Uncle
Washington having interested
himself with the present
administration to keep Will
in, will of course have
great weight, still one can
never feel certain in these
political places, even where
a person gives satisfaction
as Will has done, still
they take hold of the slight-
est thing. I was sure you
would like Washington, I
was very fond of it during
the four years we were
there, I should find it
very much changed however,
so many of my old
friends have died or
gone away. We have made
two moves since I saw
you, one to No. 'Three'

where we spent last winter,
& in March we came out to
this western world, such
is an Engineer's life, always
moving & never sure of a
living. We were in hopes of
living in Coalington which
is just across the Ohio river
from this place as Brooklyn
is from New York, San den
work is there entirely, but
we can find nothing in the
way of comfortable lodging,
so made up our minds
to live in Cincinnati,
where we stay at a little
Hamilton's, & are very com-
fortable. We like Cincinnati
not very much & feel
quite at home; the peo-
ple are kind, & it is the
busiest place you ever
saw. The climate is
very like that of Wash-
ington, & the heat during

this month has been in-
tense, & I suppose we shall
have no cool days until
October, I dread it, particu-
larly for Sanders, he
has to walk about 8 miles
a day, besides standing
in the sun all day,
thus for however he
has been well. Was not
the death of poor Jane
very sad, I feel so sorry
for Theodore & his
children, he has been at
the cottage for some
time past, but on the 23rd
goes to Geneva. I presume
Father keeps you informed
of all the doings of the
family, he seems to have
enjoyed his visit to Edgar
very much, going all about.
Sanders is so very busy that
I do all his correspondence
he joins me in love to Will the
children & yourself. Yours &c. Julia G. Irving.