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My dear Will.

I was more than a little gratified yesterday by the receipt of your letter of the 24th last. ^{May} And in return, will set down at once to commence a letter to you, as it has so happened of late, that I am always out of the way when there are reports sailing for your place. Besides which, since my marriage, I have been in a constant flurry and hurry; and with a head full of schemes and plans - Your letter appears to have had a long passage to me, tho' I assure you it is not the less welcome. The only fault with your letters to me is that they are so far between. but I am in hopes that in future they will be more frequent, particularly, as there is to be soon forthcoming a fan for me to convey to your old flame Ruth - As for the bewitching Ruth, I have not seen her since last Summer at Lebanon - I believe I have already given you an account of my visit to that place, and of my meeting with

him there; when I had a talk with him, and
she made very tender mention of your name,
& wishing to know how long before you would
be back &c. - At this my dear Will, I am not
the one to advise you to keep up filiation with
one who has none of the Kenickles. without - you
are determined to make a fortune pretty fast.
Still, I must say I think him a very fascina-
:ting creature: and do not hesitate to say
that you have left a lasting impression there.
On my return to New York I will try to find
him out, & learn something of him. and when
the fair comes, I will see that she gets it.
I think it more than likely that she will
be spending the winter there. Her sister, and
Fanny Goodhue were also at Lebanon, and both
looking very pretty - I have been here with a
wife since the first of October last; &
have returned to Sanger's long since had not
Amanda been taken down with a severe attack
of Cholera, and our plans thus all knocked
in the head. She was seriously ill for a short-
time, but is now getting up again, and I trust
will soon be perfectly restored again; this it
being now so late in the season, I should
not venture to take her on to Sanger's

this winter - We had made all our plans and
arrangements, had sent a good many little knick-
knacks around from here, our Sarah was to have
gone up with us, and in all, anticipated a
delightful winter; but - all were frustrated on
the eve of starting. However, we must make
the best of it, and as I shall have to go on
without my little wife, I shall leave in a
day or two; tho I don't think I should be
able to stay away from her any time -

I wish indeed you could only take a peep at
us, in our little cottage at Sanger's. However,
I trust it will not be long before you will be
able to - I am much pleased with living there,
being very tired of a city life. and if our making
but turns out prosperously, I shall feel very
contented. Two being there, will make it the
more agreeable, and then we will always have
a lot of friends around us. Pierre, is unfortu-
:nately becoming a little blue, but - then he keeps
it pretty much to himself. and in the end I
think it will wear off. He is a generous, whole
souled fellow, and I hate to see this blueism com-
:ing over him. but it is all to be attributed to the
Quers, who set the example, and first hammered
it into him. however, I trust it will have its
own cure - I have not seen Geo. Quers

for some time, tho' I believe he jogs on in the
same old trot. No much religion about him! -
The Deans continue pretty much as you left them, no
change yet! Ellen Dear (College) is said to be engaged
to that fellow Wilson, tho' I doubt it - Denning H. as
when you left. The two Kate Robinsons, as they were
also. Bev. is undoubtedly engaged to one of the two Miss
Jones, just above the bowling green, and old Jones does not
oppose to it. Wm. B. is still engaged to that Miss Stewart,
and no nearer being married than I can see of. He is
still in the Bank. When on my way to the Springs last
summer, he joined us at Albany, and continued with us
three or four days, quite smitten with Emily Tennant.

Madame continues quite devoted to the little Miss Rhine-
lander. She is a charming little girl, and a great-splunk.
You know, her mother and the lady that lives at the place where she was once
engaged, were sisters. and consequently, the young lady
is a prodigious favorite. But she is a sweet girl,
and one could stand a better chance than Theo. if
he is disposed - Kate & Sarah

to go into Society this winter, if they can be made
to. Sarah is the same queer creature that she
always was, and would be afraid to look at a man.
Kate is just such another - but Sarah improves
very much, and will be the best of the bunch. Julia
& Mary are at the Seminary, Troy. And Wash. H.
fortunately for him, has for last three weeks or so
been at a boarding school, at "Long-Sing". He will

make a smart-fellow if properly managed, but-is
perfectly lawless at-home - Little Charlotte is the
same little quiet-baggage as ever. -

Uncle Wash, has, a short-time since, bought
the little cottage below Osceola. You know he thought-
of it once before, and gave it-up again. but-when
lately on a visit-there, the fit-came over him,
and he made the purchase - I suppose he will
go to the expense of putting it-in order, and
then give it-up - Father is. I am

glad to say, very well. He was up to see Pierre
and myself several times, during the summer,
and enjoyed himself very much. I think old
age is beginning to show itself upon him, tho
he bears it-very well. I wish he could enjoy
the few remaining years of his life, free from
the cares of business. tho I see no chance for

tho some of his children may be more
wate than himself. and that-speedily. -
All is yet-a-talking with me - My name is
still on the rolls of the Marine Corps, and I
shall let-it-remain there as long as possible.
unless they molest-me. -

I believe Theodore intends soon to bring
out his "History of Florida" or something of that-kind.
and I hope it-may meet-with success. -

I believe I ought - to scold at you, for letting several
vessels sail for a foreign place without writing - you little
know how eagerly we all look for the most trifling
accounts of you. and more than all, when a vessel
arrives from Canton without a word from you. It
makes Father perfectly miserable - You ought - never
to let an opportunity slip, if only one time -

I have seen nothing of the Blackwells for
some time, and particularly poor Justine - I believe
they have been spending the Summer at some place
on the North river (Grassy point) - The Lord only knows
what has become of Justine, scamp of a husband.

The Thomas are drifting about as usual, &
worn out. - Louis Schornohorn is said
to be engaged to the remaining Miss Costar. -

Pen. Kasaack having failed in business, and
as is reported, dragged the old Doctor in for a
round sum, ~~of which~~ the splendid place
Hyde park is advertised for sale!

I believe I wrote you sometime since, to
send me for Amanda, an embroidered silk shawl.
She can now speak for herself, and if not already
sent; she would like a handsome, large sized, scarlet,
embroidered, silk shawl. I will make arrangements
for paying for it. And while I think of it. She,
together with Matilda and Emily, ~~only~~ a few minutes
since, send a whole cart-load of their best love to

you; Emily says she would give a good deal to
see you again. -

New York, Decr 23^d 1834

I arrived here last evening, and will
continue on to Saugerties this afternoon.
and so must close this -

I find that the "fan and accompanying
letters" have been rec^d by Ther. and safely
delivered -

All well -

Good bye -

Your affectionate mother

Edgar -

William Irving Esq
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Canton
China

My dear Sir

Yours very truly

Wm Irving



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