

Dear Will,

New York June 10th 1834

I had just done breakfast and was looking over the morning paper when I saw that the Caspar had cleared for Canton, as the wind is fair I fear she has already sailed, but I will scratch a line and run down to the pieren and see, as I fear you will be badly disappointed not to receive any letters - I have been on the look out for vessels that never heard of this ever being up, Falter is the one that generally berrets them out and he is now up at Sanger's - he went ~~about~~ about a week since to Troy with aunt and is now stopping on the way down to make Pemi a visit - Edgar is also there making arrangements for the consummation of his ~~marriage~~ marriage - nothing from you now for sometime - I began to feel very anxious to have a letter and if you are only well and in good spirits I will be quite content - when the season of hard labor is over and you are enjoying yourself in the society at Macon and find your prospects are brightening I and ^{my} ~~know~~ will write more cheerfully - I know exactly how you look back upon New York and dream of past scenes and pleasures that have been, but

in those reverses you never give a thought to the contraries - thus it was always with me. I used to sigh and say to myself after all there is no place like ~~home~~ New York - but then the want of money never entered my head.

Money - money - money! - worshipped by all in society here - and by none more than the lower part of creation. Yes - 'tis a melancholy fact the women here have made like obeisance with the men to riches. I once knew a girl in society - that let me be or any other nice young man be on one side and some puppet with wealth on the other ~~and she~~ and she will smile and look tender upon the puppet.

These are the girls of high life - without the circle of love there may be hearts. But here I have scarce time to say one word and I am talking about - I don't know what! - There is no news - I am not and I am about -

Those days - Little John Ogden was taken by Sarah Baker as a husband last week. The little fellow has not been seen since. Some say he was smothered - other that he fell in and was lost - and other - George Duer has determined to go to the West - he will start with George Hoffman in July.

Fanny Kemble is at last married - ~~officially~~ officially announced in the newspaper - Oh Perci - Perci! when thou didst praise Fanny great must have been the joy thou wert - delight almost worth dying for - I must go and see how

the lovely Fanny looks after her voluminous toil - doubtless languid and disengaged - old and young mourning and all are well - but every moment

decreases the chance of this reaching you so my dear will I must - see take you by the hand and to good bye - a precious part - inter - men but better than none - take care of yourself my dear

Believe

ever affectionately yours 7. 9

I send you the last ~~number~~ and would have sent you a lot of newspapers but I left home in such haste I forgot them -

Mr William Irving
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Canton
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~~New York~~ ^{Japan}



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