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Dear Bill,

Blood and Thunder! what an inconceivable quantity of news of all sorts both important & trifling I have to communicate!

What incredible and miraculous changes have taken place since you left here! But I am rather inclined to think that these changes being principally in me, and in every thing concerning ^{me} makes (and very naturally) every thing else appear to me altered! - Whether I am changed for better or worse I leave you to judge -

Lord! Lord! who would have thought it would now have come to this! That I should be - but stop; slow & easy - let me consider - what was I six months ago? you know I was a lazy, extravagant, ham-scared fellow; and amongst my other faults you may recollect that I was decidedly anti-matrimonial. - What am I now? Heavens! what a change! - why

the very reverse in every thing; most assiduously
attentive to business - bent upon making money
& keeping what I make for the benefit of "whom
it may concern" - strictly economical, (though
I hope not meanly so.) and not only am I
become an advocate for matrimony, but ac-
tually - (now, shut not Bill, nor jump
about the room and laugh & make a damned
judy of yourself because you are likely to win
"a suit of clothes to cost fifty dollars" as speci-
fied in our bet-) I say actually engaged to be
married!!!!!!! Yes Bill; our woman has
been the cause of all these miraculously changes
& that woman rules my every action, she can
twirl me about with her little finger, with no less
difficulty than I would experience in swallowing
a glass of Clos-Bouquet - you know how little
that is - Now I think you will probably stop
half an hour here to conjecture who this extraor-
-dinary woman can possibly be - & your first
guess will probably be Kitty Thomas - She
be damned - begging her pardon - No - it is one
whom you have not the pleasure of being ac-
-quainted with, and whom I hope you never

will know, except as Mr^{rs} W Duer Robinson -
but whose beauties I have more than once
pointed out to you, tho' you may not recollect
it - it is Miss Frances E Stewart - Oh! what
a "delightful hour of rapture" it was when we
first pledged our loves to one another, and
sealed that pledge with a thousands holy and
rapturous kisses! When I first declared my
love, with an expression how sweet and lovely
did she smile her approbation of it; and in
tones how melodious and enchanting did she
declare her own in return! But this is raphsod-
ical & altogether too romantic for the climate
of Canton - and rather egotistical withal - so
I must tell some news about other people by
-sides myself -

George Dure is just the same old two
and sixpence that you left him, if changed in anything
it is that he is somewhat more of a ladies man, for
he has been hell-bent on that little Van Rensselaer
Girl all summer - chasing her about from
place to place like a Chicken after a flying
grasshopper & with as little chance of success -
indeed I believe he has given it up as a desperate

Job, for he has lately become an attaché to Miss
Sabina Wells, & had a long flirtation with her
at West Point - That fellow has been living this
summer like a Lord with an Estate of ten thousand
a year - visiting all the fashionable watering
places, spending ten days or more at the Springs
& about a fortnight at the Point, to say nothing
of his short visits to Long Branch & Rockaway - while
I poor fellow, have been but four days out of town
this summer, & then it was to accompany
my choisie to the Springs, where I spent two days
with her, when I was obliged to return to the City
while she accompanied her father & mother
on a visit to Niagara, Montreal & Quebec -
She has however returned some time since, but
is obliged to go to Philadelphia to-morrow mor-
-ning, when she will probably remain a month
a fortnight of which time I shall spend there
with her - Amongst other fashionable on-dits
you will probably have heard through some other
source, of the engagement of Fanny Kemble to
Pierre Butler of Phil^a - which is positively true - indeed
some say they are already married, which I am ra-
-ther inclined to believe myself, and that having to fulfil

her engagement with Price, & Mr Butler not wishing her to appear on the stage as his Wife, may account for its not having been announced - She is now playing in Boston, to as full houses as ever, and we shall probably not have the pleasure of seeing her here for a long time, as another star has lately arrived from England, & makes her first appearance here to-morrow evening - that is Mrs Wood - formerly Miss Paton & afterwards Lady Wm Lenox - who is said to be the best English singer in the world, and as the New York fashionables are or affect to be excessively fond of Music, she is likely to draw better houses than even the Kembles -

George Durr was offered a very advantageous situation a few days ago, to go as Capt! Clerk to Sumatra & thence to Genoa, where he would in all probability have been made ap! Supercargo, but he made a great many objections to it, one was the shortness of the notice, and another & not the least important was that the Captain was a Temperance man, & he had not time to furnish any liquor for himself - Saunders accepted the situation the next day & the morning the vessel was to sail, & went off at three hours notice as

you have probably already heard —

And now Bill I believe I have given ^{you} all the news, I know of, and I flatter myself some of it is interesting, ~~that~~ ^{I think will be interesting to you} concerning your humble servant the writer ~~I flatter myself not the least~~ ^{as I really} believe you take some interest in me — ~~but if he~~ and that news could not have been communicated by ^{any} other person, unless by George Duer, & if he has not confirmed it I am afraid you will hardly believe it, but I assure you upon my honor it is a positive fact, and I hope I shall soon have occasion to send you a handsome suit of clothes —

Now I have spent a whole rainy Sunday morning in writing to you, I shall expect a wapping long letter from you in return — now do write by the first opportunity after you receive this — in the meantime believe me ever

Your most sincere friend

W Duer Robinson

P. S. If you hear of any very advantageous situation there for a young man about my size just let me know, I'll be after you like an oat in a thunder gust — & perhaps bring my family out —

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