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My dear Sarah,



I thank you for your long letter giving me such a budget of domestic news. That about Angelina's engagement is particularly interesting: I hardly knew where to be glad or sorry about it. I hope in her new condition she will not be obliged to work hard for she is not better for it. Soothe us she would always have been taken care of, and her health and strength conserved, but we could hardly expect that she would remain well as long - she is too pretty and amiable in her appearance not to attract attention and have admirers, and she might have made some unfortunate mistakes. If the man she has chosen is steady and industrious and can support her comfortably all

may go well with her. If he had been a thriving carpenter I should have been well pleased; but he may do well as a carman. I am ignorant of the profits of the calling. Mr. Brinwell may be able to ~~show her~~ give her employment. I feel quite attached to the poor little girl and shall miss her from our household. Tell her I shall endeavor to be present at the wedding; in the mean time put a hundred dollars at her command as a wedding present from me.

I am sorry Mr. Brinwell has deferred coming to the Springs for some days yet - as I doubt whether I shall remain here after their arrival. I feel a little fatigued with the heat of the place and with the work

attentions I receive began to be a task
upon my spirits. ~~However~~ I began to doubt
whether the water of the Springs is beneficial
to me, and whether it is not apt to act
excessively upon the head - I have ceased
to drink it.

Where are Pierre and Helen and
what are to be their movements. I
should like to fall in with them.

I am glad to hear that your brother
Leaham Little Kate is to pay a visit to
the cottage. I beg you all to make a
pal of her and keep her with you until
I return.

I am writing on half sheets of paper
for my stock is out. Writing still is a
labor to me so you must excuse my scrawl -
With love to all

Yours affectionately ever

Washington Irving



