

I have been thinking of writing my dearest friend
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without a doubt and was obliged to resign. Even on Sunday we
hear of the distress the merchants are all fussing about it & I
have sometimes thought how delightful it would be to spend
some time in your habitation where something else but
money could be heard. England is all suffering. But I think
of this it is the opinion of many that every merchant will look
out all the best goods. But say imagine what a condition
the city is in.
Now about the engagement which is interesting
to us. Cornelia is married. The object of her wishes is in
her possession a husband a fine house a horse &
carriage and money enough. I am almost certain she has
married for an excellent husband. Poor Cornelia from my
heart I pity her and fear she will never realize the
happiness she anticipated with all her faults I really
feel attached to her. I am afraid she was dangled with
the Arabian's riches. It is certainly an undiscoverable
looking character and from the sentiment he has expressed
in saying that I should like a husband to be. I have
expressed myself perhaps too freely I said more than I ought
to say respecting Cornelia. But it is what I cannot help feeling
to you. Say what I would not to another. She was
married in the evening I went up to his house that same
evening only think how foolish she must have felt. Oh it
is shocking and she ought not to have gone quite so soon.
I sat down by her when the two companies and have noticed
her since. I was not well when she returned my visit. I shall
miss her much of her again probably.

This is a miserable scandal I am afraid of it

As for Mary you could not have been much surprised at that
match. Mary is very inexperienced for her years (I think
considering all things it is a good match he is a little too old
that is the only objection. Mary is a sweet girl I love her very
much and feel the greatest interest in her. She will not be
married this summer. I wish she could remain as she is 3 or
4 years longer. As for me Emma you & I will keep each other
company. It is quite an impossible thing for me to be married
so you need never fear for me. Do you know that Treat is
engaged to a Miss Schermerhorn he has met with in Europe &
this is all I know about it. Our little circle is sadly broken up
never to meet as we have met it is melancholy to think it is so.
Lenny Remick and Mary Rhinelandt are not yet engaged. Miss
Rhinelandt has gone to Hell Gate again. I never seen her to
speak to her since we left Hell Gate. Emma do you know
that I suspect there was some truth in what was told me
feel badly every time I think of it. It was a domineering if true
I can forgive if all and have sent her into oblivion but in
spite of all my efforts I cannot help thinking about it sometimes
& never but with pain. He for a talk with you. Don't read this to
any one I beg you. I could not have been more surprised than to hear
of Mr Kendrick's engagement & I don't know what to think of it.
He is too perfidious and if he can ever look upon the past & be
happy his heart is one I should never wish to be mine.
Mr Davis was here last Saturday evening he told me the
was much better if you wish to know what he said I will
write it to you, or "lay it on the shelf" until we meet.

Jim Gold has lost all his property & gone home to Whitesboro; I
do not know what he will do. Mr Dexter it is feared will lose
his also. Mrs F is in wretched health. How pleasant it will be
for you to go to Benjamin Raymond's, he is a kind young man.
Since I wrote I have been to Mr Paruly. He
enquired after you & your mother & said you were a charming
girl. He is "sweet Mr Paruly" as you used to call him, I should
really like to go again. When I sat down in the chair, I
thought, this is where Emma sat, and it was delightful to
think you had been there. The battery is lovely now I

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Miss Emma Vickard.

Belvidere.

always think of you when I go there. Would you not like to
stop for ice cream. We used to have nice times did we not?
I feel convinced we shall again be together I am sure
we shall, but when or where I cannot even imagine. I
have not seen either Phil or Mary lately. Willie Raymond