

News

Augt. 29 1843

The copious rains of the last fortnight have made this place dear for most beautiful our mare her fold and 1. 2. & 3 year old colts are fed very on the lawn half stone deep in clover. She is so old that her teeth are bad and with nursing her colts is rather thin and probably will never again be as beautiful as she has been. She will probably give us her last ^{old} colts (I hope it will be a filly) next spring. Syrius (3rd year part) is perfectly broken to the saddle & harness and drives him short distances every day. The two year old part I thought was ring barked but as he is not I intend to have him altered this fall and make the two full brothers a span. They are very much alike and certainly as to blood will be unequalled. The yearling is taller & will be I think a more stylish looking horse than either of the others. ^{The two year old} ~~He~~ will, ^{be} brought into use this winter & may be driven with Syrius next summer with safety & advantage. Let the old man ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{be} ~~dedicated~~ ^{dedicated} to do all the work of the farm. Our Forestry is doing wonders. The Peach trees are almost all in full bearing and with very fine fruit better I is said than any that can

can be purchased in N.Y. and so are many
of the pear trees particularly the Van Dick ones - our
millions of fruit will - altho the best weather
is required to them the Peaches and our garden
yields us so great abundance and variety
of excellent vegetables every I must say to
an good mother skill and perseverance
she can make her own all the work - I have
got a new coachman who is a most capital
driver being one as I am told from a
Stage so that four in hand is our common
team. We are passing the summer most
pleasantly altho with very great economy.

The drought required may destroy some
very many of the trees I planted out
this spring. Not full I hope to fill
up the whole space in the rear of the
House - quite back to the Freillery by
sowing forest seed & transplanting trees
we begin to understand what they have
long known in England. That the surest & shortest
way to make a forest is to begin with
the seed and to transplant twice. I am
preparing to go largely in that way this
autumn. I am the most full to transplant
the first time & the most full to put the
trees exactly where I want them. The trees
in fruit & in the rows of the House are growing
well - my farmers are industrious
and obedient people. They have put
in very large crops and I hope will
do well for themselves as well as me.

I find that the half is more than the whole - and that it
costs nothing in labour - Be assured this is the best reason
for me to farm.

The business of the country is prospering - The unemployed
capital is greater than I ever saw before - The price in all
the banks of the State equals the whole circulation
in London ~~£5,000,000~~ - The former being 14 Millions the latter
is ~~£5,000,000~~ ^{£10,000,000} - The deposits amount to more ²⁴ Millions
~~£10,000,000~~ - The Political agitation is beginning particularly in the
system of the Democrats Calhoun & Van Buren - The former
is certainly increasing in strength - and well I think
no doubt be a candidate whether the latter is or
not. C's friends say they will support the nominee
of the Convention if it is held at a proper time (next
Spring) & is properly constituted (That is by delegates
sent from Districts) The Van B. Party have graduated
this fall but the level they draw not yet.

Then feel that the level they draw not yet
and should C. find he is in a narrow way
he & his friends is when Democrats call
on the Convention & he will make Clay
will certainly rise in the Whig ranks when he is defeated
Especially is our support dim and I had be careful
for the Crisis? We think not - It is now to be feared
that the Country will be torn by civil war
in its very heart - In 25 years the Power
of Sula will be turning very rapidly to its origin
that State of a wilderness - Democracy brings bitter
fruit in all countries but particularly so in
Europe where the People are so entirely incapable
of governing themselves from their extreme ignorance
and their being so unacquainted with the
business - Your dear Mother is in most excellent
health. Mary is growing fat Angelina is without
doubt Clara & Fanny & the children are well
They are all now with us - we will look for
you most likely with satisfaction in the future.

That we will hear of your restored health & safe
 return to your post. We hear of Dr. Briggs' return
 to his family. They are much flattering as to your
 God bless you soon. Pray & keep you in
 safety -
 Your affectionate father J. H. H.

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From Pa
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I hope you are making notes and now and then reading
 a little Horace - but we know all about the same
 people who are at the Hotel -