

Hudson Square - Friday -

I hope, my dear Em., you have not quite renounced me - you have been so long without writing that I am afraid you have not cared as much as usual about hearing ^{from me}, but as I am past the age of being affronted at young ladies laziness, I shall tell you a little of ourselves, and make enquiries ^{which, with these approaches} ~~about~~ I am sure, will soon bring me a letter - Your Aunt Corden has been spending her summer between D. Hotell's, Newburgh, where she has comfortable lodgings with a Mrs. Corden (Mr. Rhind's sister) and she has been very well & has enjoyed the country extremely - She did not find her home at Mr. Kapelge's agreeable enough to tempt her to remain longer, and we are looking for rooms near us for her, which she will come to town & take possession of, as soon as we can find any - The whole style of living at her sister's was so different from what she has been accustomed to, and her temper not a very conciliating one, that we thought Mrs. C. would be far more independent, and probably be kept up, if she had separate lodgings, and I daresay it will suit Mr. H. better too - David

is his right hand man, and has the management of his property - selling lots &c in which his fortune, principally consists - he has left ready money that any rich man in town, tho' he feels the inconvenience of it, yet has hitherto, been unwilling to sell his land - he does now however, & David has full employment in attending to it - and seems to have both his Uncle & Aunt's entire confidence - Tho' this is not much to us at present, yet I think it impossible that Mr. R. - will not give him a slice of his immense estate, when he can no longer enjoy it himself - at least it is a brighter prospect for poor David who has had such pecuniary difficulties to struggle ^{with}, for 5 or 6 years past - You see, my dear Em, I take it for granted you are interested in us - I am sure, too your mother will be glad to know how her Aunt & cousin are getting on - I shall expect in return to know a great deal about your household - I have not seen an individual this summer who could tell me anything of your concerns, except your grand father two days ago, ^{and} whom I was going to hear that poor Matilda has had a very sick child - I trust she is quite free from anxiety now, as I think he said her little boy was upon the recovery - He told me Julia & George had both got home

George much relieved from a very violent fever he had had - but I dare say you will hear from Julia, & indeed I know nothing more, for I only saw Mr. Hoffman for a moment in the street - David was sick for a fortnight this summer too, a sort of bilious fever - he never was obliged to be in bed, but kept the house and was very weak after, and we went to Lacaboga for a week, where the waters quite cured him - Since that, we have spent two or three days at West Point with the Dr. Rhams, and are going next week for ten days to Boston - so you see we are in the true spirit of patriotism - We have not moved in the country this summer, & have had Cholera all round us, but we have neither suffered ourselves nor have we lost anybody we cared about - There have been many more cases & deaths than the papers have reported, & upon the whole, tho' the number ^{attacked} bears no comparison with 1832, yet the proportion of deaths is as great - a melancholy proof that Physicians have not as yet made much progress in the ^{treatment} ~~management~~ of it - I meant my dear Em, to send you a winter book, but as I find there is nobody going to Hamilton who could take charge of a parcel, I have enclosed \$15 and beg you will make choice of one you

I will not send you such palling proofs of my regard
of Uncle Raps: lengthens my purse, dear Emma - in the
mean time you must believe that the shortness of it alone
hurts my following my inclination to ~~proffer~~ give you the use
of it freely - Good bye, remember me kindly to all with you
thine one affectionately Yours F. Colburn -

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