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My Dear Mother

I have just received your letter and was happy to hear you were well and that Gardiner's health was tending to improve. I am spending my time very pleasantly. We ride out every day at Woburn with the baby, and when the weather is pleasant we generally go out again in the afternoon either to walk or drive. I have had a number of ladies to call on me, and shall tomorrow return some of their visits, there is a large party to-night at Mrs. Grosvenor's. Eliza wishes me to go but I decline, but I regret it should make no difference about her going, so she and the Dr. are going it is two miles out of town, I have enjoyed large parties and as I had no dress suitable for the occasion, I decided not to go. — I was very much surprised to hear of the Platoon and his family going to Europe. I had seen it announced in the papers but thought it might be a mistake meaning Philip. It is singular I don't yet seem to have seen any thing about it, Mrs. Annis, Miss Ship, Mrs. Stephen, and Dr. Potter too, if he leaves Albany

which probably he will. I have thought a great  
deal about <sup>her</sup> and how lonely she would be this winter  
since I hear of the Patrons going to Europe. if you  
get a letter from Sarah, you must send it to  
me. — I was sorry to hear Mr. Strong had died  
& now again, I cannot tell yet what time I  
shall return but I shall be at least a week  
longer here. Eliza will return with me unless  
she goes by the way of Shelter Island to  
New York. She has promised to spend a day or  
two there. And she thought she would go to  
them and then take the Long Island Rail Road to  
New York. She has not decided yet which  
way she will go. She does not intend taking  
the baby. She is bustling and the weather is so  
chilling. She is afraid of giving her cold. She  
thinks she cannot be more than a day at John Hill  
for she will have a good deal of shopping to do in  
New York. and her visit will be rather  
a surprise one, as she leaves the baby behind.  
The baby is very healthy and large of her age  
but not very forward. She neither walks or  
creeps yet. — We had some young ladies staying  
at Mrs. Clippard's and Mr. Howard here to the  
a few evenings since. And we all went to  
the Picture Gallery the next evening. There  
is a very fine collection of pictures exhibited  
at present by the R. I. Art Association. Eliza.

Join me in best love to all at home. Do write  
again soon, Remember me to all inquiring friends.  
And believe as ever your affectionate  
Shugate Yarnum

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Joanna Kainyer  
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