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My dear Em.

P.S. I was very sorry to hear
of your leaving foot my
dear Em. How pale you
saw you little there you

I have this moment
received your letter and hasten to
thank you for it. In spite of my
being letter before Christmas the
reason was to us a pleasant one
your Grandpa was convalescent on
New-Year's day and has been very well
since - our mornings slip away almost
as pleasantly this winter as the last.
Though we Miss Matilda's Music to her
& Miss Holt's voice to enliven them. Bro.
Lawrence, Wm Dyer, "the year in
Spain" & Wm Verplanck generally
drop in during the week and always

continue to meet on Sunday evening.
Tom & Har is as agreeable as ever Bro
Lawrence & Wm Verplanck have much
improved. and "the year in Spain" the
woman are crazy about. He and I
are very intimate and though Julia
loves more of him than any one else
she takes it quietly as usual. I will
try and get a review I wrote of his book
Laff Moore & send it to Matilda as it
was the first notice that appeared of a
work that has since become so popular.
Mr "the year in Spain" is an officer in
the Navy of about six and twenty he has
travelled in Italy France Holland England
& South America and is an intimate
& particular friend of Wash^g Irving, to
whose life of Columbus he wrote some notes
he wears a Spanish cloak and rides
a long tailed grey horse "Caparisonado" on

Militaire" - he rides together a great
deal and has accomplished upwards
of a thousand miles on horse back this
summer. The other afternoon my horse
was startled by a pig coming rapidly behind
him & when I attempted to get out of the
way he reared & strait up on his hind legs while
the guttaft of the pig came with full
force against his haunches - he reeled out
of the road and flung your uncle in to it
but while he was picking himself up from
the dirt - "the y. in Spain" had stopped the pig
and made the driver apologise for their
carelessness for you see he is a complete
cavalier. I merely mention these things
as Matilda seems to feel some curiosity
about the gentleman. I omit mention
his name because ^{at this time} with that she is of
course acquainted, and all the girls here
speak of him by the epithet I use. Poor Julia
yet craves to hear about him - to be sure
she talks to him more than to any body else

but then he converses more with her ^{more} than the
 other gentlemen who visit at the house. Some
 people say that his ^{eldest} brother the District Attorney
 of New Orleans and the younger one who writes
 poetry for the "Atlantic Southerner" have more talent
 but I don't believe a word in it and your Grandpa

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agrees with me - Your Grand Pa. desires his love to you
 & your Mother & Matilda I have scrawled this
 in great haste My dear Emma for "The Star in Spain"
 is waiting for me - You may show however to
 Matilda to whom give your Mother's love My love
 I am ever
 ever yours affectionately
 C. H.