

Sunny Side Thursday evening Jan. 28. 1859.

My dear Kate



SIR

I believe that I am two letters in your debt, at least I think that there are two not yet acknowledged.

I have them not at hand to refer to their dates, and I must make a very lame apology for my seeming neglect to reply, but I presume that you will excuse the apology if I only give you in its place some account from Sunny Side. I must first however remark that the letter which in the first above alluded to, you say that your mother had written to me the week before, has not come to hand. She probably employed the same post by which she said that she wrote to me some seven or eight months ago with considerable detail of her family matters, the last letter has no doubt gone the way of the first and I expect that I shall receive both together one of these days should they happen to meet.

Your cousins the Grinnells returned to their City establishment only a very short time before Christmas we were well pleased to have them so long in our vicinity, and miss them much, and shall probably have cause to complain of a long absence, for I have heard a rumor that they contemplate sailing for Europe in June next, to be absent a twelve month; the whole family I am told are to go. Mr. and Mrs. Grinnell, Julia, Fannie, and Irving. Mr. Irving is a student in Columbia College. I presume that he will graduate before they sail.

I may have mentioned in a former letter that your uncle Theodore I had been very ill, he recovered slowly, but is now

quite well again though very thin. he attributed his illness to the location of his dwelling; the land around it is low and flat and troubled with "chills and fever" he succeeded in obtaining a good house in the adjoining hilly region, and nearer his church, and I learn that the family are pleasantly and comfortably situated; his engagement for the house however is only until May next, and it is as yet uncertain whether he will be able to extend it.

I have a letter to day from your California Uncle Washington written on New Year's Eve, in which he speaks with delight of the letters he had received from home; he was in fine health and getting along very fairly, and sends his remembrances to all relations.

I do not recollect whether I have told you that your Uncle Edgar's son Washington had turned his attention to the sea. A good opening offering here. Your Uncle Edgar made intimate among his old messmates to obtain for him a situation as captain's clerk on board one of our ships of war, and succeeded with Captain Kennedy of the "Sloop of War" "Jamestown." Captain K. and your Uncle were messmates in their young days on board the Sloop of War Warren on a cruise of some three years in the Mediterranean. Washie is quite pleased with his berth, and sailed in the "Jamestown" the day before Christmas in fine spirits for "Orpinwall" on the 10th inst.

There is likely to be some addition to your Uncle Pierre's family. I am told that his son Leslie has taken a fancy to a Miss Carey and that the couple are under engagement.

The wedding day is not yet fixed but I presume it will not be very distant. I do not know how "full of socks" the lady's pockets may be, but understand that the mother is a widow with two daughters, living at New Brighton in comfortable style.

Your messenger to Robert and the inmates of his cottage are in fine health and all getting on well. Mr. Mc Linden added a fine boy to the flock some five or six months since of which I am inclined to think that you had not heard, so that Robert now has three boys and one girl and all very promising.

Yesterday was my birth day and I was gratified by the kindnesses and attentions of the family; your Uncle Pierre unexpectedly came up to see me and the next train of cars brought your Uncle Theodore I. your Uncle Edgar and Saunders could not leave the City, but sent me kind and affectionate letters all this helps to cheer me as time draws towards its close with me.

but the "bell rings" and I must stop, I have sufficient time however to add that I am affectionately

thine dear Kate

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