

Sunny Side, Sunday evening Dec. 20. 1857.

My dear Kate

I duly received your last of 7th instant and the two previous letters which you seem to think had failed to reach me came to hand in the regular course of the mail.

I must confess that I felt somewhat disappointed in reading your last to find no mention of your cousins the Dodges, who I told you were about to return to their home on the banks of the Yadkin in North Carolina, and who proposed stopping for a day or so on their way in Washington City. As your letter is entirely silent respecting them ~~they~~ may not have had time to call at 28. 4th Street which I should much regret.

The Grinnells and other ~~summer~~ neighbours have returned to their winter quarters, and those who are permanently located here have made their winter arrangements.

I may have mentioned in a former letter that your uncle Edgar's son Warren had engaged in some Western lumber speculations with handsome prospects, but the times have changed these expectations, and he has withdrawn from that business. being thus thrown upon his own resources and nothing offering to occupy his time, he turned his attention to the Navy and sought a situation

as Captain's clerk. Your uncle Edgar you may be aware was for several years in his young days - a midshipman in the navy and made many friends among the officers. Your uncle succeeded in getting him a place with Captain Kennedy commanding the Sloop of war "Jamestown". Captain K. is an old friend of Edgar's; they were messmates on a long cruise in the Mediterranean.

The Captain is said to be a gentlemanly and very worthy fellow, and Walker promises himself a pleasant time - the ship has just been fitted for sea and will probably sail from Phil^a in a very few days - the ship is attached to the Home Squadron under Commodore Hiram Paulding an old friend of the family - Walker may chance to see some

series. for there is a report that the "Jamestown" is ordered to Nicaragua to look after the great "filibuster". Walker and his gang - another report is that she will be sent to Venezuela to back a demand on government has made on that, for redress of certain wrongs suffered by some of our citizens and which that government have endeavored to evade by shuffling and procrastination.

I perceive that you have not attended to the suggestion in my last that you should correct your mode

of addressing your letters to me: the last two or three are directed to Ebenezer Irving. I said that the letter a is not in my name - it should be E. Ebenezer - it is as well to drop the long name and address me, as many of my relatives and friends do. as E. Irving

But it is getting late and I will conclude my letter in your style that "the bell rings"

May get the sister to stop that bell, for it rings in every letter, and no doubt cuts off much very pleasant material that you would communicate were it not for its clapper.

Thine dear Kate

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