

attends to her chickens, comes home and dresses all before breakfast time, she is then busy for everybody, sewing, reading etc. all day long & of course ready for her bed by nine o'clock. This afternoon etc. from the Grand parents left us, they have been here nearly two weeks and were distressed & anxious to get home. We expected George & Lucy back by the Steamboat, but only received a note from him saying that they had got back to New York but that as Robert was sick he would be detained until tomorrow, poor George suffered a great deal at first from the announcement of the sudden death of Legue (an account of which you will see in the Intelligencer) but George with his usual kindness, came directly in from Boston, where he & he were when it happened, and not only broke it to her gently, with such agreeable little details as he had got from Bigelow, but brought her to New York, where I then was & had taken her since to Bridgeport, he thinks that the sea air agrees with her, & that she is doing well. poor Legue! Attorney General & as good as Secretary of State, perhaps the distinction of his whole life but just grateful, What a comment upon Thomas Paine, they are built upon a light fabric, & Thomas Paine, divine disposed. It is a pleasure to his friends to know that he was perfectly calm & composed, although aware for twenty four hours, when mortification had taken place that he could not possibly live.

Dined at Julia's when I was in town at her first Company dinner, and it was quite amusing the increased housekeeping. a party Carrie Cambridge & I & I the two guests, we were assembled, and at four when the guests were expelling the announcement the waiter could not be found to set his table, we got dinner at five, & a nice little dinner it was, & was glad enough that it had not missed altogether, Lewis appeared very well at the head of his table, is quiet but attentive, has very nice wines, and carries remarkably well, but he is still acts well enough in regard to Mrs. Ray, but talks of how he may get rid of the trouble of doing things for her & this not only before me, que que se fait, it makes no difference. Julia is lively, very happy, & going up to Haast's very tomorrow to make her second visit & pass the 4th delighted & delighting. Angeline goes bravely on with the painting, her mark is oil

pictured, and she gets along quite well. Julia's house is on the Corner of Mercer St. & Barclay place, near where Mrs. Lett once lived to their great delight, it being a two story house madame mine could not condescend to live; and they are alone, for this far at least. I spent one day over at the kind & hospitable Nathan's Staten Island. Miss Genevieve some how or other kept us laughing all the time and as nothing could be more refreshing than that exquisite sea breeze & sea view we had strength for it. I think I have never seen such a view, The Hills all round, the North River, the Bay, the Ocean, cities, villages, ships, the Aqueduct all within a few miles. I saw a great deal more. Fanny spent the same day at the Godwins with her friend Mrs. Livingston & returned in the boat with us, don't you think your family is sufficiently itinerant, but if you have to stay all this summer at Madrid you will have to do the stationary for all of us. The great amusement in N.Y. has been the French Opera & Vandeville Compt. at Niblo's an excellent troop from New Orleans, & a fashionable resort, consequently it is well attended & goes off with spirit, I saw & Ambassador, but how far is the music of these French Composers. I am glad you speak of an Opera, a resource for evenings, but with the thermometer perhaps at 90 it is impossible. Good night, & remain it is late for the Country. Wednesday 28th. The Wagon returned from the boat this afternoon well filled George, Lucy & two Joneses Mary Ann & Katy for the Cottage. They speak of the City as very hot, & enjoyed much the delicious breeze up here. Pa is much better to day, so much so, that he got on his horse this afternoon & rode over to the farm, there is no news from town of general interest. The domestic news speaks of the return of Uncle Phil & Rebecca, & that Fanny & baby are coming up here on Saturday afternoon, the family at Cathonia continued well they leave the farm for Brandywine Springs about the 4th of July. Borden and the 'Steam' are supposed to be under way for Miss, her P. 2 trip. We are talking of a little excursion to Thine best to eat cherries. Cambridge seemed so anxious for me of our picnic with it if it comes off at all it must be done next week in the cherries will be gone, we have had such a drought that I suspect it will rain all next week. I think for friend Mrs. Lett had full reason to be alarmed at the prospect of travelling in that

horrible Country of Joux, it is at the risk of one's life. Minturn was
 here today, he has ^{been} cured of the Influenza homoeopathically in
 a very short time, we are all becoming converts to that system, you
 must meet some Dr of the kind when you are, & consult with
 him, we are going to send the old piano over to the Minturns for
 the summer, they have none up here, it will probably treat ~~himself~~
 in an or Med, George & I absent. Charles Hamilton has returned, a
 man taller than his father, not handsome. George says, & probably
 further determined, he is now treated with all that winning for
 titmuss for which Uncle John is famous, all his sayings quoted,
 & that in negligé and indifferent style when he is going etc

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29th George & I go down tomorrow Morning, we have been busy all the
 Morning transporting the old piano to the Minturns, where it now stands
 safe and ready. the great heat of the day has this afternoon been relieved
 by a falling shower. George & I have been in the bed, I looking over a
 part of Theodore Boster's life & a part of "Martin Cuy's letter", both very
 amusing, the reading Webster's Bunker Hill speech. I & Maria down
 stairs, we have had such a drought, that we are afraid we are suffering