

apologetical epistle to her my Troy Ladie Love - That was nearly two weeks since and yet no answer, perhaps she intends treating me with silent contempt; and if I was a young woman I don't know but I should do the same thing - if she adopts that course, then were well -

As to Mary R. the more I think of her and her ungrateful sweetness, and contrast my ~~own~~ present - uncertain, unsatisfactory existence, with her maturity and wealth with her, the more I regret - & my want of prudence or what is the same thing not having had you to aid me in my troubles - From our parting I think she is still kindly disposed and as I have behind me strong friends I think something may take place yet - I shall wait a few days longer to hear from Troy, and if I do not, shall consider that affair as ended - I shall then write a few lines to of sympathy to Mrs R and make mention in a delicate way of my attachment - In M. and give her to understand that it is no fault of mine that things did not go farther - this will I have no doubt be shown to M. and may lead to something - it will at least show them that I consider I have been ~~tricked~~ discouraged and am not off out of a spirit of flirting - as soon as you can with propriety foot - to Hell gate, do so - and endeavour to find out how the fair one stands affected towards me, and if you have a chance give her to understand, in a delicate manner, my attachment - In her - I begin to think I am a sad dog, as you say - poor Mary with her deep dark dammed black eyes - I did not mean to flirt with her, nor did I - we found each other very agreeable, ~~alone~~, walked, talked together, wore an eternal friendship which grew neither warmer nor colder in me, though it seems to have been subject to change in her, for on making myself partly agreeable to her

Sister Angelica, she grew jealous, called me a flirt, posted and thereby
excited a rather stronger feeling than mere friendship. - you will acknowledge
that this was no jest of mine. - I know Uncle W's opinion of my
flirting as he told me himself, - but as to my flirting to gratify a petty
sort of vanity I deny it in toto. - When I find a sweet young creature,
especially one of those, who ~~are ignorant of~~ possess that blessed ignorance
of what is called the world and the world's ways, my heart warms
towards them - and when I find they like me, like the rest of mankind
I like them. - don't you do the same? - my sad reputation used to trouble
me at one time, but I have got used to it at last - and what is more
I do not find that I get on any the worse with the women - meet with
success in society and escape calumny and you will be a wonder -
proof - for being accused of flirting with Mary H. - I made it a point
never to myself at several parties to Mrs B. and I soon heard from
all quarters that I was flirting with her. - the only way is to keep the
even tenor of your way, and let the world talk as it may.

I was perfectly aware of the reason of Uncle's coldness towards me - had
he acted differently I should have done likewise. - when he saw that I was
discouraged he, instead of increasing, as he should have done, his kindness, grew
exceedingly distant. - this I could not brook and I mentally swore I
would not speak in the subject to him again. - I knew exactly upon
what tenure my having his friendship rested and that in giving
up my pursuit of M. R. - he and I should be twin - but who would
give a curse for kindness which was prompted by such selfish motives.
I feel grateful to him for all that he has done, be his motives what they may.
He means well but like every body now a days has grown worldly -

His coldness towards me was no doubt prompted with a certain degree
of envy of ours, of whom you make mention. - she seemed to be jealous of any one
who possessed any of his regard and by dint of jealousy, becoming ~~entirely~~
entirely and what not, has blinded the distinguished and then at the price
of losing the esteem of all who know her, and have been disgusted by her conduct.

I got so out of conceit of her at last - that it was with difficulty I could speak
to her and she observed it - and went on - Talking of cousins I would hint
that I do not believe it necessary, that you be particular in your attention to
Helen. - why I speak is, that Sanders has a rough way of speaking to and
behaving towards her, though I know he does not mean any thing and
would not hurt her feelings in the world, but Helen is extremely and ex-
-tremely sensitive and is made more so by her dependent situation and
it was my study to make her forget that - and her sister is our best
friend - she is as warm and true hearted a girl as ever breathed,
any magic to save those that were dear to her. - she has
longer than J. P. has in her whole handsome body -

I do wish with you most heartily that - ~~the girls~~ some of us in
situation to make the girls entirely independent of relatives. - though I do not see
but they are - they don't require favours from any one while our dearest
father lives, and when he is taken away, I will tell myself but they
shall be independent. - But it is time to put an end to this long
go pepping letter. - the fact is we were together most of a time that I had
not begun to tell you any thing and you must expect me occasionally
to write lengthy letters - as to speculation here I have not much
to say - you are aware of the purchases I have made, since which
property had been pretty much at a stand. - prices are firm and no
one doubts there will be a considerable rise - some say next month, others
not till July - of course my success depended upon that - I would make

some capital investments elsewhere, but shall do nothing until I have effected
a sale of what - as 'old' - There was great living of funds in the learning
the papers of - the bank charter - I have not - room to give you note
of my late movements to Auburn - but shall soon write again -
What - the devil is the commodity to do at - Toledo? Send me my

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Shirt - I will persue you till you do - Tailor, bosom, upper, under
cotton shirts are ad-decent - to cover the bosom or backside - Had I the
change by me I would pay the postage of this double letter, as it is you
will have the pleasure of having in what you read - I am glad to
learn you have a vibration - and you out - the work will be soon over
and you will not have such damn' bad time as you anticipated
you.

Reply speedily -

T. B.

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