

Hudson Square - Monday 8th April.

My dear Emma -

I had really begun to fear you had quite forgotten me, and was very glad to get your kind letter: you know I feel great interest in you, and naturally desire to hear what plans you are pursuing, and how they succeed. I am sure with your strong desire to be of use, & the pains you are taking to improve yourself, you must be at last successful tho' I know it requires great patience & perseverance when encouragement comes so slowly. Gratiela's little boy must be a great pleasure to you who I think was very fond of children. You will have heard nothing but melancholy news for some time past. Mr. Storer and poor Frances Hoffman's still more distressing death has been a shock to every body, and ~~you~~ write often we have felt truly for upon the loss of Annall. yesterday Mr. Lindley Hoffman's baby died of inflammation of the lungs - ~~and~~ what afflictions they have had ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ every kind branch of the

of the Hoffman family - they must tremble for the life of
every child they have - Mr. Martin Hoffman has been in
town all the winter and looks uncommonly well - It is
thought she will live with Murray - He had taken a larger
house before his wife's death, and as Mr. Hoffman talked
of moving to town, it seems a pleasant plan - poor
Murray will need all her kindness and cheerfulness
to make his home tolerable. Your Aunt & ^{Uncle} Colden are both
well and David my lady says looks remarkably well.
Mr. Colden is making a visit on the Canal, and for a few
days Mr. C. is staying here - Give my ^{best regards} ~~and affection~~ to your
mother & Matilda and believe me your affectionate friend.
Lewis F. Colden.

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Miss Emma Nicholas.

Professor Whitman.

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