

Elliot's Mills. M^d

Lucy's side Oct 5th 1858
a mistake -

My dear Sarah,



I have just received your most welcome letter of the 4th giving me the Lucy's side names. I trust you will continue to keep me posted up in the events of that interesting region; as, notwithstanding their importance, I can never get any intelligence concerning them in the public papers.

I am glad the new house pleases you as the finishing proceeds. Keep an eye on it, and make any suggestions that your judgment and taste may suggest. I hope the painter will hit the right tone of colour. The roof should be reddish - about the tone of the roof of the cottage. I am sorry to

be about while this little building is
in progress; but trust all will turn
out to my satisfaction.

I am convinced someone must follow
William Fallon is poisoning among
my women-kind; and that Bondage
will soon be led to the 'halter' like
her sister. I begin to tremble for
the safety of Susan. She is too comely
not to attract admirers. If she is car-
ried off by matrimony I shall be driven
to give up all comely women as house-
hold stock.

I am passing my time very plea-
santly. The weather is delightful and
I am every day in horseback for several

hours taking rides with her or her sister
nearly about the beautiful woodland
country, by which we are surrounded.

The day after my arrival my charming
young friend Mary Delaney and her sister
Andrews came out to pass a few days
here. Their presence has added to the
brightness and gaiety of the house. They
are lovely in character as well as in
person; Miss Andrews you know is an
accomplished musician, and ever ready
to take her part at the piano. Mary
Delaney returned to Baltimore last
evening, to prepare for a visit to New
York, where she goes next week for the
first time. She is full of anticipation
having heard so much of the Chester
Palace. And why - the Opera &c &c
I can easily ^{imagine} ~~imagine~~ ~~what must be~~

what a first visit to New York must
be to a young girl of eighteen. I
only regret that I should not be in
New York at the time - as I certainly
should have her up on a visit to Sandy
side.

Perhaps you may meet her at the
shrovetide palace. You will know her
by her being the most beautiful creature
there.

We shall set off for Virginia some-
time in the early part of next week. I
suppose our visit there will occupy
about a fortnight - after which I shall
push for home as fast as possible - though
I suppose there will be some attempt
to hold me by the skirts.

With love to all in both houses



Your affectionate uncle

Washington Irving