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Nearly two months have gone
my dearest Emma since you left here and I have been constantly
expecting to hear from you of your safe arrival I wrote to you the
beginning of October surely there has been time for my letter to reach
you and be answered. I have regretted more and more every day
that I went to Boston at the time I did but I did not mean of
such a thing as your starting off for the West in such a hurry,
your visit in town must have been dull and sad enough,
I hope though the Doctor's affairs are not likely to suffer very
materially from his not being able to raise the sum he hoped
in New York and that you will not have to sacrifice property
which at some future time must be a fortune, do let me know
what you have done about matters and whether you have
determined to remove any where else where the Doctor's profession
may be a sure means of income, how did you bear the journey and
how is your baby and the Doctor's pain in his back I want to
know particularly about you all. Tell me of Matilda too and
her family she seems quite to have given me up.

I have been in town just one week after quite a perilous journey
of three days and nights from Boston, we ran off the track in
the cars, grounded in the steamboat and then encountered so
heavy a sea in the sound that we had to put back, and
finally left the boat returned to Wmester and took the

Western railroad to Hudson and so come down the river. I am
quietly settled in my winter quarters in the third story of a
private boarding house in Murray street we have a back bed room
with a fire place and a small middle room without where Katy
and I sleep on two cots, the larger room I have given to Charles and
I use it as a sitting room all day I preferred that he should have
it as in case he wrote late at night it would not be convenient
to keep Katy and myself from our room, our accommodations are
not very splendid but quite comfortable and the house is very
clean and the table sufficiently well provided, the life of a private
boarding house is altogether new to me you know, and it takes
me a little time to become accustomed to it but if we succeed
in "making both ends meet" to use an inelegant expression, I shall
be perfectly contented to look forward to nothing better, Mr & Mrs
Prime M. Irving are here and very agreeable to me she was Helen
Dodge of Johnstown and often talks to me of your mother and
Mr. Chisholm and the visits they used to make them from
the Lake, Mr & Mrs Edgar Irving are here too she is a pleasing amiable
woman the rest of the boarders are merchants clerks who are
rarely seen but at meals so they do not trouble me at all.
I was in Boston three weeks before I came on and liked it very
much I do think it a handsome city particularly about the
Common the people appeared to me very hospitable and kind
in their manners they are rather literary and just now part of
the population have so gone mad with transcendentalism that
they have got to complete infidelity and it is really frightful
to hear the opinions uttered and things which we have always
regarded as sacred spoken of with a sneer they have gone to such
lengths that I think it may work its own cure, the sober minded
portion of the Unitarians seem to be themselves frightened at the

lengths to which their faith has carried a portion of their sect.
George is in town for a few days he likes Binghamton very
much and should the work continue I may perhaps exchange
this boarding house for one there in the spring I think I shall
like living there it is a pleasant place they say and I do so
much prefer the country and as for society you know I am not
very dependant upon it. I do hope you will write to me soon
it appears so strange that I have heard nothing from you that
sometimes I feel you may have moved off to some other place
and not have had time to write but yet it seems to me you
could hardly do this without giving me some notice, I trust
it is not illness that has prevented you. Have gone into your
own house again & have you rented it and gone to board
I suppose the latter would give you less care and trouble
but even with all the difficulties of your western household
I should not think it would be half as agreeable. Now do tell
me all about yourself and your baby and all that belongs
to you one of the days of last summer that I think of with most
pleasure is the one I spent with you when we had a quiet talk
in your bed room, how I wish I had you sitting by me now on
our old sofa which I have here with me, it will be a long time though
I fear before we have another talk. Elizabeth Spencer's wife begs to
be remembered poor soul she has hard work to get along she
has so many to assist in supporting her daughters are not much
aid to her Rebecca is helpless and indolent and her husband is
a lazy fellow who makes no caution I shall look after them as much
as I can this winter and Miss Miller is an unfailing friend so I hope
they may wear through it. Charles sends his love and Katy sends
hers. Give mine to the Doctor and Matilda and keep a great deal
yourself from your own attached Julia H

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