My dear Child:

I am unanimously appointed by the family a Committee of Correspondence, and am requested to wish you with all indoor and outdoor, to forward you all the packets of love, friendship and remembrance that may be committed to your charge; in short to say unto you all that is to be said, to tell you all that is to be told and as much more as I please.

The reason why I am elected to this important office is that some of the family happen to be sick, and some happen to be lazy, which latter reason is always an unanswerable one for not writing a letter. As influenza is the order of the day, and as the first question on the end of your tongue inquiring after a body's health, I shall endeavor to give you as accurate a return as was furnished by a Health Committee.

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As to Matilda, her only complaint is "nothing". A malady that seizes her under a thousand different forms, for whatever may be the matter with her I never heard her complain of anything else.

I have not heard how she managed it. Your Uncle also came in for a share, but got over it by writing letters, eating onion soup and wearing purple velvet slippers. Maria and Jane both kept to their rooms, but were cured by a tea party at McCouts and Mary Fairlie stayed at home two days waiting for it, and actually began to wax unwell until I administered to her a pair of Chinese shoes, which she declared re-

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I have given you a complete bill of health, with exception of poor Charles Fenno, who is quite unwell, and rather unmanagable. I shall start for Morristown in coach to-morrow morning and bring him and Eliza to town to pass some days, Etwill cheer his spirits.

The family all desire their love to you and Mr. and Mrs. Colden. Remember me likewise to all the good family. My next I shall give you a history of the Adventures of me and Lary, or rather for politeness sake, Lary and myself.

Yours ever

Washington Irving.

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