

Sunnyside, Aug. 13th 1847

My dear Charles,

I have left your letter
like a long time unanswered; but you
must know that for a month past I
have been busy and bothered in an
unexampled manner, in the arrangement
of my farm yard; building of out houses &c,
which has been altogether the most fatiguing
and irksome job I have had in
the whole course of my residing and
improvements. I have now nearly got through
but it has almost made me fit to lie
by again on the sofa. However, these
jobs finished, I shall have my place in
tolerable order, and will have little more
to do than to see that my men keep it
so - which, however, with Irish men as servants,
is the most difficult task of the whole.
I am delighted to hear on all hands
such good accounts of your establishment

for the present my regiment of bees is
complete. I am much pleased with them
and hope they may find the cottage suf-
ficiently pleasant to induce them to come
often; though I have been so much surprised

the cottage is shared upon you. I should feel
some confidence from your having Kate at hand
to counsel and support you. Did I not hear
that she had become so giddy and volatile
and so given to romping and meddling.

and of your house-keeping; though to be sure
the latter are chiefly gathered from your
own letters. I am glad to read to that
you and William continue on such
excellent terms, as it shows that he has
not found you out yet. I hope sincerely my
dear Charles that you may ever continue to
keep on the blind side of him; it should
ever be the main study of a good wife, and
is in fact the great secret of happy
domestic rule.

On the departure of you and Kate left
a vacancy in my household I have been
drumming up for recruits, and have Pierre,
daughterless Lilly and Betty with me so that
for the present my regiment of pieces is
complete. I am much pleased with them
and hope they may find the cottage suf-
ficiently pleasant to induce them to come
often; though I have been so much impressed

with my improvement that I have not had
time to take them out doing; or to enter-
- into in any other way to their amuse-
-ment. But they now show the knack of
amusing themselves, - and fortunately are
great readers; which is the best of all
resources. I intend to have some
other children here by and by, as I wish
to become acquainted with the younger
branch of the family; and some children
as far as I have seen them interest me.

I presume at the time Mr Inman and
John C. Smith and
Loren are with you. I trust you will
exert yourself to put the best face on things,
and secure that housewife management
on which I find you already begin to pride
yourself. Remember the domestic credit of the
cottage is staked upon you. I should feel
some confidence from ever having Kate at hand
to counsel and support you. Did I not hear
that she has become so giddy and volatile
and so given to romping and wrestling.

Sincerely speaking my dear Charles, all
the accounts I hear of you and from you
are of the most deeply gratifying kind, and
convince me that your lot as life has every
prospect of being a happy one. I rejoice
too that you have our dear Kate with
you at this commencement of your
matrimonial career, to witness your happiness
to participate in it and to augment it.
It is really delightful to me to hear of her
renovated spirits and society.

God bless you my dear Charles and
bless your habitation; I shall endeavor,
when I have got through with my improve-
ments, to pay you a brief visit; but I al-
most fear I shall not be able to do it this
year. Remember, you are to pass some
time with us at this autumn, and
keep always in mind that Scoville
still is your rightful home. With best
love to Kate and kindest remembrance
to William. Give affectionate kindest

Wishing you success
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