

Saturday Nov. 26. 1836

I thought to tell you that the new
with the cab in Mr. Gorge's wife
you know I intended to purchase this
morning here if I had time

Four weeks today since you left us my dearest
Emma and I really are ashamed of myself that I have not written
to you before but it has not been that I have not thought of you, for
in truth I am most lonely and disconsolate without you and your
mother and miss you every hour of the day and night. By this time
you are comfortably seated by the cozy stove I hope safe and well
after your journey your ride by night must have been dreadful
I heard you were to go by that route the day after you left here
and felt very anxious to hear of your arrival at ~~Wilmington~~ your mother
must indeed have suffered terribly her fears too I suppose prevented
her from sleeping as you continued to do. We stay along here just
as when you left to Mr. I am sorry to say has been no better until
within the last three days when he has been obliged to go down to town
(for the first time since you went away) and has excited himself and
been quite well he is seated now by me smoking his cigar, he has
changed rooms and finds the front one much warmer but he has
put so many things in it that it is all in a litter. My room is
pretty cold the windows are now so loose that the wind comes
in at a great rate, Mr. insisted that I should burn wood and not
have the little stove and as I think it too extravagant to burn enough
to warm my room it is somewhat uncomfortable and I do wish for
you in the night very often to keep me warm, your friend Watch

seemed to have a fancy to take your place at first, he used to sneak in early in the evening and hide himself in my room and just as I was going to get into bed he would come from under it when he knew I could not have the heart to turn him out, he became so very troublesome in digging up the garden that I have been obliged to discontinue his visits entirely and send him out of the house, but he still jumps on me whenever he sees me in the street and follows me. We have had trouble in our household again and I have parted with Maria, I had suspected for some time that she had an unamiable disposition and was jealous of Elizabeth seeing that she was so great a favorite, but as no complaints were made I did not say any thing about it, night before last though they came to an open rupture, I was out and did not hear it, but Elizabeth told me that Maria began finding fault with her about some trifles and she did not answer for she would not quarrel with her but Spencer was in the entry and heard her come in immediately and took Elizabeth's part. When Maria began to abuse them both dreadfully in which abuse she included the Baptists and especially Mr. Williams all this caused Spencer's labors and I imagine there was an awful scene, after it was over Spencer told us that he could not let Elizabeth stay in the house with Maria and he would go the next day and get a nurse for her, of course I preferred parting with Maria and gave her notice yesterday that she was to look for another place which she would but as I expected she got angry and said she would go at once I was glad to get rid of her she had become overbearing in her manners and was to me very disagreeable it seems she wanted to play the lady in the kitchen and was to the other servants quite intolerant, she must have had a really bad disposition to attempt to quarrel with Elizabeth who is certainly one of the best women I ever saw, she talks a great deal about your mother and you and says your friends at the church always ask after you. Tell your mother that we very warmly friend has lived with us since you went away, Mr. Thomas he talked about her incessantly, he has found out her character though she did wear a cap and acted perfectly delighted with her, he regretted once and over again that he did not know she was in want of a suit it would have given him so much pleasure to have taken charge of her, he begged me to write him to her particularly and to tell her that he felt very grateful to her for her defence of his look in the American. I was very much

pleased with him, he is more agreeable than his work, he has just published another called East and West watched trash I think much worse than Clinton Broadshaw, I suppose you will have it to read one of these days for he said something of sending it to your mother. I have seen nothing of Phil and Mary, Ben Lilliman told Charles that his charming niece looked very well at the wedding, her old lover Theodore is Professor of Belles Lettres at the College of Geneva! as you Illinois people say it is very ridiculous, he has gone there now and intends to pass the winter in studying as he does not enter upon his duties until the Spring, which will hardly be very arduous as the College has but 12 students, they hope though to resuscitate it by the help of the new Professors they have called and the Theological Seminary and Medical School, these quite flourishing now so they determine the College shall be too, it is said that Mr. Quincy would not consent to Theodore's engagement to his daughter until he had some occupation for he did not choose her to marry an idler, I have no doubt from his manner that he considers himself engaged. Miriam Moss is to be married on Wednesday she has written to beg me to come on to her wedding but I am not going, I at last decided upon my present to her, I bought a pair of China Teacup bottles for two dollars and commenced with cushioned stands for them on white satin but also I left it until so that my stands are not nearly finished, so that unless she comes on here after marriage to sail I shall not be able to give them to her but must go to the expense of buying something else for the bottles are not pretty enough to send without the stands. I hope you won't mind that encumber of Congress before next year for I certainly shall not be able to give the promised sachel and pocket handkerchief until then my large ones being altogether exhausted, I find it quite impossible to get a new cloak this winter, indeed I don't care much about it mine does well enough for the present. I was delighted to hear by Matilda's letter to your mother which I opened that the children had entirely recovered, I hope Mr. Whetman's accident did not prove serious and that he is well long before this, how I should like to look out upon square prairie for a few days with you I envy you the nice talks you will have with Matilda and the playing with these dear boys over more, your little cottage with all its discomforts you need not wish to exchange for our big house for its comfort there is not much happiness there. I have not been out much except to see Mary Pugh and who is in town in wretched spirits, the walk is so long and cold that I expect to be very much at home in

has brought his wife on. Tell Matilda Sarah Cameron sends her love
and says she will write, do write to me soon and tell me all
about each one of you or sends his love and wants to know if
the boxes arrived safely, his fancy this winter is for Malaga grapes a
rather more expensive one than oranges, I wish your mother could
share them with him she likes them so much, and it really seems
a waste for one person to eat so many more than can actually want.
I have come to the end of my paper a surprising thing for me, I go
away to try and be a better correspondent than winter. Give my love
to your mother, Matilda and Mr. Whitman and bid the children for me
on your attached Julia H.



Miss Matilda

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The winter, I shall make an effort to go down to see Eliza Sturges in the
early part of the week for I think she must have heard from you
by this time, Charles did not go to her party he is quite well and
busy as usual with his magazine, George wrote soon after you left
here to know what had become of you he had watched at the cars
for a fortnight, he is so busy that he cannot come on to pay us
a visit this fall and as he is well I would rather he should remain
where he is than run the risk of taking cold. Bessy is married and