

Thursday May 8th 1854.

My dear Brother,

Father has just heard that there is a vessel to sail tomorrow for China so I have seated myself to you a short letter; if I keep in the humour I shall try and give you an account of all our numerous acquaintances, as I suppose you knew some of them.

Whilst we were at dinner a letter was brought in to Father from you with some of the Chinese visiting cards, they are quite a curiosity and we intend to have them put in the parlour with the other cards.

Theodore is very anxious to see what our presents are I am afraid he will scarcely be able to ^{be} quiet until he sees them, for every thing that comes from China is such a curiosity.

I will now begin and tell you something of our new friends. Our most particular friends are the Schermerhorn's but these I suppose you do not know as they have only come out this winter, but probably

you know their brothers. they are very nice girls and are disposed to be very sociable; we have been several times with ^{at the opera} uncle and sat in their box, which is very delightful ~~and~~ with large cushioned chairs &c. we have visited them several times and the last evening we spent there we met the Miss Ogden's Miss Edward & Jones's &c. Miss Emily Ogden I believe is an old flame of yours we like her very much they have all called upon us. we have also become acquainted with Miss Maria Schermerhorn of Broadway and Miss Mrs Donaldson our neighbour, we were invited there to a small party but I was not well enough to go. Sarah P went with Uncle Washington who is our usual bear on all such occasions, and enjoyed it extremely.

Uncle received a very polite note from Mrs Lunge (Miss Harriet Douglas that was) inviting him to come to her soiree with Miss Paris and myself, the lady regretted extremely that the bad weather prevented her from calling on us, so she enclosed her card in the note. Mrs Emmet and Mrs Graves, Mrs Mary Jones and ^{her} sister have called upon us.

Little Anna is in town making a visit she is staying at the Duer's, they called here yesterday and promised to send her down to spend a few days

with us next week. Fanny Remble is now performing here we went to see her last week. she ~~departs~~ takes her departure for Europe in June report says she is to be married soon. Elizabeth Gill is to be married in June and Sarah P. is to be her bridesmaid.

I suppose you know that Ann Louise Horrow has been engaged some time to Mr Rogers a gentleman a great deal older than herself. the match is now broken off. It is so dark that I cannot see to write any more. Sarah P. sends her love and says she supposes

by this time your purse is well filled with gold.

Your affectionate sister

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