

140 Fifth Ave.
Thursday Feb. 26th

My dear Kate

Your friend Mrs. Worthuspoon came very kindly to see us to announce the birth of your little girl and I have only been waiting for you to get strong enough to read my letter is the only reason why I have delayed it so long. I am so glad you have a little girl this time you know my fancy is always for little girls and I trust she may be a great comfort to you, as you may suppose I was rather surprised as I had heard nothing of it and this one is all very well but I hope you won't be in such a hurry again.

as the best going could be for the
remembrance of the friends, the best
is all about you, how much you
have settled and what a good
husband you have and that you
have so happy, all I wish it was
a real pleasure to hear, and each
one of the family came in to hear
what we had to tell of you. Now
I must try and think what family
news I have to tell you for it is
a long time since I have written
(though I really think you are in
my debt) but though I may tell
you things that you know all about
still I may not be so something this
is news to you. My money and
the thing I don't think he has
to be so but this letter he has
habit of coming over once a fortnight
to see us but this letter he has
the he has always been in the
your about things not as he was
though he continues to ~~be~~ and
him back home is far from well
and another first and being unable
them to do without her, her father
father's as it was impossible for
necessity, they are living at his
possible if that is all that is
diligent but they are as happy as
the thing a good deal younger than

or you will have a family
about you before you know it.
We were very glad to see Mrs.
Witherspoon and should have
returned the visit but she told
us she was going South for the
remainder of the winter, she told
us all about you, how nicely you
were settled and what a good
husband you have and that you
were so happy, all of which it was
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(though I really think you are in
my debt) and though I may tell
you things that you know all about
still I may hit upon something that
is news to you. Lily Irving's marriage

I dare say you may have heard
of through Mrs Witherspoon, she
married a Mr. Mc Collock, brother
to the lady that Roland married
he is a very nice young man
though a good deal younger than
Lily but they are as happy as
possible so that is all that is
newspaper, they are living at her
Father's as it was impossible for
them to do without her, her Father
and Mother both now being invalids,
your Uncle Prime is far from well
though he continues to preach and
goes about though not as he used
to, he has always been in the
habit of coming over once a fortnight
to see us but this winter he has
been very seldom and your Aunt
Anna is a confirmed invalid, she
must have had a slight paralysis
and her mind is very much

affected. Harry Black has been
living in town for the two last
winters and they have now bought
a house in 17th St. between 3rd &
5th Avenues and expect to move
in it the first of May. Lizzie
Reese has a little boy now very
nearly a year old, a fine little
fellow and she is better health
than she has been for years.

Minnie and Nellie are in town
visiting at different places. We
went yesterday to the christening
of Mary Huntington's third little
girl just seven weeks old and
the dearest little baby I ever saw
I hope yours will be just as sweet
Your Aunt Amanda is living at
the Westminster Hotel, she likes it
there very much and has some
friends in the house with her.

George Holdrege who married a Miss

nearly a year still, & I have little
feared and the in better health
than she has been for years.
Miriam and Nellie are in town
sitting at different places. We
went yesterday to the Shoolery
of Mary Stoughton's & there little
girl just never knew the and
the dearest little baby I ever saw
I hope you will be just as sweet
you best America is having at
the Wellmount state, the likes it
there very much and has some
hills in the house with her

Atkinson of Boston about two
years ago, lost his wife about
two months since, she left a
little boy a week old, though I
dare say you may have heard
this through Willie as I believe
they are near each other at the
west. We have just heard within
a few days that Nellie Holmberg
is engaged to a Col. Morse who is
living out there also, very likely
Willie may know him too. I was
very glad to hear it for they have
been very unfortunate and are
very poor and Nellie has been
teaching this winter in Boston
she was determined to support
herself and the rest of the family
are all scattered. Morgan has
gone home for a visit, his father
has been in wretched health for
a long time and among other

other troubles injured his ankle
which has troubled him for two
years, since Christmas he has
had to have an operation
performed on the ankle and he
has been very ill indeed but since
Morgan went home he has been
improving and the Dr. now gives
them more encouragement, they
were afraid at one time he might
have to lose his foot, but they
seem to think he is doing well
now. I came very near forgetting
to tell you of Sutherland Irving's
engagement to Miss Phinney, you may
remember something of her as a

Sutherland's age, and he is
just 21. She is a very lovely
girl but I think it is a great
pity for him to be engaged
so young. I don't know when they
will be married but he will
probably have to wait until he
makes a little money. Perhaps
you don't know that he and
Morgan and young Mr. Du Bois
of Staten Island have gone in
partnership and are in business
for themselves, Insurance Brokers.
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little girl living at Irvington, they
built a fine house not far from
John Mann's but. it may have
been after you left, she has
grown up to be a very sweet
pretty girl and is just about

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the same place this winter, with
cousins Eliza, Prine & Helia, the
Stornis and the boys as I call
them and very comfortably settled.
Now I am sure I have written
you a long account of the family
as I thought that was what you

would most care to hear and
I hope you will not get tired
reading it, but when you get
strong enough do sit down and
tell me all about yourself, your
husband and little children, you
don't know how much I like to
hear all about you and it was
very kind in Mrs. Wetherpoon to
come and tell us about you, she
said your little boy was a lovely
little fellow and that you managed
him very well. All the family have
sent a great deal of love to you
and with kindest regards to

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Mr. Williams I am ever

your attached Aunt
Kate Irving