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My dear Will

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I wrote you a short time since by the way of Phila.a, since then there has very little occurred, things jog on in the same old course — I have seen a Mr Asthorp and a Mr Dana lately arrived from Canton, who said it was reported there, that you were to leave Manilla for Calcutta, which makes it so uncertain whether you will get my letters at all, that if there was any scandal afloat, I should have to be very circumspect in writing it — Uncle John and Treat, sailed for Liverpool on the 25th.a — Uncle will be gone about Six Months, but Treat I believe expects to remain about for two years —

We are in the Midst of house cleaning which makes Aunt quite unhappy, he appears to be resigned till they came to his room, when he could not contain himself any longer,

he says they are a rough lot, one thing was injund then he should never be able to find his pockets it, rather an unlucky moment for him, as he is very much occupied at present writing— he goes with Kate to day on Long Island to see Aunt and will return day after to morrow — Kate & Sarah expect to go up to Saugerties when they have got through with their house cleaning— I suppose they will remain there the rest of the Summer— I can't say that I relish their going much, I have quite given up my old bachelor ideas, at least for the present,

Theodore is rusticating there still, we have not had anything from him for some time, but I hear from Edgar every few days— they seem to be enjoying themselves very much, in fact every one seems to enjoy themselves wherever Theodore is, he seems to cast his own happy disposition over all— before the family began to scatter what a different home it was, to when I went away, really I had no idea I should ever be so domestic— Theo. and I were at home every evening unless we went out with the girls somewhere.

I flatter myself I am completely cured of all my dissipating propensities— you know how extravagantly fond I was of billiards, well I have not played but one game in more than two years, and I have come to the conclusion that bachelors hall is one of the leading causes of dissipation— don't think I am turning moralist, for I assure I like a glass of wine after dinner better than ever, but that I generally keep within the bounds of reason— I say generally because I have once been guilty of getting pretty near half seas over, one cannot always command himself when he first meets with auld acquaintance —

I think of taking a trip to the Catskill Mountains this 4th of July— I shall start the evening before and remain a day or two if I find it pleasant— I have never been there and I think you have not either—

Sarah & when last I saw her looked as blooming as ever but no signs of any beau yet

Hen. Bowman is defunct— he was killed in a tornado that occured at Newburwick last week by being struck with a beam of a house that was

blown down – I had not heard anything of him for an age – I do not see much of Bill R. or Sempi. I occasionly meet them, they are flourishing about the same as usual – This is a heavy scrawl for a book – but it will do to shew that the absent are not forgotten — Good

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