

My dear William

I have been trying all over the house to get a pen to write with, but I can find no pen ~~to~~ or knife and nothing but some sort of needle to write with, but I hope you will be able to make out the letters. We have been very much disappointed by several of the last vessels not to have received any letters from you, father has been very anxious to hear ~~from~~ you. Sarah Paris went last evening to a party at Mrs. March's and enjoyed herself very much. I was a great while making up my mind whether I should go and at length concluded to stay at home. We have had several invitations already every body says it is to be very gay this winter and I expect it will for they have begun already. We have had an invitation from Miss Mason and from the Gallenders, we have called on the Gallenders several times but have never met them.

we did not go to their party as we did not wish to begin so early in the season. We were at the Schurmerhorn's last week at a supper party we are very intimate with them, they are decidedly our favorites of all that we know. Uncle is our bear wherever we go. The shawls you sent us last Spring have been very useful to us this fall they are certainly very beautiful.

Julia and Mary have gone to Troy to school they like it very well, they went off very suddenly.

I am such a poor hand to write a letter that I have scarcely patience to go through with them. It Sarah wishes to write in here and I know she will give you much more news than I can so I will leave the rest to her. So write by every vessel if you can, if it is only three lines to let us know how you are getting along.

Your affectionate sister
Catherine

New York October 22nd 1834

My dear Brother

Kate has left room for me to write to you but what kind of a letter it will be I cannot tell for they are all talking so much about the party that Sarah went to last night at Mrs. March's that I do not know what I am about, and I cannot yet find a pen fit to write with, for Theodore will not lend me his pen knives. The Julia and Mary have gone to Troy to boarding school they like it very much, Cousin Helen and Eliza are it will be a great deal ^{more} pleasant for them than them there. Waddy is going to boarding school also, Father has not yet determined where he will send him, Charlotte is going to Miss Bates where we used to go, Edgar has gone on to Baltimore with his wife for a visit we expect them home on the first of next month I am going to spend the winter with him.

Aunt, Uncle, and Sarah Davis are staying here this winter, Henry Vanuast and his wife have come out to this country they have gone to Boston to spend the winter, Irving, Susan and Julia are going there too to spend the winter they go

the first of next month it will be very pleasant for
 them all being together they intend to keep house I
 believe they have hired a house all ready furnished
 I saw in the newspapers the other day that Henry —
 Reynolds was married to Miss Webb I went to school
 last winter with two of her sisters. I went to see

Having
 Oct 28
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Sarah
 Mary

Dr. William Perry
 care of Miss Russell Oler
 Canton
 China
 Capt. Reynolds
 Capt. Hallett



very anxious to hear from you
 I must finish this before I start
 I expect you will not be able
 to read this letter as it is
 so much

grandmother yesterday she had not been very well
 I think she begins to fail she told me to give her
 love to you and tell you that she was alone
 yet Mamma and all send their love to
 you. do write by every vessel if it is only two
 lines for ~~the~~ Father and all of us are