

"Sunnyside"
Irvington-on-Hudson
Aug. 26th

My dear Kate



You will know how
glad I was to get your letter
last evening by my answering
it so very soon. I don't think
I have heard a word of you
since we saw you in New
York I think winter before last
but we often speak of you and
wish we could see more of you.
I was very sorry to hear of your
illness last winter and of your
son Fred's too, you must have
had a very hard time of it and
then to have your husband's

Stone burnt up was a little too hard an experience for one year, but I am glad you were able to go off and leave all care behind. I believe there is nothing like it for restoration to health, and how very sad about your brother Will. of course we had heard nothing of it and I suppose should not now if you had not written it. And now I know you would like to hear something of the family here, if I can remember all that has happened since I saw you. Etta Irving ~~was~~ Leslie's daughter, was married last Oct. to a Mr. Bolton, a Professor and Scientific Man who she met at Lake Minniewaska, she went abroad at once and returned in June

they were all very well pleased with the match though he is about fifty years, ^{old}, but then she was not very young herself, he is very well off and she will have a very comfortable life whereas she had been very poor and had a hard struggle. I believe they are to live in New York he is quite a literary man, they are now at Lake Minniewaska again.  Three of Nellie Whittmore's girls SHR. are engaged to be married, but I am afraid they are all to wait until they are a little better off in the world, that is rather a pity as I suppose it would be a relief to have some of the six daughters married. Poor Julia Broadwin had the great sorrow to lose her oldest daughter in June, you know she was married to Mr. Kingsford

she left the little boy nearly 3
years old and was expecting
another about the time she died
but she died of heart disease
before her child was born and
she had a very depressing week, it
has been a great trial to poor Julia,
Temple Gordon was married in
April to Miss Haysford, the sister
of Henry's husband. I had heard
that you son Henry was engaged
to be married to a Miss Bird, we
must have heard it though you
saw Julia and she heard it
through the Butler's for I don't
see how else we heard it, I hear
she is a very nice girl and I
hope it will be a happy match
though I think will you it would
be better if they could wait a

a little while until they get a
little ahead, but young people
never think of those things, and
then again it is an incentive for
a young man and perhaps he
does better for it, the only trouble
is they sometimes have a pretty
hard struggle at first. Your Aunt
Julia is staying with us now,
she leaves next Saturday the 1st
of September to go to her niece
Mrs. Pierson at Ramapo where
she will spend that month and
then goes to Niagara for October,
Julie Porter's wedding I think
will be about the 10th though
I am not sure that the day
is fixed, Mr. Washington lives in
Washington so that will be very nice



for your Aunt Julia. Your Aunt
Charlotte is with us too, she always
comes and spends the greater part of
the summer with us. Morgan's family
spend the summer at Ridgefield, Conn.
to be near her mother, and as it is
too far for Morgan to go and come
every day, he generally goes there
on Friday and stays until Monday
and the rest of the week comes up
here. Of course you must have
known that our good old Robert
is gone as it is two years this fall
since he died, but I doubt whether
you may have heard that Maria
too is gone, she died just a year
ago very suddenly of Apoplexy, she
had been down stairs and got an
early breakfast for Morgan to go to
town, when she complained suddenly
of her head and only lived about

half an hour, you can imagine
how completely we were upset
losing these two old faithful
servants and we felt as if we
could scarcely get on, but somehow
things work themselves out and
we kept the two daughters, Katie,
and Martha who have always
been with us, and the youngest
son we kept as gardener, coachman
and man of all works, they took care
of the place all last winter and
are going on very nicely doing
every thing, and we feel as if we
are better off with them than if we
had strange servants who would
take no interest in us or the place,
but the father & mother are a great
loss to us. We are both pretty

well now though we were somewhat
pulled down by the excessive hot
weather this summer, your Aunt
Sarah is never very strong but
she is about as usual and consid-
-ering our ages I think we are
quite smart, still we have to take
a little care of ourselves. Now I
believe I have given you a little
history of the family as far as I can
think and I am sure you will be
tired. We shall be at Miss Hoffman's
again next winter and hope we
shall see you there if you come
down at any time, and we should
always be glad to see you here
or any of your family while we
are here. Please don't wait
quite so long before you write

again and let us know all
about your family, that is more
interesting than any thing you
could write. All the Aunts send
a great deal of love and with
our kind remembrances to Mr.
Williams and your Mother

I am affectionately yours

Aunt Kate Irving



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