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Dear Pree

Supposing that you would like to hear from me altho I have not much news to give you I have determined to write you a few lines. I was very sorry that I did not see you to bid you good bye. I reached Castle Garden a few minutes after you left it. I hope you have had a pleasant passage & - long before this reaches you I presume you will be settled to your satisfaction in the House of Mess^{rs} R & C - you must write to me immediately and inform me how you like yr. situation - I am afraid I shall not see you this year. I am not doing anything yet in the way of business and don't intend to before the fall & then God only knows what I have a piece of information to give you about Free Robinson which I think will astonish you would you believe that the damned fool is engaged to be married - to a poor woman - the one he used to smell about so much Miss Stewart - his father & mother & myself are the only persons that know it therefore you must not write home about it. he says they are to be married in two years / God knows how

they are to live! but I hope before the
end of that time it will be broken off - for
I don't think he cares much about the girl
in fact he only wants a good roger, in
the meantime according to his account he
has plenty of hugging & ~~falling~~ - & damned
hard work to prevent himself from taking
a fool before the time. but Oh! Will
talking of rogering that little Sarah Major.
she is a lump of passion - it is a very hard
that we can't have a roger, she wants me
to diddle her & I am willing God knows,
but the customs of society prevent us -
I made for acquaintance on the 4th July -
~~the boat club~~ we went to be Rhams. serenading but they
had not gone to bed - they insisted on our
coming in staying summat to drink - we
did so & stand there two hours drinking Ch.
& Burgundy - Since that time I have seen
her 3 or 4 times. & I am going again in a
day or two to visit her. So much for the
women - I have nothing more to say to you.
There is nothing new ~~except~~ in the
fashionable world except that men

Douglas is married to Cruger. the engagement
was kept very secret, her sister (Mrs Munro)
did not know they were to be married until
she saw them standing up - I have not
seen Theodore since yr departure. your Uncle
keeps him well employed at Larytown -
your family are all well including your
cousin Sarah P. she is not married or ^{yet} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~is~~
engaged - I presume she will wait till
a cousin of hers returns from China -

I think I shall go the the Springs in
a day or two but I do not anticipate
much pleasure - in fact I shall not
be in good ~~safe~~ spirits until I have some
settled business - would to God I were in your
place. tho I presume at present you are
rather homesick - never mind my old tight
companion - keep up yr. spirits & if possible
I will join you in the course of a year &
then we will have some more quiet drinks
together & talk over old times.

Yours truly Fred -
P.S. excuse this letter - I believe I am a little
tight - I shall write you by the next conveyance

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For Dear
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