

New York June 3rd 1834.

Dear Will,

We have had an easterly gale for four days, a thing I always
mightily eschew, but this time I bore it with christian resignation as I hoped
it would bring in some of the Canton Vapors now due - the Samaria you mentioned
would probably sail in a week after you wrote - I am the more anxious
to hear as your last was written in cheerful low spirits and nearly gave me
a fit of the blues - I should really have been quite melancholy but that
I recollected that by this time Coleridge must have arrived which I know will
give a new hue to your prospects and that you must now be enjoying
yourself at Macao - I was delighted to learn through Mr Olyphant that
Macao was a delightful place and the society excellent - what a relief
it will be to you to get there. Do write me all about the place, who you
see and what you do, most especially touching all woman kind - how
they look ~~and~~ -

There has come a most marvellous change our society here since you
have been gone - that it is today among the ~~young~~ youth - scattered in every
direction, going and gone - short walkers are becoming quite obsolete -

George Dyer came down to see me yesterday morning - he sat with me two hours
talking on plans and prospects - He has three different prospects in his

head. ~~over~~ The one he seems most likely to adopt is to go to the West, & his
father has some land near Chicago - which by the cutting of some certain canal
is to become a great ~~place~~ place and money to be made by speculating there.
George says he will open some kind of a country store - he is in ~~earnest~~
in all this and has actually written to Rudolph Bunner to induce him to
join him - he thinks Rudolph will consent - and with the small capital
of the latter joined to what he may be enabled to raise they may do something.

Now If he should not effect this plan George next thinks of Canton of there
is any chance of getting a situation there and any money to be made - as
a 'dernier resort' he thinks of Calcutta which I believe is a good place to
make money but at the same time a place where one is very prone to meet
with gun death. We both agreed that any place was better than to remain
here, do nothing, run in debt - far better to suffer even ten years exile now
than to drag along and be poor & ~~foraging~~ penniless all one's life. George
wanted to enlist me in his Western scheme - but I am now hard thought for
nothing but my work which I hope to publish in two months from now
something may turn up before that time. George Hoffman will
probably go to the same place with them.

While we were seated in the parlour in came Edgar with four presents which
he had just got from the ship. The preserves were opened and pronounced delicious.

the Shells are so really beautiful - the only difficulty was, which to choose, but after
much turning them over and asking Uncle W's opinion and then ~~no~~ mine, then the Commodore
Katie chose the white one. The Kite is ~~and~~ certainly the greatest curiosity - but
I doubt me much whether it will ever fly. In the evening we had a little of the
suspender tea - ~~eggs~~ it was delicious - but we drank it so strong so as
to get the whole person that ~~is white~~ notwithstanding I drank sundry glasses
of brandy at a party, I scarcely slept a wink all night, but dreamt of
ships and cannon and what not -

The grand wedding takes place tomorrow - little Johnathan to large Sarah
Cokay - ceremony in the morning - consummation in the evening - ye gods
what an armpit the little fellow will have - take him some time to
get high enough, but when he attains the goal - phew! - heaven for
little fellow.

Another marriage in high life - that waltzing
specimen of a man known by the name of Les Stewart is to lead to the altar
one Miss La Salle daughter of the famous "eat a whole turkey at one meal
La Salle". She has \$20000 in hand dollars - they go to Europe to keep the honey
moon - your friend Jim Mason still dangling after little Miss Coster - but ac-
cording to the 'or dith' he won't do -

Father went out of town yesterday afternoon, he left a letter for
you however. Aunt Pansi went with them to Long - Katie & Sarah
Pansi have gone to spend a day or two with father & mother at near flushing

I cannot write this morning - the sea & the wind have made me
 nervous - the despatches must be made up now so I must send this -
 as the vessel sails not till tomorrow I may write again and take
 the letter up to Olyphant's to night - Good bye for the present my
 dear Will - Keep up your spirits and take care of your health
 Your affectionate brother J. L.

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per Morrison

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