

Sunday evening.
Sunny Side Livingston, Westchester Co. N.Y. Nov. 25. 18.

My dear Sarah



SHR

It is time that I should tell you that I received your letter of 4th instant with great pleasure: I was in the city at the time passing some ten or twelve days at Edgar's. You will readily suppose that my sojourn in the city was a pleasant one or I should have hurried home sooner. The weather was fine and I found my health and strength much improved by change and exercise: I walked repeatedly from Edgar's in 9th Street to his office in Broad Street and back again, and while at Pierre's at New Kingston I took long walks in various directions, so that I must have ambled some five to six miles at each stretch. One of my walks was to "Port Richmond" opposite to the place at Bergen Point, where you passed a part of one summer. I would have crossed over but found that the ferry had been discontinued: the communication now is by the steam boats to & from New York that touch there on their trips. I was away from Sunny Side some four weeks and more merely returning for a day or so to replenish my wardrobe. I have come home again, by the blessing of heaven, with added health and strength and in good spirits, and what may perhaps occasion you a little surprise, with my hearing considerably improved: I perceived a slight change about four weeks since, which has continued to encrease very gradually until that now, with the assistance of my trumpet, I can converse with them whose words were utterly indistinct

a month ago.

I presume that you have heard direct from little Kate and that she has herself answered the question you put to me as to how she was pleased with her school. I called at Mr. Joffrey's the morning I left the city. Saturday a fortnight since, and found Kate and her aunt on the point of starting for the market. I understood that she proposed writing to you that day; the little girl appeared to be in fine health and spirits - I believe that she is well satisfied with her school; it is in high repute and she finds a cousin there; I may have mentioned that Pierre's youngest daughter, Ellen, attends there. I apprehend that I shall not see little Kate often this winter, for I shall go to the city but seldom and only on errands, returning the same day, and as Kate is in school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. except on Saturdays, and as I would get there ~~late~~ and leave again between those hours, I shall not have time to call in 14th street, but I shall surely call if time permit.

I understood that Pierre received letters last week from his daughter (Mrs. North) which are encouraging - they had a passage of about eleven days to Liverpool, and it proved, upon the whole, a pleasant one. Anna was not so sick the whole passage, and Mr. North had only some slight quins, and she already found benefit from the voyage. Sanders and his wife were not so fortunate, for though they were only some fifty six hours from N. York to Charleston, the sea was rough and both were ^{very} sick the whole time, but they reached Montgomery, Ala. in good health and spirits. By letters a few days since from Julia it seems that they are not likely to remain quietly in Montgomery, for Mr. Joffrey, with

whom he ^(Sanders) had contracted, has written to him requesting him to take charge also of the jet works in Mobile and enlarge them, so that he will be occupied between the two cities, and ^{that both he and the} Julia says will of course be passing up and down the Alabama ^{freighters} river. Sanders however has no intention of continuing his present arrangement with the Joffries and has given them notice that he shall quit on 1st of April, and before, should they find one sooner to take his place: his purposes to try his fortune nearer, or about home.

Catharine received a letter yesterday from Theodore's daughters Fanny and Lizzie, inquiring her to make them a visit saying that their house is in order and very inviting; I have ~~not~~ not heard her say whether she will make the call or not; winter visits in the country are not usually pleasant.

Theodore wrote to me just after he had taken possession wishing me to come and see how pleasantly they were fixed and giving me an account of their introduction to their new quarters. His parishoners are very kind and attentive, ^{and the girls} they had every thing well prepared, and ^{was} was not a little surprised and gratified in finding an ample report awaiting their entrance - this he writes over parcelled by the ^{(something I could not measure out from} the manner in which it was written) of the two wardens.

After puzzling myself for some time to make out the word I gave it up, it appeared to be more like owls than any thing else and yet one could not believe that the reports would have been prepared by the owls of the two wardens. I got Pierre to translate the word for me and he made it "the wives of the two wardens".

It is not very probable that I shall make a visit to
"Pony Ridge" before the fine weather of Spring, say in May.
Should it please Heaven to spare me; for it is not pleasant
moving about in cold weather -

I expect to hear of exciting times soon in Washington.
The numbers will be crowding to the place, and every man
will have his head and hands full; I trust that you
will reap a good harvest among them.

Commend me to the kind recollections of your letter
Susan and believe me affectionately thine



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