

My dear Sarah

At Eugene's Brooklyn
Wednesday Morning Feb 12. 1840



I meant to have dropped you a few lines yesterday
but was so much engaged that it slipped my memory until just
as I was writing in the evening - The object in writing is to say that
both you uncle and I are a little anxious that our ice house should
be completely filled, and we fear that if it is not attended to
immediately we shall not have a supply, for we cannot expect
much more very cold weather - I spoke to Hugh about getting from
Mr. Phellon, but he said that Mr. S. wished to have his ice filled
first; this he supposed was done a week since - Your uncle wishes
Hugh to attend to it at once - if he cannot get ice from Mr. S. pond
he may get from Mr. Hamilton's - Mr. Jones told me that Mr. Hamilton
had offered him ice from his pond - which Mr. Jones is back in Mr. S.
woods. Hugh went to ask Mr. Baylis whether your cousin Roger's
ice house was filled. I understood you wish to say that Mr. Baylis
had offered to fill it and that it would not cost over ten
dollars - I find that I misunderstood your uncle - Mr. Baylis expressed
an opinion as to the probable cost but did not engage to attend to it
If nothing has been done for Roger, tell Hugh to make an arrangement
immediately with some proper person to procure the ice and fill the
house, making a specific bargain - and that the ice be good and the
house well and properly filled. Mr. Baylis may perhaps put him in the
way to find a proper person - Hugh told me that the
birds that have been caged were losing their feathers which he thought
might be owing to the confinement - This may be one cause, and possibly
a want of proper ventilation may be another - Your uncle wishes
you to say to Hugh that it will be well to let them ^{and feed them regularly} out a little

fresh air and exercise may be of service to them.

I had a very comfortable drive down with Mr Jones, on Monday we got to the River Road between twelve and one, and took the cars at one, reaching the City Hall just before two o'clock - the roads were better than I expected to find them - though wet and muddy, yet they had not thawed sufficiently to make the mud deep.

Within you will I can get say whether we shall be up this week, but if a cheap chance offers I may embrace it - I have none in view now at present.

The affair that Sanders wrote about is of course a tale - and is the case of the only one in which the lady has been engaged - it seems that she had taken in other instances without harm, but the case led to detection - She disposed of her plunder to a manufacturer under one pretence or other, she bought the articles honestly. After he had purchased the vase and retailed it, he saw an advertisement stating the top and went immediately to inform the lover, but not knowing the person he purchased from, could give no clue to her - he said however he should probably have a pleasure before long - it so happened that the lady called to dispose of a Diamond ring, when he stopped her home.

I should hardly think that the woman could be in her right senses; and yet hear that her husband will not allow that she is demented.

I think I left nothing to add at the meeting soon "more last words" and you made took the opportunity to write with the next page for on that he wishes and desires the attendance of you at the "bull costume" or "nigger" and it may be as well to gratify him - He thinks that the cost of a bull costume would be but little, as another would wish to attract attention by making a dash - Mr Jones' visit would afford the greatest diversion being made the plan and having a coming - a visit could be made to San Francisco and then to your Aunt Abby's - I think that I shall take tea in London Street this evening and may write it - but you will probably be up about the last of the week as he is anxious to get back - he has a matter on hand however that may detain him. My true love to "all bodies" Ed. J.

My dear Ed,

I should like some of you to be at Mrs Brewster's ball as I said before. I will gladly defray any expense it may require, either for dresses for the ball, or dresses for town. If you do not choose to accept Mrs Jones' kind invitation you can come make your visit to ~~the~~ Chamber Street a little earlier; though I should think, the primer would be pleasant. A young lady owes something to her position in society, and an appearance once in a while on an occasion of the kind serves to keep her in her place.

Looking my eye accidentally and unintentionally on the other page I saw your brother has related some thing about the affair of Mrs March. I have not a doubt that the poor woman has been for a considerable time, affected with a species of monomania - her intellects are in no respect strong, and every thing I have seen or heard concerning her persuades me that she has had a singular streak of insanity through her mind. I have heard in my time of other cases of the kind.

Just love to Aunt Paris

Your affectionate uncle

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