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engaged to be married just then? Why my  
dearest Emma the Doctor must be a fine  
fellow if he is worthy of his luck in getting  
such a wife. I can know nothing of him  
yet for a while, save through the not certain  
impartial description of his affianced Bride  
and yet somehow few anxieties mingle  
with my hopes while rejoicing in your prospect  
of happiness. I reason thus my judicious little  
Aunt. unprimis I have just confirmed in  
your own quiet good sense as to ~~nothing~~ entering  
into so momentous an engagement heartily.  
2<sup>nd</sup> You must have had an excellent opportu-  
nity for the exercise of the said good sense, while  
observing the professional Man Minister in the  
rich Chamber of your sister. a pretty bound  
book of domestic trial that for my Aunt & Nephew.  
testes admitting his kindness of heart and capa-  
bilities of appreciating and fostering the worth  
& affection of a gentle true-hearted woman, to  
be thus proved his eligibility seems to be other



wise Manifesto, by an enterprising disposition, prompting him to seek his fortune westward and by the professional skill which he has to back his enterprise as there is the cure of a respectable Master of Quack Practice. In a word my dear Emma thought I paid all morning as a lottery, in which I have abandoned all thought of taking a ticket, I trust that you have drawn a prize. for I know of no one who has had, or is likely to have any thing to do with this sort of gambling who can richly deserve one. Commend me to the State. Adieu of your happiness.

It is very funny that you should expect me in Illinois! I have not heard a word from your friend Mr. Mucherhoff. And from day to day & week to week have deferred thinking Mr. Whitman for his letter because I daily expect to learn the nature of the prospects which he hints at. I should like much to be sure to have a country that upon the Wisconsin which says to the Hudson is my river of delight and having among the Duchesne for

a few years ~~then~~ would not be too much to pay for it, but my dear I am getting too old to hop & skip about the earth without knowing whether or not that part of the planet where I share a light will exactly bear me. My kinsfolk thought him too much but upon transplanting themselves out of the state that it may yet be my fate too. Mrs. Fennell & his sister Mary Daniel with her husband are about to settle in Madison and if I follow we shall make a corner across the country from Rock River to Prairie du Chien. I wish to come but my friends here are so strongly set against the idea that I cannot but cut loose until well appointed what my fastenings will be in the land of promise. George's experience of the west and your opinion when you first went on make them shrink from the idea of it. I wish George Hoffman had a call as engineer any where Northwest of Rock River & then I know he'd like the country. Tell Matilda when you find my letter that I will write soon to her & Mr. W. Kiss the children fondly for me. And



Let your Mother & watch Mrs. Cables closely  
let her come to look after the interesting stages  
of her Stewardship. I suppose you would like  
to know what I'm doing! Nothing! I have been  
trying for three months to get employed. But Mrs.  
has given me some praise lately & I wish to try  
her for some pudding. There there is nothing for  
a luckless slave of the lamp as  
Yours affectionate uncle  
Charles H.

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