

28 West 22nd St.

April 18th

My dear Kate

I have no doubt you begin to think I never intend to answer your letter of the 15th of March more than a month ago. I have thought of it a great many times but letter ^{writing} has become rather hard work for me and I know I let little things present me, one thing my eyes are not at all strong and I find looking on the white paper tires them very much. You suggested in your letter that I should get Morgan Grenwell to write to you and I wonder whether he ever did, he happened to come in soon after I received your letter and I gave him your message and to my surprise he said at once

why yes, I will write to Kate and took
down your address, but I have never
thought of it since when I would see
him to ask him if he ever did it. I
should be rather surprised if he did
for he never writes a letter if he can
help and when he does it is about half
a dozen lines and very unsatisfactory.
One of his little girls has been very ill
lately with membranous croup and all
the other children were sent to her mother's
for fear of contagion but I am happy
to say she is quite well now and the
other children all back at home. You
know they are living now in New York
in 53rd St. it is quite a journey from
here but much easier than going down
to Freshing where they lived before, they
are near the Park which is very nice
for the children. We were so glad to
see your son Irving, it is hard to
realize that you have so old a child

and I am so glad to hear that your
sons are both doing so well and I
hope they will be a great comfort to
you. The girls too must have grown
very much since I saw them in Washington.
Your Aunt Julia keeps very well, she says
she misses us very much, and I dare
say she does but she has had some
of her nieces with her nearly all the
winter, she has now Mrs. Peisou and
Mrs. Porter both with her and the last
of this month she will have her cousin
Mrs. Winthrop and her daughter so that
she will not be alone. We find this
a very convenient situation for us, it
is near all the principal stores and
near the churches, and very near to our
cousins the Van Wert's who we see almost
every day and we have had a very
pleasant winter, your Aunt Sarah has
been better than she was the last two

winters that we were in Washington,
I sometimes thought the climate there
did not agree with her. Fanny Major
has been abroad for the last year and
I think will remain there another.
Kate Bacon too went abroad last year
and is to sail for home on the 21st of
May, she has not been at all well but
I believe is better now. Julia Bowdoin
gave a "family tea" this winter and we
met a good many of the family who we
had never seen before and it was very
pleasant. We expect to go up home about
the middle of May but you will be sorry
to hear that we have lost our good old
faithful Robert, he died the 1st of Dec. but he
had been failing for more than a year, we
have taken one of his sons in his place, but
we shall miss our good Robert. I do not think
I have any family news to interest you, I expect
your Aunt Charlotte will spend her summer with
us as she has the last two years. Remember
me kindly to your Mother if she is with you
and to your husband & children
Love your affectionate Aunt Kate Seaving

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