282 Macdonough St
Friday Feb 18th 1881

Darling Daughter.

Your postal of the 16th was forwarded to me enclosed in a letter from Eliza Reeves, as I had left Newark before it arrived. I would have written you earlier this week but Mrs A came on Tuesday morning and as she leaves today, I have devoted all my time to her. Am sorry she could not have stayed longer, but she promises to come soon again, says "she misses you very much". I left Newark on the 3 PM train and reached home about 5 PM without any detention - every thing in shining order. I think my being away, has been a good arrangement as it has developed Emma's culinary talent. I think I will resign the Captainship - and take a Mate's position; said "she had not been lonesome one moment and was willing I should have stayed longer" - my friends were willing to have me, but I felt I could not stay

away another Sunday from your Father. He was not well last week, and did not go down stairs on Sunday till tea time but was feeling much better when he left on Monday morning. Uncle nor the boys were over, Ella & Mr Crane called in the evening Monday I went to N.Y. called to see Uncle Alfred — called on Josie & Mrs Whiteman, brought a new pair of buttoned boots, called on Mrs Dr Thomas and was home by 5 P.M. We have had lovely weather this week. Mrs Allwater thinks we are delightfully located, and I begin to think it is real pleasant. Mrs Bundick expects to move next door. Wednesday of next week, they are all delighted with the change. Mr Wright has put the house in perfect order, and I just guess he can do a little more for us this Spring There have no letters come as yet, hardly time yet is it? I will forward any at once, and will be very anxious to hear the contents — wonder if the poor fellow was greatly disappointed, or felt to apply the old saying: "Out of sight — out of mind." Tom Keator returned home last Saturday. Jessie shortened her visit in Buffalo and was in N.Y. to meet him. I learned this news from Mrs Whiteman, but as a lady called & interrupted us, I did not hear the particulars I wanted to. Dolly Cushman presented us with three cunning little kitties on Wednesday evening, but we consigned them to the wash-tub, and Dolly is now lying full length before the fire happy & contented — She is very wise & cunning, and wants extra petting just now. She has not seemed to miss her babies. She has caught several large rats in the cellar. She is a perfect Figure I asked Eliza Reeves to send you Mrs Nichols exact address. Do not fail to go and see her, as she knows you are in Philadelphia, take time so as not to make a hurried call and give her my love. Monday brought me two letters from Alfred with the good news he was in good health, he had delayed writing at the usual time, and this with the detention of the mails was the cause of my anxiety. The letter written the week before reached me at the same time as the latter had I received it at the proper time. The last

part of my Newark visit would have found me in a more comfortable state of mind. I felt so thankful to know he was well and all right. I hope you have written to Lizzie T. You have behaved splendidly, and been prompt in writing, and thoughtful about the Valentines. I am so pleased that you remembered Willie T. & especially Edith S. Uncle Alfred told me, she had one and said "she knew Cousin Anna's writing". Uncle seemed much pleased, and said Edith was delighted. I dont know what we will do with you, am afraid you will be spoiled. You are certainly having happy days. I feel that our Philadelphia friends are laying us under great obligations with so much kind attention. Tell them one & all only to give us the chance to pay them in the same quantity & quality. Give best love to Mrs & Mr Henderson & Aunt Edith and squeeze "Lis" for me. I hope she has quite recovered from her cold. Three weeks yesterday since you left home, and it seems to me ever so much longer. I expect soon to hear you are coming back. Enclosed find the V which please acknowledge & whether you have heard from Frank? Emma sends love to all. Remembrance to Nancy. write soon

Ever yours Mother

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