

but hoping you or Sarah
or some of our friends will
take it for me I would
like to have it blue, green,
red, brown or any other color
that will not be black or
not very dark having
the green for the right
side not having it left
if this cannot be done
now can I hope that
you will take in this
item into your already
over-packed cranium
and act upon it at the
first opportunity. Belle
says you promised her
some old clothes of your
brothers and she add if you
have any old clothes of
the male kind send them
along the smallest favors
kindly received. The
savin is falling more
rapidly and I have no
prospect of sending
this as Charles has gone
to the boat but he may
go to the City yet, and
I will be ready Goodbye
with love accept from
J. M. S. Cousin Fannie
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We heard from Emma
yesterday she is well and
wondering

day last it was written amid a multiplicity of en-
gagements and occupations and indeed I believe
we cannot expect to have leisure time to devote to
writing I cannot, and having a slight knowledge
of matters and things at your house you must take
the time as you can get it also I have had writing
materials down stairs twice before for this same
communication but the third time will conquer
if I am not interrupted. I have almost forgot-
ten how far you have been made acquainted with
our doings but if I go back to Thursday of last
week you will be quite well satisfied. The same
train that took your little daughter from you brought
company for us Mrs Seeley and two children of Brooklyn
with Miss Helen Cliff of Shenandoah found us at sea having
Uncle James Wright as guest we had been quilting on
Belle's skirt and had very interesting conversation (the

affairs of the Heart was the subject and were just enjoy-
ing our evening repast when the addition was made to
our little number. Fire was lighted in the parlour the
quitting frame put on side the table rearranged and
we were once more seated Mr Wright left very soon
and talk, talk, talk, was the order of the evening and
when "tired nature" demanded her "sweet restorer" we
separated to renew our converse in the morning hours
our friends left by the half past two train leaving
expressed themselves well pleased with their visit and
we much gratified. Belle and I got out the quilting
frame and set to work to complete our job and were
progressing rapidly when Isabell and her Aunt Lamon
called made a short but pleasant call and once more
we were quilting with the determination of finishing
strongly developed and finish we did this bring us
to Friday evening. We had had a glorious sunset the
weather very fine. Saturday morning Mr Wright
came up in the morning to make amends for not man-
fulfilling his promise of the previous day which
is to come every day while he remains in this part
of the country he would not stay to dinner but
came back in the afternoon he left saying on the
morrow he purposed making us twice glad Belle and
I wished very much to attend Church at Scarsdale but

hardly knew how to make arrangements at the
breakfast table Charles said we could go but he
would not Belle found that Tom had no previous
engagement and we at once commenced preparations
and after a pleasant ride reached the church as
the man was about to commence ringing the
bell you see we were in time. The Sunday School is held
in the church I met Miss Hill a member of Mr Pophams
family who very kindly extended an invitation to dinner
and also an urgent invitation to visit them saying
that I could very conveniently get there by taking the
cars and getting out at their station and I think
she will call on us. Miss Eliza Fisher accompanied
by Frank, William and Laura Harris. Miss Loretta Harlow
of the village with Sarah H. B. Miss H. O. Farrell Mr Tibbitts
Sarah, Georgianna and Charles I believe were all of Dr Harris's
congregation that were at the Church we had very delight-
ful service excellent singing a short but heart searching ser-
vice. We had a delightful morning got home
about one o'clock Charles was not home Belle had sent
him down to Aunt Phebes to stay to dinner and he did not
come home we wanted to go to the Chapel at half past
two I started on foot and reached the chapel in time it
was full Rev Mr McPllwaine officiated good as usual I walk-
ed down with the Tibbitts and Mr Pahn waited upon me

home Charles and Mr Wright came in and we had descriptions of Mexican probberies to finish off the evening our guest departed about eight o'clock and we went to bed almost immediately and so passed the twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity 1853. Yesterday Monday was a day of shreds and patches we had calls at the kitchen door and one or two at the hall door Mr W. Striker came in to see Charles and Geo San Diego came as usual only a little later and was sent for as there was a letter for him at home I made a short call on Isabell and ran nearly all the way back it was so late I was afraid (of my own shadow I suppose) Living was the order of the evening. To-day is election day but you know that Isabell I. invited me to go with her to make calls in the village but the weather did fair to be "unpropitious for pedestrians" as snow is falling fine and fast and we have every appearance of winter.

Belle says we are to have as many snow storms as there are days before Christmas quite a snowy prospect is it not? Today Eddie is two years old the Programme is not yet arranged Did you go to Crystal Palace yesterday? we thought of you and spoke of you I have not written yet to any one yourself excepted my sister is not forgotten I expect to write to her very soon give love to her from me please if you see her in the mean time. Belle is very much obliged for the gloves they suit exactly Belle has been peering in a pane of glass this morning she says "tell Maggie she knows nothing about housekeeping in the country" Maggie have you emptied any of the small bowls belonging to Belle or have you any of your own not in use if either will you give them to Charlie to bring up? I ripped up my green skirt and it is so badly spotted that I am going to try and have it colored and only think of my audacity I am going to send it to your house hardly daring to ask you to take it.

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long time at the table we got up. In the girls prepared to go home as they would not stay we did not say anything about the expected company they left and while we were gathering up the dishes Uncle Gominy came in who is pecking bachelors holes; he told us that he had had dinner and ten together at Aunt Stivers and had feasted on pasty next - came Aunt Phoebe she commenced washing dishes saying that she thought she was invited out to tea - and she came next and then Charlie after reading the news the Gents prepared for whist - and Belle declared that I should not play until after supper so I finished about and in and in and below the candle at Belle's elbow no matter which way she turned and helped a little and tasted a little and finally ^{we} had supper ready at eight o'clock we could not wait any longer for Uncle John who had gone to the Plains because Charlie had not had any tea. When we returned to the Parlor Uncle Daves invited me finish the game as his partner Aunt Phoebe had staggered out to help Belle and I sat down and played a number of game and the dishes were riddled out in quick time then we had two apples and three handkerchiefs and after eleven and our company expected and good night to the boys in my air have remained to the

I am obliged for your invitation to visit - I cannot accept and Belle is worse off I am afraid that I have been blame in not telling you before that Belle has very little idea of visiting you this winter Grandma has been away some weeks and does not expect to return very soon or at least the time for her return is uncertain and I have purposed telling ^{you} several times but have had so much else to talk about - that it has been forgotten at the time that I could not find it in my heart to either urge Belle's going or making a long stay when she did go (Could you if you were in my place?) Particularly when I found that Aunt Phoebe thought of going at the same time and I could not of course have either Mary Jane or Hale even for company I at first did say that I would not be willing to stay. In the first place I would have all of Belle's care and of course much more as far as the children are concerned and I am quite sure all of Belle's loneliness. Upon reflection I think when she gets a girl I will do my best and even urge her

going as her opportunities are so very limited I will try to forget all about that little self that is wont to hold such a conspicuous place in the plans and thoughts of those who think themselves unselfish. The week will be a short time for the many plans and the much business that Belle wishes to accomplish if she does get to the city. For myself I have a very urgent invitation to spend the last three days of the present week with the Miss Tibbitts I did not either accept or reject it but told them I decided on my resting awhile dinner time came and before we left that if Belle is alone I would not think of leaving her and I shall be obliged to return nearly the same answer to your kind invitation beside I would be sorry to substitute myself for both of us if one could go I would rather it should be Belle at the same time I do not know how matters would progress often express yourself that this attention might be here and I know Belle would not think of leaving me with my help she is busy all the time and how could I do all Maggie you will be disappointed enough when the change comes to lament over it but you will know that it cannot be helped by us I am real sorry that I have previously omitted speaking on this subject as Belle had desired me to do but writing always in a hurry it has been neglected. I am afraid that you will not have received a very full account of proceedings but I will proceed way back to Monday of last week. On Tuesday I went to the cars with Charlie drove back started to walk down to tell Aunt Phebe that the cars did not go beyond our station as she was to accompany Uncle James to Sonnerstown that day met Sam by Uncle Tommies gave him the message and on my return met Mr. Stryker this was all before breakfast. At eight o'clock Lee Santiago called to say good bye on his way to the City. I dressed and walked over to Mr. Tibbitts I had promised to help them sew for that poor family one day that week (The husband is worse again and the little girl is still ill) and took Tuesday for it. The day was very fine I reached there by eleven they insisted upon my resting awhile dinner time came and before we left the table one of the bridal couple from Yonkers came in Mr and Mrs Charles Dusenberry they were very pleasant also to see him in trifling matters striving to do as she would wish all in a quiet way and I could not help but feel as you so often express yourself that this attention might be lasting but unlike you I would not harbour a shadow of a doubt thinking that it will be time I do wonder if I am writing intelligibly I know that I am spelling badly but you know it is getting late. They the couple left soon after three and before the work was got out Mrs. Cochran was announced she seemed very agreeable and if a single sister has any right to judge in such matters I should say she was unusually short breather. Tea over Annie and Sarah with their little brother accompanied me by moonlight to the store of Copson & Fisher where I was to meet Charlie on his way home which I did and

had a pleasant ride home. They insisted upon my making the sewing visit this week but I hardly expect to go. William Dick and Bernice were with Belle when we got home. Wednesday, you know Alfred and Mr Baldwin took dinner with us and I received my package. I am much obliged for the trouble you took for me the buttons were not what I wanted but I was not the less obliged to you for the getting. ^{obeying} how could you know that I wanted a small flat plain button unless I told you ~~and~~ these look very pretty since they are. On Thursday was a damp drizzly and we had no company until evening. Mr Hutton came with Charlie he did not at first recognise me but very soon asked if I was the one he had seen at your father's he talked of those good old times. Do you remember when himself and wife were in the city on a visit the summer after you was married? You came home one afternoon while they were with us we had tea quite early up stairs and we were having fine times I flying up and down stairs like a wild creature and Mr Hutton never failed when he met Charlie afterward to enquire about that "smart stepping girl" but nine years have made some changes in that once appearance as well as in some others. --- Friday Delia came to make my dress and I tried to send you a few words which you received today. Uncle James returned Thursday evening and Friday afternoon made his accustomed call. He promised to teach Delia and I the Spanish language this winter if we will study I am afraid we will not be able to accept his kind offer. Delia passed the night with us. We learned from Delia that Mrs George Messan has returned to her father's house but we did not hear particulars. --- Saturday morning Delia went down to Aunt Phebe's and our duties being more numerous on account of the domestic leaving we set to work in good earnest. Belle had invited Uncle John Aunt Phebe Uncle James and Mary Jane up to tea and Charlie was to bring home oysters. We worked until after one o'clock when I was going to dress and Belle had scrubbing to do then she would be through but our plans were not as easily carried out as we anticipated. First Sarah Tibbitts called on horseback I went out to speak to her. Mrs Beak and Miss Blair passed while I was there. I came in and had just got my dress off when ^{the} Misses Abiah and Loretta Horton came to spend the afternoon with us. I got down as soon as possible and Belle soon changed her dress then an early tea was prepared and after sitting a