

White Plains Tuesday Dec 22nd 1846

My Dear Margaret

I received your letter yesterday when we were all very busy cleaning the room and kitchen we thought we would have a clean house to receive you in and when Pop brought the letter I thought of course it was to let us know what train of ours you was coming in, but just for a moment imagine my disappointment I received my music book last Tuesday Uncle William brought it up for me and I was perfectly delighted with it Tell Dick that new music is gay and it is highly appreciated but to tell you the truth I have not learned a single piece but I shall commence this week to learn the Gally Polka I think that is pretty Kate plays a most beautiful quick step I ever heard you would think there was a whole band out, it is Baycane quick step, you must get it and learn it. To day we go to dress the church and if you could only be here and there is another thing you missed on Thursday we are all invited down to Aunt Brooks to dinner all of her Brothers and their families and of course there will be a goodly number when they are all together she was here on Saturday and inquired if you was here

and said if you came up you must certainly come and I wanted you to see that elegant house but dear me so much for having children! We had a dreadful snow storm last Thursday but not much sleighing it drifted very much, the new dress is done I finished it last Saturday night it is made with low neck and a deep cape the skirt with two flounces it has been the greatest pest you ever saw you don't catch me at another one until the next time, I had your dressmaker come and in your dresses show you mean things you never showed me your dress, never mind I will fix you you shall not see mine New Year, It will be impossible for me to spend New Year with you as all the young gentlemen are going make calls and Margaret Horton is to have a large party on that evening, (and another thing my ~~child~~ child is sick and it would be impossible for me to take her out) it would afford me a great deal of pleasure to send you those lines but I have no way of getting them in time to send them if I had got your letter last week I might have done it, I suppose you have heard of the marriage in our village Mr David Henderson and Miss Caroline Mitchell they were married the morning I came up from the city we received cake and cards I made an engagement to go to Mount Airy this evening expecting of course you would be up, to go with us; I never had a more delightful visit in the city in my life it was not until I got home and sat myself down that I could realize the kindness and attention shown me at your house some of those cold nights I often wish for some

stewed Oysters, Tell the girls I am real disappointed at not seeing them tell Mary I am glad she is going to ask me to the wedding as I have to go to weddings I would have let them see Jonas and see what they think of him The girls are going down to spend New Year and will certainly come to see you, Mother is much better so that she was out on Sunday we are practicing two or three pieces for Christmas but have not decided which to sing, I am glad your Father has ~~been~~ able to get out, you must think I improve every moment as this is written before breakfast I think I grow smart give my love to Mrs. Tabber and the girls tell Sarah when the bell rings now it rings to the purpose I expect, it has commenced snowing again at a great rate and I hope we shall have sleighing, give my kind regards to Richard and tell him there is fine skating on the lake and plenty of good fat chickens on the yard if that will be any inducement for him to come up, he knows we can easily transfer the chickens from the yard to the gridiron you shall hear from me next week by the girls, believe me yours in sincerity and friendship

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