

White Plains Sept^r 1844

Dearest Maggie,

I presume you have thought that I had entirely forgotten you but it is far from it my time has been employed in various domestic occupation of late we have ^{had} quite a good deal of company which you know is our hindrance, and then we have been very busily engaged in the preserve line again I suppose you are out of all your troubles now since you have such a fine Daughter I was glad to hear that you was well enough to go to Pop's last Tuesday I should think from all accounts that Richard must feel quite better and instead of Maggie bring me the Kitty it is fetch me the baby my dear I do believe she has grown since I left you this morning why what a nice baby it is come to its proper year dear my Maggie I suppose you have banished Kitty from the parlour to the under cellar, Oh how I should dearly like to take a peep,

at you and baby perhaps I will in some future
day come and stay all night with you on purpose
to kiss the baby but since you have got along so well
I shall expect you to come and stay a week or two
with me before cold weather sets in, I will assist
you in nursing little Emma and make catnip tea
and give you a room with a fire in it if you
say so tell Richard he must certainly fetch you up
I do not think you can offer any excuse for not
coming I have plenty of news to tell you when
I see you What in the world will you think
when I tell you that Richard Purdy has been
making a baby at least himself and a lady in Rome
by the name of Triffin, that employed 2 lawyers
to defend himself but the more he carries it on the
deeper he is a getting, himself in trouble What a
croaking, time there will be among some of our
gentlemen who have been caught in the same
snare themselves The family are all going to move
to New York this fall Mary is not going to work
any more around here I do actually feel sorry for
the whole family & of course he knows the consequence
and he will after awhile thereby

Now Margaret I will ask what dependence is
there to be placed on any of them I am sure that
Dick Purdy is the last one I should think that

do help the baby for we must say it is poor
Isabel Dick

would be guilty of such a trick but they are all
alike our gentlemen are diminishing, instead of increasing
Emery leaves us next week for Baltimore he is a going
as clerk for Lewis Tinsie he has entered into the
dry goods business there He left some 3 or 4 weeks
ago,

I suppose you have heard of Abigail's safe arrived
home she looks as fat and rugged as you ever
see a country girl She is married very much
indeed Sarah intends visiting the city this week
I do not know where she will make her home
of course you will have the pleasure of seeing
her and then she can tell you all the news

I suppose you are a going to have a wedding
in your family very soon if it has not been
already I do hope that Richard and William
will make good friends first it will be so
much pleasanter for you Tell Liz I say
she must certainly come up and see me
do come up together and make a visit I begin
to despair of ever seeing Pop or Delf in these
parts, Pop and Mother sends their best
wishes to you and your family, and my
best love you all have write me soon
and believe me to be yours in sisterly
Isabel



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