

White Plains, Thurs. Eve 8 O'clock April 24th 1854

Dear Margaret

This is the third time I have undertaken to delight you it is now hoped that I shall prove congenial. Charles of course told you I anticipated writing by the regular mail that anticipation was realized in the afternoon by and myself tramped up to Hunt-Clay with the box and its glorious contents and left it at the option of Mr. W. H. if he felt disposed to forward it but on Thursday it was handed me unsent from what cause I am ignorant so you will of course not harbor any harmful thoughts towards your Dear Boy I received his letter this morning she appeared to be very glad to think you had ^{not} entirely forgotten her I suppose you will ask did you read it no, nor neither did I ask too, but I received your love verbally. Kate has not returned home yet do you not think she deserves a good scolding for leaving us so long when there is so much work to do she gets up at 6 in the morning and goes in the garden and works until early candle light. Won't Bob get a smart Wife but Oh I am afraid there is more talk than will ever be realized I spent one afternoon of this week with a particular friend who spoke in the very highest terms of the above man

just but I will not say, she appears of the talk that is in circulation about Bob and I, he has not been there more than once since Kate left home perhaps he is afraid of being alone with a young lady but be sure she would not do anything to him.

Would you not like to hear something about Henry Fisher well I attended a grand soiree about 3 weeks since at Mrs. De Bops & Henry was one of the chosen few she escorted me out to tea and we had a nice little chat about you he inquired after the health of my sweet cousin Margaret and when I had received a letter and when I answered it to give his compliments and ask if you remembered S. 19 he said Bill and Emory had been to New York 3 days and could not tell us good a story as told in 1 hour Mary De Bop has a good lot in store for you but to my utter surprise and consternation I have heard that Henry wants to be a beau of the amiable and accomplished lady Miss Mary Briggs who is Gamble's why they say that Bob Beale has spoken for her the young collegian and Billy Trenchum is going to Goshen to practice law wonder if he leaves his intended dulcinea behind May have you got your garden all made in is your time wholly devoted in preparing and arranging these points of a toilette which are essentially necessary for a young lady when she appears as bridesmaid Emory thinks it very suspicious for a young lady to be bridesmaid so often and feels very much alarmed for fear he will soon hear of yourself following our golden rule example What would the Count say if he knew that our woe at your house

passing do not wonder what they say and they do not know how they say it to be called Christians know they judge

3 days in season there would have been a duel fought and perhaps our would have been wounded I shall have to inform him before he visits your goodly city of Goshen of the doings between yourself and the Count that he may be on his guard in future May be bridesmaid or be your one and good already if so you are an invitation to the wedding and then I will comb your hair and fix the bridal wreath with all the taste I am gifted with May you and Count may pay me a visit this summer if that is the case, we will want something to create an excitement in this village by that time know insinuating I hope you will take it in the light that I intend for as I do not want to be wholly instigator of any more mischief as I understand have been here The order of this day has been sewing carpet rags work that is not very desirable our very part as it is so dusty, we intend having a rag party next week will ask all signs eyes and better eyes will you not accept one very happy of your company if you can make it convenient think we will have Mr Moody, pronounce it from the pulpit, must tell you he has called at the Misses Tompkins by the by they have got the Spring fashions straw hats hatbands ribbon and a great quantity of roses than they ever worn before one would think it very small flower garden lately been transplanted but we will dwell upon their manner of dressing no longer Sarah Horton and my Mother both joined Grace Church on Easter Sunday and I sincerely hope are long I shall follow their example it is a duty that is long neglected by every one and I think the longer we refrain from such a duty

a person say but by doing we do not stop the spread of such passing of shame that is some sense of my acquaintance when says that some certain

do not let this pass
unanswered but
endeavour to write as
soon as convenient

recovered and Pop Lundy and meggie
coming to see their Belle my best respects
to your Father and Brothers particular
Charles I will send you and Alf such
a package next week if they do not
return the box again, remember me
to Fanny and the Count

Yours in sincerity, Isabelle



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Miss Margaret M. Lundy

Don of Spring & Country

Miss Margaret

May I hope you will have a pleasant jaunt to Bucks County and let
me beg of you not to desert your Whiteplains friends for I sincerely
think there remains some attraction still for Meggy. Lundy He
inquired of me not long since about you told him the latest
intelligence news & because he said Meggy could do her part of
the talking if that was what they wished dear are here
I should dearly like to see you so many little things for
I have to talk about when will I have the pleasure of
hearing that Kate has returned