

White Plains June 20th 1842

Dear Margaret

Well Margaret I thought I would
see which could stand at the greatest length of time without
writing and I have come to the final conclusion that I shall
have to give in to you but it was not for the want of
a will on my part but more for the want of time
and I think you will credit any story when I tell you
that I have not done as much sewing in three weeks
as my smart person would do in a half day Margaret
Sally's little brother is not what it is cracked up to be
Sally Ann has gone home she and her father started last
Monday and we gave a dinner party in honour of their
departure and I had to preside at the table and over
culinary department which was something new to
me, however I had a good cook and got along very well
it affected Sally Ann very much to bid us good bye as it
did all the rest of us, I learned from Miss Catharine Dick
yesterday afternoon that you was very angry with me for
not coming to see you again before I returned from the
city it was my sincere wish to do so but was deprived
of that pleasure by the rainy weather and I intended
to have called on you the morning that I returned

home but for that you must blame Isabel Dick
as she insisted on my going to her father's store with
and there she kept me so long that it was too late
for me to call, I understand that Mr. Bailey has
been to see you and you gave him a magnified
description of my abrupt departure and since
that I have heard it from almost every one in the
Plains I have been asked several times how I came
to give such a gross offence to you and I was
perfectly astonished to hear it but however it is as
it is and I cannot help it we heard you intended
making your visit at Isabel Dick's this summer
Abiah thinks you appreciate Isabel's short visits more
than you do her long ones she says you must follow
the dictates of your own conscience of that ~~will not~~
condemns you, I cannot think you have any reason
to be angry with me if you can make your visit
to Isabel's this summer after her staying in the city
five or six weeks last winter and only staying
three or four days with you, I do not wish to cover
or attenuate my own guilt because I know I plead
guiltily only that you have had the visit returned you
made here last summer and are now in debt. Well
I think we have quarrelled long enough I will now
give you an account of what is going on in the country
rainy weather appears to be the prevailing fashion
as it has rained every day this week without

exception this morning it was nearly clear and
I went to church and heard Mr. Harris preach
a very good sermon we had very few in the church
Mr. Jarvis has resigned his place and singing in
favor of Mr. Moody our assistant clergyman we
have confirmations and ordinations in our church
about the middle of August Mr. Moody is to be
ordained, I think we shall have a very full church
and I hope you may drop in and see it if you
cannot conclude to come and see me perhaps you
can Isabel, I expect to go to Boise the last of this week
to make visit I shall stay about a week and then
I shall be ready to receive you I expect Isabel
and David Dick to take tea with me after the afternoon
service, the little boy was two weeks old last Friday
Mother was down stairs to day for the first we are at
a great stand what to name the baby to please
you we will name it Prior I think it will come
so natural for you to call him, say respects
to Mrs. H. Ten Eyck and tell her that I shall give
myself the pleasure of calling on her when I make one
of my transient visits to the city you must answer this
week and give me an account of the wedding any
love to Eliza and do not forget to reserve a share
for yourself.

And believe me to be ever
your friend Sarah B. Horton



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