

Leicester (Mass)
Sept. 25/68

Dear friend Webb,

I found yr. brief note here, - of the 21st, - on returning from Boston last evening. I had met Frank G. in the street, who had given me the substance of it. It is progress - if slow - to be able to leave the Hospital. I can imagine your having some regrets at parting from a place of such peculiar ~~and~~ personal, though sad, experiences; but the release from needful confinement must always be joyous. We, here, have had so many days, so many evenings, especially since the mid. of August, when we sh^d. have been glad to have you here, & when we could show you sights in the world without well worth the seeing, - that we almost feel ourselves wronged out of something we were entitled to. But we trust to have it come round right yet. I felt very sure, from an early moment of yr. injury, that it w^d. never do for you to travel alone

when you should first begin to travel; -
& I shall endeavor to answer your call
promptly, when it comes, - i.e. I hope
so to do. For aught I can foresee, I
could go on any day, now, which would
allow me to be in Boston again on ~~the~~
October 15th - which is my brother John's
birth-day, and upon that day his
oldest daughter, (our bright niece and
cousin Caroline May) is to be
married. I should wish to be, and
am expected to be, ^{present on} ~~at~~ that ^{occasion,} - Or,
I could be all ready to start, ^{on the}
following morning, ^{i.e. 16th} for Detroit, and
be with you in course of the day on the
17th. A few hours to take a survey
of Detroit (which I have not seen since
1841) would suffice me there, and
I then sh^d. be at your service, for
such degrees & rates of locomotion as
you might be disposed to try. -
We shall all - we expect - go to the
wedding, leaving here a day or two

beforehand. So that, if you came eastward at about that time, you would do well to tarry, over that absence of ours, at Syracuse, - if you should, indeed, be able to leave D. so soon as this implies. - For myself, the last-named time, (Oct. 16th 1844) seems now to be the most convenient, as not being liable to any hurry on my part. I sh^d. wish, if possible, to have nothing in the way of giving you all the time you wanted,

- I have a cousin, in an architect's office, at Detroit, - upon whom I should, also, wish to make a call.

Mr. May was much pleased with your note to her, & thanks you for it. We all send our kindest remembrance & regard to you and to your daughter. - I went with Miss Estlin last Tuesday p.m., to make some farewell calls at Weymouth. She

is now with Mrs. A. G. Frouse jr
at Cambridge. I wrote to you the
first of this week. —

Very truly Yours

Jam^s. May Jr