

Tuesday, July 9, 1847

My Dear Deborah

I start not at my having once again opened my oracular jaws (on paper) after a silence of I know not how many months, what shall I say, go back to the fair time, and bring you along by easy stages to the present or the content to tell you what have been my adventures, since being brought an inexperienced young thing to this great town. I came a week ago the day that Warren sailed, I went over with him and saw the *Battania*, I did not like it much, and if I were with you could give you a very graphic account of the passengers, their manners and conversation, with some difficulty we managed all to get through the glorious 4th in safety I was fool enough to go onto the common with the children to see the fire works, very splendid they were all & we did very well till we came off and we then had to come in the most tremendous crowd from the Park street gate to the end of Tremont Row Sir & Henry in content and danger of being trampled on. The children are all well, Henry has seemed more comfortable the past week we all took tea at Chauncy Place the other day, they thought Henry more comfortable than when there before the other day he met in the street Page the painter who told him that about a year ago he bled from the lungs and grew worse and worse till he tried Dr Ramsdell's tube and was completely cured, he used to be very crooked, but now he says he cannot stoop and his chest has grown two inches, Henry was somewhat impressed by this, and used his tube, but I am

afraid he will not persevere.

The only bonnets which are fit to be worn now are straw and the style of Morocco, If I were you I think I should have what is called a Florence Rutland that is, just like mine but Florence, that is what I should have for myself you could get a very pretty one for three dollars & half perhaps less, if you will write your mind to me I will do any thing for you.

I wish when you have got through the most of your parties, if you could spare your gown all well as not that you would send it, I would not say a word about I am rather poorly off having only my new muslin I should think Caroline's gown and the Spencer would be pretty, Tell me what you wore with the gown, and how you looked, Sarah took tea here the other night, and told us that her little dog was dead it had fitt and foamed at the mouth and her father thought it was best to shoot it, I feel a good deal of anxiety about poor Flairi, Pa had begun to talk about him when we left home so we engaged a place for him with Aunt Phoebe who promised to see him through the Hydrophobia, Aunt Priscilla has been very poorly for some time past, sore and stiff throat, pain in her limbs and so forth which they thought a cold, yesterday I had a letter from Aunt Mary in which she said that it had been suggested to her that it was a part of her complaint I hope not, I should feel very anxious if it was. Sarah Louing has got quite well, and goes out any where. Mary Reed, minor that was, is lying at the point of death, she has had 7 Drs. two of them Homeopathic, it is a bowel complaint, Lucretia was in town yesterday and told us of the death of Gov. Beane she saw it in a southern paper, I have just received a letter from E. Sampson asking L & Lucretia & I to go to Duxbury to make a long visit this week, but we must wait till Lucie comes from Groton I

Suppose you will write to them at Groton, Lucia has said
nothing to us about the pic. nic but a Mr Bancroft who
was there told Mr Chapman that it was a very fine
one. & that he saw a Miss Weston there (Annie he
called her but it was Lucia) one of the finest girls in
the world. I must tell you a dream of Henry's, for you
who have heard Henrietta's stories it must be richness
the other day he sat dozing in his chair, all at once
he found himself talking with old Gov Winthrop.
"It must be delightful to you" said Henry "to watch
the honorable career of your sons, and see them what
they are". "A hum!" said his excellency "perhaps you know
Granville?" Maria's new Goulard has just come home
very pretty and very pretty made by Longhurst. What
shall we do without Ellespie. but I think I like Miss Wal-
ton better than Longhurst. I think muslin mantles very
pretty and if you cannot have beautifully wrought
ones with lace, they are very pretty plain muslin with
a hem.

I am in great affliction for I think there is
a great hole between my front teeth. I shall go to
Duckers to have them examined as I am not quite sure
tho I can touch a pin to a place where it hurts me
I feel sad at the thoughts of the three dollars.

Give my love to Anilla & tell her I hope to have the
pleasure of seeing her a good deal in town. Henry
goes to Everymouth next week for his six weeks vacation.
We shall all be at leisure for a time at least soon.
I have got the sleeves of my blue gown hanging loose.
you don't know how pretty they look. Have you read
Miss Burney's Diary, you are not fit for decent society if
you have not. I think it exceeds Evelina in the loveliest
book, get it certainly if you have not seen, I don't
know what you have read or how you are it is so
long since I have had any communication with you
myself. So write to me, and tell me every thing,
most affly yrs Emma

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