

Boston Nov 10. 1851

My dear Jane,

Many thanks for the English Oak portable case for books, which you have sent to me. It is very useful and ornamental, sound at heart, and highly polished.

I regard it, as an appropriate memorial of the accomplished Donor: to be preserved with all the care that the Recipient of eighty three years, can be supposed to possess.

With the Thanks, I give you
(my dear Jane) the Blessing, of your affectionate
Grand father
Samuel Putnam.

To Mrs Jane Loring Gray.

more comfortably than last time
and have mounted a pony
carriage to drive about in

Ever yours most sincerely

George Bentham

Mr. Bentham
Dr Gray will find that *Desfontainii*
makes a new *Sespedeza* of *Pithecia*
and two new *Corallies* of
Rhynchospora tomentosa -

Portobello House
Hereford
March 10 1852

Dear Mr Gray

It was very stupid in me to
leave a blank for the very point
of my letter - however it may
have this good effect that if Dr
Gray was well frightened he may
have imagined the amount greater
than it is and may possibly be
relieved at hearing that it is
£ 2.10.6 - which with £ 5.14.6
for Spence's plants makes £ 8.5.0
but do not let him hurry himself
to send it - at any rate till he
has received and seen the book
and plants - I have just sent
Spence £ 60 which I have
already received for him - and
the bookseller can easily wait.

I will send to Liverpool
this week a box containing
these things - I hoped to have

looked out a few specimens to
go with them but have been
too busy as yet

Tell the Doctor I safely received
his little parcel with very
interesting specimens.

I had a long letter lately
from Martin and Wallis
hear from him frequently
He writes in excellent spirits
about his family his "crowd
of three daughters" his occupation
as "educator of a son" his performance
on the violin etc. but says
nothing of his wife who I presume
is going on well. Wallis says
the great dead weight upon him
is his great work of ^{on} Pelton
which though finished he
cannot sell to his satisfaction.

DeCandolle has just finished
printing his *Planceon* - which in
many respects will clash with and

be forestalled by Michx's labours
as there are still *Plantagium* to
print before DeCandolle's volume
can be out. - DeCandolle is now
lecturing on botany to an audience
of about 40 ladies and a few gentlemen.

I find the paper excellent
and am quite ashamed to ask
D'Goy to send me the 3 long
bundles he speaks of in the
same way as before.

Many thanks for all kind
enquiries - all are well including
Hans. - I wish you were both
here again - I often think of the
last day we went in to dinner
when I little thought it was the
last time of our seeing you. I
trout however you will some
day visit Europe again - Our
crossing the Atlantic is now
quite out of the question - We
could I hope receive you now

Dr. Booth

Mrs Gray
Jr. Gray
Cambridge

London June 25. 1852

My Dear Mrs Gray
I was charmed to see your
hand writing & very much surprised
& I was happy with your friend
Dr. Albro, but he was not so with
us. I left us for the continent in
a hurry, believing that there was
some trouble about us, & that
he should get into a bad way
by cutting our acquaintance.
I did all I could to comfort him,
but you & Dr Gray & Cambridge
themselves had troubled his spirit,
& I am quite sure if it had not
been for the opinion of the thing, he
would have turned his back on
Europe, & have been among you
all again. There he faces where
he may be I guess not. I suppose
he is in Germany. - Tell Dr

By the pl. notes I have been mistaken
Daguerin was here yesterday & wanted to bring
up his paper. - Brown has asked me if
you can help poor Mortons, whose great
merits you doth know. He is poor. Had
any of your rich men take any of his
works for your public or private libraries?
Brown says the Polus may have had for
£25. - Anna Green for £25. Mrs. Fort. W.

Cryptogamian for £11. -

You no doubt have heard that Sir
Rankin is engaged to a son Evans - a
surgeon living some where near Norwich
Gate Joseph yesterday. She tells me it had
been on & off several years.

My wife & I have been in Lyons 5
weeks. - d'Alpice takes care of S in
their absence. My dear Mother enters
her 87th year to day, & is as well as I
have known her for the last 15 years.
I have not heard from the Lamells since
Mrs B. passed thro' Paris. Birnie is
well d' Bennett.

Love to dear Mary - & with my
mother's d'Alpice love to your both

I am Affly yr
J. B. B. A.

Mrs Evans }

you do not call me - a great goose, & one whose mature experience has come but little for him. Be this as it may - I frankly admit that my dear little Fiancee is much too young for me, & I have even set before her, very frankly, that she makes a sacrifice of youth in connecting herself with my grey hairs - of which she has not the fear before her eyes. Had I set about deliberately to look for a wife, I should not have made what I will allow you to call so imprudent a choice, but, in the first place, I never dreamed of marrying at all - and still less, the object of my present attachment; who is my godchild - with whom I have corresponded for years, when in America, & who was the first to welcome me to her father's house, where (tho' I have ostensibly Chambers of my own) I have, resided, in the main, ever since I have been in England. She received me with a romantic prepossession - never counting, in her innocence, that she could, & would be a daughter to me,

& I - (with far less excuse on the score of inexperience) never imagined that she could be otherwise than a dear self-created daughter to me. Well - matters went on in this way, for 2 or 3 months - But, at last, the scales fell from my eyes! I found & felt that she had not given me the love of a daughter, merely, nor can I say that my own sensations were at all those of paternity - I felt, with pain, the difficulty of my position - which was, I assure you, one of which I had never contemplated the bare possibility! I had but two alternatives, to tear myself violently from the family, with the whole of whom I have lived on terms of the utmost love & kindness, or to place myself in different relations with my personal honour, & my affections required the utmost care towards my dear friend & partner, & I placed myself entirely in his hands, but with the suggestion, on my own part - that, the view which I took of his daughter's real interests rendered it desirable for me to absent myself from the family - This was, of course an act of

as my husband is
always scolding me for
having no pins about,
& now I shall fill my
pincushion & keep it on
the table as a pleasant
memorial of you -

Charles joins me in kindest
remembrances to Professor
Gray & believe me
Yours very sincerely

Emma Darwin
My sons wish to join in
kind regards to you & Dr Gray.

[postmarked Oc 30 71]

Down.
Stamley. Beckenham
Kent. S. E.

Oct 28.

My dear Mrs Gray

Our sons arrived
at home, after a good
voyage, last Thursday; &
you may imagine what
a great deal of talk we
have had about America
& all the enjoyments they
have had, & above all
what I think was the

cream of the whole, their
visit at Cambridge &
the extreme kindness they
met with from you & Dr
Gray & all their friends.

The whole will be a thing
to remember all their lives.

Mr Darwin has unluckily
been very unwell so receive
them, which has spoilt our
enjoyment, but we have
a great meeting of the

whole family, including
our married daughter
who is just returned from
Switzerland.

How dreadful the fire
at Chicago was & yet these
country fires in the forests
are much more appalling
hopeless to escape from -

My sister joins me in
thanking you for the
pretty & curious punctuation.
Mine is particularly a proper

[with Emma Darwin Oct 28 71]

P.S. Mr Darwin

desires me to thank

Dr Gray for his kind

note, & for your most

hospitable invitation

to ^{my sons} ~~them~~ to come to

your house, at a

time too when Dr

Gray was so overwhelmed

with business -

I cannot help being
glad that owing to
not understanding at
first the extent of
your hospitality you
were spared the
additional trouble
of having them in
your house -

39. Lincoln's Inn Fields.

October the 10th 1881.

My dear Mrs. Gray

We are now

quite settled in Ashme
again, and we hope

that you also are resumed
to them, and so that you

& Prof. Asa Gray will
give us the pleasure of

your company at dinner
on Friday the 21st at
half past seven o'clock?

You will find our little
Baby Sydney wonderfully
improved! and having all
runs till we need, I will
only now add love, and
Believe me

Your affectionate
J. Rosetta Flower.

great deal of interest in
his work.

Hoping to hear a good
account of you soon,
& with love & every
good wish, believe me,

Dear Mrs Gray,
Yours always affecly,
Annette S. Carey.



7, ELIOT PLACE,

BLACKHEATH, S. E.

18th Dec^r 1895.

My dear Mrs Gray,

It seems a long
time since I heard any-
thing of you. I hope you
are keeping fairly well.
I am looking forward
to receiving your usual
Christmas letter before long,
& shall be so glad to
hear news of you. I

hopes this letter will reach
you just at Christmas
time, so that it may
convey to you my love
& very best wishes both
for Christmas & the new
year. So far we have
had a very mild season
here, hardly any frost
& no snow, but we

generally get the worst
weather in January. We are
all well, I am glad to say.
My Aunt has not been
very strong lately, but is
better. Herbert comes
home from London every
evening, very tired, but
he has a very good
appetiment & takes a

Broom House.
Fulham.

Dear Mrs Gray
Could your visit
from be fixed for
Monday the 8th and
to stay as long as you
can spare me
your ever affec^t
Ed Sullivan

R.S.V.P.

July 25

My poor little
has met with another
unfortunate accident
similar to the first
A great oil-blast covered
about a head's-breadth
of one side of ~~out~~ you
pity my mind I grieved.

Please give my love to
Mr Jackson and Mr
Jackson and their dear
little boy and remem-
ber me to Mr Sum-
ner. I hope I
long for him to return to
him for me
to the doctor
and if he is home
and if he most even
and if he most even
I certainly tender remem-
ber to Dr. Wright
I came very near dream-
ing about him the
other night
Your affectionately
Dear son

Charlie as you call him should never have come near me when
he was in the city on yet - I forgot he did come near me enough
to know but he neither stopped nor offered to shake hand with me
nor seemed disposed to notice me more than he could help.

I was vexed enough to hate him though I smiled as pleasantly as I
could when he turned around to look behind him I certainly thought
you would at least tell me how you name are the doctor. But that's
the way with the "man-animal" - there's no dependence to be placed on
them. I received your note however as you have found out already
and I was right glad to get it too after waiting for it so long.

How in the world can Doctor Gray exist without you while you
are with your father. In sure I don't see I don't believe he studies
one bit and so he might just as well as not throw down his books
and start immediately for Boston instead of pretending any devotion to
Boston while you are away. But perhaps you have already gone
back to the doctor and Dr. Wright. It is a mystery to me that

You could ever bring your mind to leave them at all especially Wright
You must be of a very indifferent and callous nature I'm thinking

By he may wasn't you perfectly delighted to find that the letter
which Parker wrote about Cherry had been detained till it was too
late? That was a queer piece of business Parker was very much
disappointed when it failed. There does seem to be some sort of pettiness
attending your efforts to deprive yourselves of that man's excellent society
It must be that he is to become a permanent member of your
family - I don't see why else no plan to remove him can succeed

Wont it be pleasant if we should be here if I should come next
summer I am afraid I could not be happy at the garden without
the "light of his presence" Is he as fond of "kissing" as ever - and
has the Doctor yet satisfied his anxiety as to whom he killed?

I hardly know what to say to you - I am so undecided
whether to think of you and write to you at Ashburton Place or
to locate you in my mind at home If you are in Boston
I should ask you all about the little boys and beg you to send
me that book-mark immediately I have already lauded the praise
of little Pat and held ^{up} his "talent" for being up to Derby's admiration
As soon as the lauded book-mark arrives I expect nothing less
than that Derby will fall immediately to making a dozen exactly like

it that he may be equal in industry to my little favorite in Boston

Thursday afternoon Somebody interrupted me just in the middle of
writing to you the other day so I slipped the sheet paper piled
into my desk turned the key and walked off Either I was so
provoked that I didn't know what I was doing or else I was un-
usually careless for certain it is that I lost that key There is a
I'm sure I cannot tell, and it was only this moment that I found
another that would fit the lock of my desk I opened it, drew out
again this letter, dipped my pen in the ink, and now I'm just
where I left off.

I'm as busy as possible at present Our German class in Prince
ton have studied far beyond me during my absence so I have to
be exceedingly diligent in rubbing up my grammar and scribbling away
at exercises so that I may overtake them and yet not neglect my
other business You've no idea how good a student I have
become in a hurry though I can hardly expect you to believe what
I tell you after the specimen you had of the manner of my
improving time

Has the Doctor set you at poisoning plants yet for you
must be done by this time I think - or has he prosured

The services of Mary Canaan for that purpose and retained you
I believe that name is wrong but I can't for the life of me
think of the straight of it. At any rate that's near enough
I told a big store (unintentionally) about that poison. It was
the arsenic - not the corrosive sublimate that was wrong so the doctor
has not made such a grand mistake after all. A-hem I was
rather positive about that - but I was convinced I knew exactly
what Father had used in his herbarium and so I spoke the
more certainly. I only hope doctor Gray has not gone to the trouble
of applying the arsenic to any extent. It's well we didn't commence
operation when I was here.

You must tell your Father how long I am that his foot is
not well yet and give him my love if you will. Tell him
I shall not soon forget the pleasant evenings I passed at his house.
You accustomed me so much to your kind care that I did not
know how to do without it after I left you and not having any one
in New York who would take your place - as might have been
expected, I took a violent cold here. It has assumed the various
forms of "cough, influenza, and pain in the chest" so far ~~and~~ but they
have all left me except the cough which persists to last a long while.
You should see me sitting by the fire this rainy snowy weather toasting
my feet and sipping tea - oh! I do congratulate you
certainly on your being able to appear in that steel-tick. What a
shame that it was not finished before I departed.

remember me kindly to Joe and all the
rest who need it especially to
your father. I hope you found
Mary at Convent

My dear Mrs Gray
I must tell you
that there is a queer
kind here that admitted
with precisely the same
sound that Mrs Wright used
to make on certain occa-
sions. Do you remember?
Well-it's a perfect imitation
It would make you laugh
to hear it.
Godbye now
I'm
punish me for
reply to me for
ever to long
Yours affectionately Eliza

Don't think I was not very glad to receive your
letter - because I have waited so long before answering it
I could not possibly do so at first and after that, you
went to Litchfield as I supposed I could not write
to you there for I didn't know your direction exactly
and I hardly considered my letter worth going to Boston
and back to you again so I put it off until you
should return home

You will find it lovely at the garden now I know
the flowers must look beautifully, and the magnolias
are out just about this time. Ours have gone but
then are mine a little in advance of you. Nothness

his dealer

How I would love to be there now - and you are so much better I know after your visit to Beverly and your jaunt to Litchfield and in such glorious spirits.

Then you would not have to stay within doors all the time but could run about the garden walks and sit under those pretty trees with me.

I tell you nothing would please me better than to accept my part of your kind invitation - especially too - now that the grand excitement is to come off at Cambridge. What a fine time one could have there in August attending the meetings and all -

But the melancholy fact is that none of us can come. Am I not sorry! The girls are afraid to venture about on account of the cholera and have refused several other invitations to leave home besides yours, because they did not dare pass through New York. Jane even relinquished the pleasure of visiting her beloved Westpoint

last month rather than expose herself to the epidemic.

Mother sends her love to you and says she really is not able to travel so far. The truth is she is extremely feeble and cannot bear the least exertion. She has even given up calling on her friends and can seldom walk as far as from our house to the gate without suffering for it afterwards.

They all thank you very much for your invitation. You have no idea how curious they are to see you. I am questioned all the time about you. What does she look like and what sort of a person is she? They keep asking me I have told them everything I can think of or remember, dozens of times, but nothing satisfies them and I tell them now that you are perfectly indescribable and they cannot form any idea of you without actually seeing you for themselves.

As for me I have been sitting in this same study-chair in this same corner of the room for the last three months and expect to remain just so until cold weather drives me out of doors. I feel as if I must make up for

spending three months away last winter I assure you that I
lose very little daylight here days but evenings all have to
be - wasted - I was going to say - but I don't mean that - I mean
used for some other purpose than study - for I don't believe
after all that studying is the only important thing in the world
So you see I fear I shall not be able to go away this
summer Father will I suppose - but he will arrange all
that with the doctor very soon.

It's rather late in the day to congratulate you on having
an additional little niece to pet - but I could not do it
sooner How happy you ought to be - and when it is

old enough to make visits to you at Cambridge like those
other little folks - there will be no bounds to your delight

I would love very much to see my little favorites again
though I dare say they have forgotten me by this time

I have just thought of twenty things that I want dreadfully
to say to you and ask you but I shall have to wait
now for another time I feel so under the weather today
that I can't add another page to these, and you must besides
think four enough - quite. Give my love, please, to the

time with us. "The Doctor is
a good man" as you used to say
I you may tell him write my
love. Now I have no doubts of the
fact & hope at some future time
to be more acquainted with
him - According to present appearances
that with this family (if plants)
& my family we are not likely to
meet my soon (this last of course) -
Will wants the pen to good by

Nov. 17
My dear Jan. Perhaps Charlie told
you how I laughed over your
note - I was very much amused
at the time by the conversation -
But thought that your remarks
were rather spicy as you say.
I think you did not get so
fatigued by your visit to town
that you will be unable to come
again soon. William received a
letter from Mary Bruce today -
in which she says that she is
to be at the Depot tomorrow
Morn. & is going to Patrick's to stay.
She wrote to William thinking
that possibly she had misdirected
Patrick's note & was anxious some
one should meet her at the Depot.
Mrs. Emery came & took Charlie's

Shirt - today I is to make
one for him & one for
your Father when I get the
pattern of his & if they don't fit
she is to go to the house & see
them on & alter them. With
regard to the pleating of the bosoms -
I have heard that a fine pleat
runs entirely out of date & all
the shirts I have seen lately have
them pleated quite plainly & wide.
I had a set of 9 made for you
all wide plain pleats & like
them better than the fine. I shall
ask your Father what he prefers
however & Charlie says he prefers
the plain way. I purchased
6 1/2 yards of fine linen as you told
me & got that quantity & 1 of water
Cotton. I sympathize with you
most fully, dear Jane, in your
feeling above keeping quiet &
acknowledge that besides losing the
luxury of perfect health, I have

another compensation which
should make my confinement
much, much less disagreeable
than yours - still I can scarcely
say I am too hurried excepting
for the hope I have that I may
be repaid - for feeling well, I
am sometimes longing to go out
& breathe the fresh air - I can
ride or walk. There are
all my friends & kind in coming
to see me I should sometimes be rather
lonely, for I seldom see you between
8 1/2 & 5 1/2 & then in the way he
is working at the law. Before
Isa & Aunt Sally, Aunt Sarah, ^{Aunt Anna} &
before Tommy's death, Nancy & Mary
too I am exceedingly kind in
coming & then I always see Mother
& Augusta a portion of my fair day -
I'm sorry Mother has been ill with
a bad cold again. I hope you will
bring Miss Long's visit - you must
send her into town with the Dr. if
you get tired at any time, & let her

Sunday Dec.

My dear little Jessie.

How glad I am to hear such sad accounts of you and much as I wish I could go & see you - but that cannot be & I must content myself with writing. They tell me that you are very lonely - Why don't you invite Mary Anne or Mary Perkins to stay with you? As you are so intimate with them they would be no care but some comfort. I think however, as far as I can judge, that a much better plan would be for the Doctor to keep one of his libraries private, and you go down stairs in the morning, as I do, and stay there all day - You can have one of those charming couches drawn in & watch him & be amused by seeing him work. Certainly no strangers need intrude when you have so many rooms - & if your friend's call & you do not wish to see them in the library,

You could, without fatigue, walk
into the parlour. It seems to me that
it would be much better for you.
I am sure I am much more
pleasantly (delightfully) situated
this winter than last, when I
tripe about stairs entirely. Your stairs
are so easy that the mere going up
at night & down in the morning will
be of no consequence. I make my
parlour & real dressing room & see
my girl going down whatever I want
in the course of the day. How soon
is the baby going? I long to hear that
he has gone; for, however pleasant
he may be, you ought not to have
any one except a lady friend
in the house. You could more
easily be in the library if he were
not there. I am writing my opinion
clear without being asked, but
do I hope you will continue to be
less lonely. William brought you
kind invitation for Christmas Eve,
which he will depend upon
accepting - I hope to be in a state
to be unable (kind & polite). But
I am getting on so well that I feel
quite encouraged. I am my love

I do nothing for myself - Mill is
lady's maid, Anne & Edward boys & such
a darling. I haven't seen Sue
since I saw you, but Patrick tells
she is nicely & walks one freely.
A child was here last Sunday -
how Charlie has bleached! What are
you reading? if you want any novels
I can tell you of some interesting ones.
Grantley Manor is well worth
reading, but quite exciting. Pray
do not read Chances & Counter chances -
I think it the most disagreeable
book I ever read. I am told that
Dr. Channing's life is very interesting
& mean to read it. If you have
any book that you would like, pray
say so. Only think! I can't hire a
piano from Chekeing at present, he
has not one - Well Charles says I may
play so I am quite disappointed.
Have you heard from Aunt Mary
lately? I would very much to hear
about her. Give my love to Dr. Gray.
I am hoping to hear you feel better after
you get through with the labour -
it always makes me feel wretchedly -
Believe me Dear Jane Anne
Afflyr G. Sista P.

Beverly July 29th 42.

Our beloved Professor came & dined with us yesterday evening & would have stayed, but did not wish to leave the house at Cambridge, alone all night. He looks remarkably well & was extremely entertaining. The Sedgwick's passed the day with us & Mrs. Minot & Miss Mary also. Miss S. regretted very much not seeing you & Mr. Sedgwick desired to be remembered to you & feared you might have forgotten him. They all seemed to enjoy the day exceedingly & Mrs. M. took three or four rough sketches - all very good. The doctor brought two boxes of beautiful flowers which were most acceptable for in the morning I was obliged to arrange the faces with green only - there were no flowers worth cutting in the garden. Aunt Lizzie Putnam left us

Yesterday - Mr. Brown all enjoyed his visit, & I especially, because she could advise me about the baby - tho' the little creature is perfectly well still her mamma frets somewhat over her. You will not be forgotten by us in our long sitting & Mr. Lane discussed most thoroughly the best means of promoting a cure. My method is to let you come here (providing always the Dr. can come by your way) & not allow your Father to have an individual here & then try the going out in the boat and getting terribly sea sick! I really believe that to be the best cure for you. I feel as if I could nurse you nicely, & do let me try to repay in some small measure your kindness to me? Hope Brinney called to see us on Friday & looked very well - she has a fine baby whom I have not seen. Lissie B. came with her & looked miserably. It is quite a difficult matter to entertain strangers with a young infant - but the dinner hour is when it will, she is sure to wake up & must be nursed so I had her fed at the dinner hour on Saturday & the consequence is, she

is not like herself today. Mr. Bruce is here & Charlie's father I believe they both return tomorrow. Your Father intends going for you on Thursday - then, unless Augusta comes to stay, you shall be quite alone. The place never looked more beautifully than it has this summer notwithstanding the drought - and I never enjoyed it more altho' I do not walk much - cows always should keep quiet, you know. I have sufficient provisions for me & Uncle Charles & Aunt Lissie laugh because I have such an abundance. I have lost some flocks but am still better out here. The baby has just returned from a long walk and as she came in really seemed to say "drink drink" - so I gave her some water & she is delighted. Why should they not be thirsty as well as me? Milk is so very sweet. I hope mamma is better & wish you would remember me kindly, bless. Dear Aunt Mary has her hands full indeed; Lov cheerfully & lovingly she does all. I am very sorry you think you must come home at this time & trust you will not suffer from fatigue. William wishes me

to give his best love to you & I must
now say goodbye - With my love to Aunt Mary
& Emma & my respects to Miss Pierce
believe me ever affly
Lizzie
I & my family are very well.

July 29th '49

Mrs. Dr. Gray
Litchfield
Conn.

little thing has cut another
tooth & is as "good as dead."

We have decided to go to Boston
for good & all on, either Thursday
or Wednesday of next week -

& if convenient to you, shall go to
Cambridge on Monday of the
following - that is if I look decently.
I am going to take some baths on
the last day of the week or more
& try to soften my complexion
sufficiently to go to you. But I am
sure if I look as I do now
I had best give it up.

Father dined with
me today, and said he seemed
quite bright, & the children were very
glad to see him. Father said
he hoped to come down some day
this week with them.

You don't know
what an improvement the paths
are & they are beautifully laid out.
Give my love to my dear
brother Professor & believe me
they all send me most affectionately
Yours
Lizzie

Beverly Monday

Dear Jennie -
Thank you for your
kind note - I am very sorry
that you took the trouble to
write so long a note when you
had so much to do & required
rest so much. What a divine
party you had! I think it
must have been delightful -
but I am really afraid you
will feel the fatigue now that it
is all over. You are very kind
to offer us a similar entertain-
ment when we go to you - but assuredly
you have no such allurements
necessary. I & I both anticipate
much pleasure from merely seeing
you & the Dr. & it will please
both of us more to have you rest

+ keep well. I think your bill
of fare very nice - I am no doubt,
the same was delicious when
I served - I am sure you ought
to quite pride yourself upon
both your cooking, arrangements,
and more than all besides, your
cheerfulness & willingness to make
so much exertion when feeling so
wretchedly. I know you miss Miss
Mary very much - I missed you
both very much when you had gone.
What a pretty attention of Mary!
and Mr. Williams' ~~table~~
suspense quite unnecessary & a
piece of extravagance - I do not.
We all enjoyed your visit extremely
& now let me assure you of
our desire to receive you all on
Thursday. We do hope you
will have good weather & that
all the party will be able
to come. I shall like Mr. Haimes,
I know, from your description, -
All English men are charming

according to your ideas - But I
know what you mean. The gentlemen
say they will certainly manage
to carry your gentlemen out in
the boat - I'm inclined to staying
I am & will enjoy the expedition
exceedingly. Poor Charlie is sadly
disappointed that he did not
accomplish a journey to Cambridge
before Mary left you - he did
intend to go tomorrow but will
not now, probably. I have been
covering the sofa today with
Mrs. Shissel's kindness (not help).
& am going to make her turn
the carpet tomorrow - I shall say
tell Jane it will depend upon
the weather whether we can launch
the sail boat, if it should be rough
it would not be possible - but we
can the row boat, & will. Pittie is
grinny & I thank you for taking
my side in the important dis-
-cussion now before the public.
My mind is the same - the new

a good - but if you do not
want it I can find many
many uses for it - I shall be
glad of it.

The Alpaca I
think very nice & mean to
get myself a shirt of the same.

How I do pity the
Packets! I will give them
all Kittie's new short dresses
to make. I was just commencing
them. I will finish one & send
it as a pattern - & if you
wish to tell them they are to
have the work you may & I
will try to finish it by Wednes.

Day. - Sent by Stratton or
had I best let you send it
in your name?

I will mention
them to others & one day

can get work for them.

Catharine I found too I
love & will continue to mention.
I think I shall be able
to go see you with much
some day when nothing else
happens - if that ever comes to
pass. I see you now I am

So glad she is with you -
Little Kittie sends a kiss to
both of you - She grows quite
knowing & mimics her Papa
& Papa is wonderfully.

I was such a waddy to
forget the fleecy! I wonder
your design to write to me.
I am all love in order -
Only you sympathize? I think
the number of No 1's in this note
surpasses credibility. - Affly. E.

For child, nothing but both!

I have only one more carpet down, & all the autumn cleaning to do.
sire, worked all round with
embroidery braid. — Would you
like a white cachemire hood lined
with white silk & worked with
white braid in the style of the one I
brought home to Kirk? You shall
have it for \$1.50 now the Fair is over
& they are selling at half price —
I had half a mind to get a cap for
Willie crocheted in imitation of China
Mulla, it was very cunning — But I
never dare to get things for children
without mamma — My doll sold for
\$2.00! A regular sponge I think — The
Pratts spent over \$70. Mrs. Nathan Apr
Jelton bought my Shetland shawl
for \$15.00 —

I am afraid I shall scarcely see
Beverly — I have taken a heavy cold with
all these changes of weather & my lace
bonnet — How suddenly cold it grew — And
then my new suit only came last evening.

I don't want either to run away from Boston just as I have a
chance to see father & mother. I have seen nothing of them
And it is
forming to
Incurably cold
I am not at
all prepared
to winter here
seems close upon
us — Love to Mrs
& the children.
Yours
Love affly
Jane
Friday Oct
(Miss Anne Gray)
Dear Lizzie,
I send to the office
the baskets & coiffure that you
may dispose of them as you
like — The baskets come to
\$6.00 — If your Aunt thinks them
too high she can return them
to me, for they are in great de-
mand — Not having heard from
you I was just on the point of
selling them — I had sold the
other coiffure before I got your
note — But I think this one ad-
pretty — It is \$7.00 — Our Fair has

been very successful \$2,260. deposited in the bank last night! & still some little things to come in - I suppose expenses will be 40500 - We closed last Eof

I could have sold twice as many baskets, & tatting collars & spider mitts! - There was quite a rush for them. - I got so interested that I kept my table much longer than I intended. - I sold all my importations but one of my London tidies, & a few children's mitts - Aunt Sally has taken two pair of them today - Would you care for a pair for Kitty? They are \$1.25 - Susan's beautiful chenille work was unsold, & some of my head-

dresses - Do you know anyone who would like the tidy? It is embroidered with pink braid on white muslin, & is a very pretty pattern, & will wash -

I was sorry about your apron, but there were very few of them; only two unsold, & they were short, so I did not get one - I was truly sorry you could not have seen the children's aprons, there were such pretty patterns - I thought there would be a good many left I could have brought in to you, but they are all gone - And such pretty baby things! Embroidered flannels & cakes, & knit jackets & under-jackets, & pretty dresses, &c. &c. - There is one dress left, I believe, a red cake-