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## Roxana Chapin Gerdine to Emily McKinstry Chapin (1860 April 2)

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Can not read it - myself. But it is no after dinner at night. and I very  
truly so in fact. So  
with a last. Love  
to all. That means  
young & old.  
& regards from the  
Gen. before he com-  
menced writing. I  
in New York. I  
was close. The ball  
I will write her  
you. & my thanks to  
you for your in-  
terest. I will write  
to her soon too. I think  
it was the first letter  
we had written me in  
nearly two years.

is twice in a week. You had thing you. what  
business had every body in finding out my  
confidential letter to Mother. Has Mr  
Clark mentioned it - yet from the desk.  
I am verily mortified, not because you  
know it - no you know I always tell you every  
thing almost. But it was a secret with Lucy  
and myself. I had said so much about going  
home to spend the summer. That I knew some  
thing must be done. so I gained courage to  
write to Mother, as she was an old married  
woman I knew it would not shock her.  
Well I have decided to go if nothing prevents  
but when I have no idea, as I shall keep on the  
look out for company. as the Gen. can not possibly



Leave the children here alone. he thinks I will take Lina to nurse Tom as far as I can. but that will not do me much good as she could not go very far & come back alone. I might send to Mobile & get an Irish girl but they are such Ladies. They will not do like our Northern girls. and I must have one that will keep Mother. so I will have Nellie engage one as soon as I decide what time to start. Then I want to get a young girl, old enough to nurse Tom, to bring back with me. & keep her as nurse to when I travel again. I shall not be so troubled, it almost kills Lina to have one talk of taking Tom from her all summer. she cries over it like he was her own. and the little rogue misers her enough better than he will me. My heart would be as light as a feather if I could take her. she knows every thing that white folks do. and more than many of them. I have never been from home but one day in my life. of course of course.



sentence. I meant that he had improved wonderfully  
and will be delighted with him for I am!!?!?!  
Well now set your heart at rest and wait  
until you see me, I may write to father  
or Melie to meet me, or perhaps Joe will go  
through N.Y. with me. I don't know yet. I am  
making up a piece of cloth for Lucy some work  
clothes, as she will have so little time to visit  
if she has her sewing to do. She declares if I do  
not go, she will come and stay with me. But  
she shall not do it. Well have not I written  
a good deal about nothing now. Turn this  
sheet before you read it, & do not tell any body  
what an amount of foolishness I have written.  
William you know is not posted on this subject  
and he would blush for a week. Did you say he  
was fond of children? Ah, very well. I hope  
well. Well!! another wonder under the  
sun. Jessie, Harriet, Elizabeth, Fisk, has done  
gone and got married, way down in Florida  
to a Mr. Parcell, a Yankee by birth, a southerner  
by adoption, and a merchant, the say. He has

Edley has written: we don't want that a man



a fine establishment, and he is a fine man -  
more I did not learn. I can daguerotype  
him from his name can not you. I laugh over  
time I think about it, and did I write you  
that Mary Jane was keeping boarders at the  
Lancet Hill, and that Mrs Lelander is coming  
back to Washington in July to teach, and  
that Cleve Wood had a daughter, and that  
Mr Frank Wingfield had married Fattie  
Greens, and that Mrs Anthony was dead.

I have forgotten what I have written you in  
my late letters so if it is stale news dont  
read it, just quietly put it aside. Mrs Cobb  
has a little daughter. We keep a sort of hotel  
here for ministers, they come to preacht to the  
negroes and put up there, so we have company  
nearly every Sunday. All of our white family go  
to the same church but myself. I stay with Tom  
and let Lina & Empe go, they are his nurses.  
one keeps him at night and one by day. dont  
you think my writing improves as I grow older, I