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Ursino Sep^r 5th: 1818;

My dear Children,

You will think that I have quite conquered my aversion to writing, which I assure you is not the case, tho I devote every moment I can spare to you; for I feel assured that you are very desirous to hear frequently from home. & I am no less anxious to be informed of your welfare. Sarah I trust by this Time is safely lodged, under her Parents roof, & enjoying the satisfaction of seeing her Father & Mother surrounded by their family, rejoicing in the ~~firm~~ ^{firm} old gentlemen's restoration to health, may his usefull life long be spared as a blessing to them: it will require great attention on his part, to prevent a relapse. & Sarah must be no less carefull of herself I can not think that a walk of 2 Miles can be service-
-able to her; my experience daily teaches me, that lost health is hard to regain, & Dr. Watts joins me in opinion that tranquility will be beneficial to ~~her~~ your Abyssinian Friends hope you will be here by the 11th: which is Mr R's birth day, & it is to be the most important of Julius life. I want you to know Mr Lawrence he

He gains more & more of my good opinion he admires my little ones, who really are daily improving, tho' John has forgotten his Learning, little Phil. Palmer has become an Orator, John is growing a Man & Julia a pet to all who see her. Tuesday Ap^{rs} 8th I am frequently broken in upon, Mrs Mayo, & the Scott family with Miss Gibbon have been here, they are all very pleasant & bring good company to the ad Quarters, their House, & the Wedding parties will make the Town very gay each bride is to be handsomely attired, Julia will display silver, & other beautifully worked muslins, with Lattin, Silks & Canton Crapes her Wardrobe will be well furnished, Lucille is to have some expensive dresses, not a Mantua-maker can be found for an old lady like me, & I have not time to exert myself to seek one. I want the House well arranged; for several of the guests are to be lodged with me & I wished the Sofa & Chairs &c &c, to be changed in the Drawing room but I fear I shall do little; the morning lies as usual, before I can leave my room, good night, more tomorrow I was scribbling in my bed with the candle in the socket which gave an uncertain light & I find I have written in a scrawl, you must excuse all things, & write particular letters in return, your kind favor of the 3^o is now before me: the account you give of the Gen. I hope is magnified by Sarah's fears, when he recovers from the fatigue of his journey, & gets his business arranged which must necessarily have greatly multiplied during his absence. I hope he will be able to enjoy comfort

& aid my good friend M^{rs} M. in the arduous task, she has undertaken
of bringing up that poor unfortunate little girl, my Dr Julia sometimes
wants to cry for Grand, but I wont allow it, tho' John tells me I am under
your care, but Rachel, we go on very well & ^{her} inds he is rewarded for
his good behaviour. Would it not be a good thing for the Gen^l to
accompany Sarah as far as Saratoga & for them to try the Waters
for another week before the weather grows cold, tell my old friend
the Gen^l I am much obliged to him for ordering the box of Long
W^{ater}, which I think has been very serviceable to me, & he might
have it at 1/3^{ts}, for tho' my disease has not been as violent as
his I think we each have bile & gouty matter from our Ancestors.
Give my kind regards to the different branches of the family.
I feel gratified by their affectionate remembrances I hope that
my old friend Miss Wilcox ^{or} Mrs A-g appears very desirous that
she should make a visit, this dear, worthy friend of ours, is not
without her troubles & vexations, & those who know her thro'
must be convinced she is disinterested. Will not your self
Mrs C. be able to make us a visit, I shall be gratified to
cultivate her friendship, her situation call for my tender
sympathy. Now is Mrs R. ^{Morris} coming on, say something civil to her
& my old acquaintance Miss J. n. for me. Mrs & Mrs Putgers have
made me two visits Mrs R. stays several days Mr R. has been here tho'
could not speak to the parents I asked the young man if he had lodged
anything in his reply was that he soon would I said I should be glad
of it that I would have the fish hook made up. Mr & Mrs R. Charles 5th
& some others are to lodge here. Peggys child has had the dysentery
& is still sick the poor Mother is far from well & I am still
invalid the Biles are troublesome & I am in expectation of being a painful
wedding guest. the little looks are well & happy

The Abyssinians with Mr Mrs A & the children desire their
kind remembrances, Julia love & thanks for the kind message
she says that Mr L far surpasses her in all that is good & kind
he wants very much to know you. The aged Daytons & so they
write in love. Mr Bond is pleased you have consented to let your
pen, I am told 12¢ is much too cheap - with tender affection

Mr. Mencken

1840
Mrs Lawrence

Mrs Ogden's
weddings

1841
Mrs Ogden's

Peter Frank Esq
Genl Morris

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