

Brooklyn  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1853  
Friday Evening

My Dear parents,

A longer time has passed since the receipt of your last, than I intended but we have been house-cleaning which has left the almost-entire charge of the children upon me, and I have found it quite impossible to write. We have not seen Frannie Squire yet but hope to soon.

You have plenty of news just now I hear, I do think Frank & Harriet will make a real nice couple, but do tell me who Marry Butler is going to marry- Sophia wrote that she was to be married soon after Frank & Harriet return.

Lucinda says that she believes she would take that money, so that I have the \$17.50 now in my possession, which you will please direct me in the disposal. I had a letter from Anne Brown last evening. Mary had been here that day and all were well.

I think they are doing well at the store, at any rate they all work hard, and I think they would average during the last few weeks sales to the amount of a thousand dollars per day. I know that one day they sold \$3000 worth. I should think they had as many as a hundred girls at work.

We have had lettuce- the fruit trees are in blossom, so are hyacinths', the lilacs & springas look green.

Ma, you asked me for some samples of crape de' Laine, I Have not had time to go out and besides they do not like to cut samples here, but if you would like a summer dress, just authorise me to get it, and I believe I can suit you, you must limit me in the price, don't get crape d' Laine- I think I could find something at two & sixpence that would suit. I send you a sample of a dress Luther has given me it is shally-de-lain, please keep the sample as I may need it for mending sometime.

It is getting late, & I am getting sleepy so I must say good night with much love to all.

Ever your affectionate daughter  
Sarah

I forgot to tell you that Luther has bought furniture for the house. Louise goes to school to Mr. Crittendon & John to a Mr. Aiken.

Butter is two shillings & 3 pence per lb, you spoke last fall of sending some, so I thought I would tell you we were out.