Sunny Side Dec 6th 1860

My dear Parents,

The box came safely to hand last night and four barrels of apples, the fifth was missing. We opened the box just after night, and it was a time of rejoicing among the children. Many thanks for the pretty bedquilt-my Mother, and the same to you Pa for the medicine, which I will take, though I have long ago ceased to expect a cure & rather regard my disease as a part-allotted by Providence for good and wise purposes and strive & pray to hear it patiently, but for want of faith. I often often fail. The Borax came in good time for I am suffering with a very sore mouth, & the Dr. was out of it. Henry's clothes are beautiful, he & Jinnie dress up this evening to ride with the Father to Tebeauville. Many thanks for the pains you took now that we are within a few hours ride of Savannah & hope we shall not have to trouble you.

I like the country better here than in Charlton Co. it is more diversified. The Dr. bought more land last week adjoining his, a lot about 300 acres on which the Savannah, Albany & Gulf Railroad & the Brunswick & Florida Railroad intersect, he considers it a good investment. We are living in our kitchen, and the house is giving on slowly. But I had rather wait longer & have it more convenient. Opening the box made me dream of you last night. I thought you were both here, I should like to realize, it but in the present unsettled stake of the country, cannot think it best for you to come. Have you seen the retaliatory measures proposed by Georgia Legislation are they not as consistent as some of the Ohio laws? Those of some other Northern states. I have not time to write more now- the children send love, Jinnie says "tell Grandma I think more of that Doll than any one I have"

With love yours, Sarah

PS the Dr. wishes to be remembered and would like to know if his Draft has been received & cashed

I sent you a plan of the house as near as I can, there will be more closets, but we have not got them fixed yet- the house is 38 ft by 15 ft- two rooms upstairs are pretty much in the pointed roof, & there is a gable window to the upper hall- there is a shed back of the house in which is the Dining room & children's room which is 12 feet wide. It is not pretty outside, but I will be very convenient & conformable inside. I think I could have designed a house just as convenient-far prettier & not more expensive, but the DRr.'s self-esteem is bigger than mind so I yield. They are now shingling & are to enclose it. I believe put up partitions to two shed rooms, and then stop.

The shoes fit well & we are well pleased with all but I expect it's the last we can order. There will probably be heavy duties.

S.F.W.