

Friday January 4th 1843
No. 66 North Pearl Street

Dear Mother,

As Mr. Perkins is going to leave for Utica tomorrow, and we have an opportunity I will send a few lines of sending. I have not much to say as I have not received news from home in some time, or at least it seems so to me, for time does not seem to fly as swiftly, as it does at home, at least when I look forward as far as May. It seems as if that would never come. We enjoyed Mr. Murphy's visit very much. To day compositions were read in the school we had the great pleasure of seeing Dr. Lox and listening to a few of his many rich words. He is as fine a looking old gentleman as I must every saw, he is now giving a course of lectures before the "young men's associations".

Has Pa returned from the west yet? Do write me about Pat's trial. I received a letter from James and the girls this week, they were enjoying themselves very much, particularly Lucin, as Marvin and Fayette had come home. Mr. & Mrs. Wing have had another addition to their family. James said Mary had gone over to Father Brown's and Lucin was resting in the "big rocking chairs" after the fatigues of baking and waiting very patiently the return of Mary with Marvin. Do you not think James and Mary are going to make a match between Marvin and Lucinda. I know nothing about Marvin, but it seems to me I had rather see Lucin marry Lester Eames than anyone else. I always like Lester very much. Henry Sanger is very anxious & I should spend the May vacation in New York, and sent me a very polite invitation to accompany her which I took as nothing more than ceremony of course, but we have both decided that by next vacation we shall stand in need of a home airing for a week, and I am sure I shall get enough of city life. Do not forget to send me a bundle every chance you get. I would not care if I had a box of your nice cake, remember the "social choir". Ma do you ever take hints? You have probably heard of the Normal school, of which Mr. Perkins is one of the Professors, we have several of the scholars boarding with us. Every week we have a paper written in school, the editors are chosen for four weeks Lib is now one of them.

Give my love to all the friends, and ever so much for Pa and yourself. Tell Carrie I am waiting very patiently for an answer to my letter, and tell her she shall not be afflicted with another one as long, if she will answer it. Remember me to Jane and tell her to be a good girl. Your affectionate daughter.

Sarah