

Brooklyn March 25<sup>th</sup> 1853  
Friday Evening

My Dear Parents,

The week has almost passed without my finding time to write until now. I have often thought of you however, and as often saw things that must be done here. I do not see how Lucinda is going to get along without another girl after I leave, it is as much as she and I both can do to take care of the children, sew &c &c. It is now necessary that they should furnish another chamber, and Luther intends doing so, they need it as a cousin of Luther's who is clerk for him is staying here, & they have not a single spare bed in the house now that I have thought of you intended to give Lucinda interest on her note it would be a good idea to let her have it for this purpose, & let Luther hire another girl, now that write this on my own responsibility. If you are not-pleased, and think I am meddling in what is none of my business, why just say so, I am only telling you of what I have been thinking- Lucin has laid by the ten dollars you gave her towards furnishing the room. As far as you can judge, they seem to be doing well at the store. Luther as the clerk seldom home now till late- in the evening.

I have given up teaching the children, as Lucin wants me to help her sew, & I cannot do both. Luther intends sending them both to school this summer.

We attended a wedding Wednesday evening- no one that you know- a Ms. Harris married a young lawyer from Syracuse, there were only about 25 or 30 present- it was very pleasant- her Brother Mr. Pratt married a daughter of Judge Lawrence of Syracuse & it was at his house that we were invited to the wedding. Emilie Shays & the Demmings were there- we have found the acquaintance this winter. Mr. Hunting called today, he is very anxious that I visit East Hampton before I go home- he says Aunt Betsey's husband is just alone, I think with consumption

I have set no time for coming home, only that now I would like to attend the anniversaries & take a peep at the world's fair. I wish you would tell Sophia Butler to come down anniversary week, I do not like to go alone & Luther & Lucin can't go. Lucin invited her when she was home, to come down with Frank. You know there is no one takes more pains to entertain our friends than the Butlers & Lucin says she would like to return it in some way. I have not heard from the South again, perhaps I shall not, & shall cry if I don't. I had a call last week from Mr. Hickey & Mr. Waldo. Samuel McElroy called the other evening, he is chief engineer in the Navy Yard, I do love to see my old Albany friends- Edward Red was here last night- he is head salesman now for Gary & Co. We see Aunt Dinore & Jane often. Lucin sends love & the velvet ribbon, which she intended to give you. Luther hasn't paid me the money, but will next week, which I will send you some if I can. Love to Margaret, write soon to your affectionate daughter.

Sarah