

Philad, Jan'y 17th 1868

Dear Aunt

Your welcome letter came duly at hand, I received it ~~in~~ about one month from the time it was dated, I was also glad to receive a letter from Alice, she says she is going to school and likes her teacher very much and I hope she is also fond of her studies for I think she will make a smart young woman, We have had a great deal of cold weather this winter it is fine weather for people to fill their Ice houses and we have also had several snows and quite a good deal of sleighing, the snow and ice has caused a great many accidents to be brought into the Hospital some with broken arms, some with broken legs &c we have various kinds of cases coming in, some wives shot by their husbands some scalds & burns &c we received a young woman yesterday who was shot by her husband

in the head and the ball remains in her brain, her recovery is doubtful, & we also received last night a young woman who through ignorance or thoughtlessness poured coal oil in the fire to make it burn, and immediately it blew up or blazed up with such force that it set her on fire and she was burned from head to foot and died in about four hours after she was admitted to the Hospital, and we have just such cases coming in most every day.

I believe the folks which you have been inquiring after are all pretty well, and remain about the same as when you were here, as regards marriage, Marshall Henszys family is pretty well, and the girls all remain single as yet. Aunt Kittys family are pretty well now but have had a great deal of sickness since you were here.

Aunt Ann is remarkably well for a person of her age, her arm has got perfectly well, and her general health is very good for a person 82 or 3 years of age, but she had a very tedious time with her arm before it got well,

Joseph Henszys family is well with the exception of exceeding great sorrow, brought upon them by the loss of their only daughter Mary, who died about the middle of November, she was engaged to be married to Robert Moore, an engagement which her Parents were very much opposed to, but she was very fond of him and said she would have him, which was very much to the regret of her Parents, her mother expressed that she would ^{rather} follow her to her grave than she should have the one she intended to have, but when the following her to her grave came to ^{be} a fact, I think the marriage would of been much preferable, she was only sick about 5 days, but had been feeling unwell for about 2 weeks, she died with Jaundice and inflammation of the bowels. We are all pretty well at present Algemine continues to have her spells which she had the spring you went home.

I must bring my letter to a close as it is getting late. I received a letter from Emma some months ago for which I beg pardon

for not answering before this I expect
to answer it before long please to excuse
all misspelled and omission of words
for I have scribbled it off in a hurry.

With much love to all I
remain as ever your loving Nephew

To Sarah Ann Palmer A. D. Stockton
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