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My Dear Mother

This morning I was surprised with a letter from you, I always think that something is wrong when you write by the mail. I was disappointed. Some of the information I was glad to hear, not that it pleased me, but because I ought to know all. Your accounts of yourself I don't know how to interpret, I suspect you are not very sick. One thing you should have told me, now comes by no means too late. I did not, and God forbid that I ever should, think you were in ^{not} sending money. You need not to ask to be excused I should, for allowing myself to be troublesome, I fear I have been more than I ought, but I will cease to be hereafter. You ought to have stated plainly and I should have set my wits to work to have invented a "cork jacket". You will have learned that D. S. Gardner is in this city and will remain here. We have been selling some plain on foot and we hope some good may come out of them.

(Decr. 21. 1814) upon the subject which distresses you, I remain of the same opinion as by my former letters. Were I still unsettled I should immediately find out a place in the Southern States, perhaps Virginia, where I could be paid 500. 600 Dols. per annum for teaching, however irksome it may be to me. Then my profession would be made subservient to future prosperity. I could find how I might live, by my own exertions, and I would then become acquainted with people and find they were not altogether vicious and deceptive. I should then feel a confidence in my own powers. I should be enabled to look about me and see how the land lay. Then I would set up in my profession and make the two ends meet. I am differently placed and were I can do neither; so I

do as fortune directs and now I am in a quandary
and know not what to do. Persevere, I am determined,
but that seems doing nothing, rather gaining nothing.

Should peace be concluded this very season, we
should not be much better off for it. I cannot see that
Andrews prospect would any way brighten. He must
fly from Boston and from N. England, perhaps this
side the Hudson. Albany is out of the question. He
must ask himself how shall I set out. The obvious
courses lay finding some expedient in which money
can be obtained, to defray necessary expenses. One is
to borrow, and the other to help himself. The first can
easily be done, if persons able to lend see, that he may
profit by it. The second may be effected by the
means which I have suggested and I can see no
other possible means. Where is his spirit of independence
should he enter the Army, He can see no perman-
ency in it. He has a good education and has
he not spirit enough to use it, so as to make him-
self respectable? His education is much too good to
fit him for a steward, or Barrack master. I wish I
could inspire him with a little spirit of my
spirit. To be a druggist in the Army as he always
would be. He is no mathematician and can't be a
soldier. Can never rise without it. Samuel Dana
before he became a Lieut. studied near two years
under Mr Farrar and was ~~very~~ ^{ever} after at his
drawings, and diagrams. A black collar and epaulet
and dress buttons do not make a soldier. The

knowledge necessary now is new great and, such
as have it not, are thrown out by consolidations;
our best officers have be educated at West point
and they are equal to any perhaps in the world.
Has Andrew been thus educated, or has his taste
lead him one step toward it - No! Then would
it be absurd to think of this thing. The duties of a cit-
izen will best suit him and he best suit it. You
know I am fully of the opinion that Dr. Randall
has advanced & that I have said so more than
a year since. The longer Andrew stays about
that hot bed of faction and prejudice the longer
will he be from knowing himself and estimating
his own talents & judging them as he may. He
will feel like a new being and will be able to judge
what he can best do, when he is out of the baneful
influence of your distracting distracted metropolis.

Your argument concerning Books is good & I have
gotten none, and have purchased nothing but what will
~~serve~~ was necessary. My room now looks as if I did not
feel ashamed, and I really mean before. The furniture of my
room is neat and elegant would do for any parlour. It
cost me upwards of \$60. Not ^a superfluous thing is it - I
should delight to pop in upon the family ~~picture~~ as in the picture
you drew. I sometimes go into ecstasy with the idea of going
in and seeing all again. I have been jumping at the idea
if now I was there. But alas! I am here. and I wish ^{you} could
see me. at this moment happy and well. At 10.00. at night -
(Remember a bed.) room warm, fire down, just from the Cabinet of Science
who have this evening appointed me orator with two months notice

Dr. Faucher went to his former engraver of the stage of the Kinn Park
a small P. contrasted.

I shall write upon the inestimable advantage of vaccination to the world. I have already sketched the plan & I will give it in a letter soon. I want the publication which contains the description of the infant with small pox. It may be of service to me and I have no doubt but will eventually be to the cause of humanity. I shall calculate it to touch the feelings of the Ladies of whom not a few will attend. About 200 attended last season and as many will this.

Dr. Faucher says I must give his respects to all. He is to write, He all his things out, Phials, quills, glass tubes in a ivory box &c. on the table just as at our house. He is preparing to vaccinate the soldiers. I will and cheerful & full of pleasure of a grand movement. He will write when he has any good news to tell you.

Dr Faucher wants the Lecture on the Small Pox -
2 Kinn Park.

Wants Books on Vaccination. "Instructions to the Legislature of Mass" - &c - Various English papers in sheets and pamphlets relating experiment. &c. Notification concerning the Vaccination its receipt among the great people of this world. Books on the Branch of Practice of Midwifery - Hamel - Shall want cranial. Only three are whole.

The object The oration is thus planned -

The object of ^{existence, according to} Civilisation is the increase of happiness. Population is increased by the promotion of happiness and is therefore its best measure. The things promote the population & happiness is the useful man. What do chemist? Botanist? Merchant? Farmer. Orators Lawyers &c &c. Warriors &c - They do ^{preeminently} not promote either Happiness or Pop. - Then shall say how Vaccination promotes each. How the little packet which brought the matter first was better ^{than} the news of victory &c. - ~~peace~~ Peace and wind up with the horrors of the small Pox and an explication of praise for the mild Preventive.