

New York Jan 26th 1869.

My dear kind friend I thank
thee from my heart for thy exceeding
kindness to my poor nephews, who com-
pune David & directly became, much
improved in health - and to find
his two dear little children ill with
whooping cough - His wife lovely, bright
beautiful as ever gave him such
a welcome, as only a loving wife can
They had just 10 days of perfect
happiness when he waked up
on the morning of the 18th of Decem-
ber, ~~then~~ ^{then} his wife breathing heavily,
let the Gas & found her quite
unconscious - the Doctor was called
in 10 minutes was at her bedside
found her dying, and ⁱⁿ 20 minutes
she was gone - It was a deep
heart rending sorrow - but he is brave
and has borne it better than we
could for - He often speaks
of thy kindness, and said what he
received from & through thee, was
more to him than all else while
he was away - He talked as I like

They have grown to womanhood - and are occupying
their various gifts - Sally teaches Drawing, trunk work
in Mrs Hoffmanns School - Julia teaches six young girls
in the family of Mrs Rasch - a well-to-do farmer,
Lucy goes to the school of Design every Monday, and
gives music lessons in the afternoon - we are in the
old house, 19 Laramie Place - I cannot call it
the old home for that has destroyed utterly - there
is no such thing as building up, when so many things
associated with the past are gone - but we
take all we can of this worlds happenings, and
give but little time to vain regrets - It is well
what we cannot cure, let us cheerly endure,
I see you do visit Mrs Sniffin sometimes, and
we talk about you - I Sally Thayer and her
brother James often speak of Mrs Bigelow most
affectionately - they remember how William loved respected
them -

to hear a man of thy good husband
whom a splendid address Mr Biggs
made at the Dinner since then
and now everything passed off as
you & all good Americans would
like - I am proud of thy hus-
-band as my countryman & as
my child - I will delight to
see you all - the more because
I am in your position his not
opposed you - and what a great
experience you have had - it is much
to your children, although so young -

How fortunate does your hus-
band in your - the new thought
to give it a whisk for me -
so full content myself in sharing
in the pleasures & prosperity of our
land -

And you to the gifts - It
is possible my news sent online
to thank you for the beaver and
receiving them so kindly sent to
Her head seems on remembrance and
drawing, and she acknowledges
me that coming and begs to be
forgiven - Daddy took the face
of the beaver and Lucy the
poor hand banding and we are
pleased to remember as well as
grateful

Pray keep me informed of your postures & pleasures -
and give me really notice of your home coming -
you remember Mr. Mudd who bought your house
in 1842 - Three of your daughters have died since
that time - and both the father & mother - the House
has passed into other hands - and Mr. Mudd's change

And now Jerry my dear let me assure thee
of a warm welcome from friends at home - and
while thou hast had much to enjoy in the brilliant life
of the post few years - I am sure thou wilt find
in years to come a great deal of satisfaction in
the friends who will be glad to listen to thy
stories of Life Abroad, and thy entertaining
way of giving relations -

With ever so much love
to Mr. Bigelow & thyself in which my children
join & are thus true friends
Wm. G. Gibbons