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Letter from Sarah Whitney, Cambridge,
Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania, 1860 May 2

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I am sorry to have kept Mrs Do's
letter so long, but trust it is of no
great consequence. I have been too busy
to write & I'd be now were I not too
tired to work. In such condition I think
you will gladly spare my tediousness
& do my dear & bid you a loving adieu,
giving ~~you~~ however this message from
Susan - Give my love to Miss Anne
& tell I shd be glad if she'd write
to me - only I don't know whether I
cld read a letter she writes so
faring -

Your own Sarah

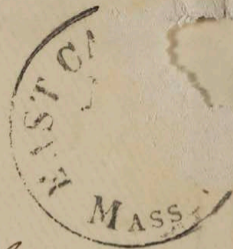
Wed. A. M. May 2nd '60

Here has come another mission
from her "we wot of," wh. I presume
to be not a matter of life & death, will
not waste a postage stamp upon it
ever for yr more speedy detection my
dear sister. Yrs of the 20th & 29th arrived
last evng & that I may not forget some
matters of wh I wish to speak, I embrace
this early opportunity. As to the bonnet
I shd be glad to take it, if I had my
head & taste & were here now - but
being in the bonnetless condition I am,
possessing nothing but a thick one wh
I have worn 4 winters & a dollar chip
wh has been a constant hack for 2 years,
I feel that I cannot wait another
week. Anna Carroll has promised to
go with me on the first pleasant day
to Belfast wh I select one & will trim it
for me, & I wait only the termination
of a dry northeaster wh threatens every
moment to become a wet one to claim
the fulfilment of the promise. I can only
accommodate you my dear by considerable
sacrifice or mortification - either give
up pleasure expeditions of such length
me or wear a dirty, shabby patch of wh. I
am ashamed.

Regarding the studio my dear I do & did not wish to put you in a disagreeable place & will see what can be done towards the accomplishment of yr own desire. The water objection being removed in the way you suggest, but 2 others remain - ^{to the Mother} the first applying equally to Edwin's land, its inconvenient distance making frequent calls to me impossible, & the 2nd, the fact that an unoccupied building (wh I suppose this must be a large part of the year) is always a target for the missiles of a neighborhood. Fortunately is the owner of such, if it escape the torch of the incendiary. As to style you must remember, that though a Hungarian in Orange may love to exercise his ingenuity & artistic taste for small compensation, no Yankee mechanic can do aught but feebly imitate - & that with such outlay of time & labor that the expense must be a matter of consideration to the person who employs him.

Fri. P.M. I expected to have sent yr trunk by to day's steamer - but discovering too late that the Belmont Express ran but every other day, I am obliged to keep it for the next, wh sails in 5 days. Almost every body in these parts is praying for rain. We

rejoice in a sufficient supply of well & rain water but most of our neighbors are lamenting the want of one or the other - I went this A.M. to Kenrick's & Hoyle's nurseries to get evergreens for Edwin but was advised not to transplant what we have said. At Mr K's we found Magnolia & other blossoms. If the heavens would but send some warm showers the country wd burst into greenness. As it is it looks pleasantly & promising in the sun light & mild air wh have succeeded the freezing cold of the early part of the week. Mother went to Charlestown yesterday & has not yet returned. The Shannons have escaped their trial now, only I feel it impending in June. Mrs. S. of Brooklyn, a witness in the case called with Mary on Wed. to see yr handiwork. The Muslin wh. you like for Mr. Markness, was not especially cheap, having cost 37 cts a yard. It wd be very unadvisable for travelling & as there is sufficient for a full dress I cling to my last decision & keep it for myself & have made for you an English Basege Spout wh. I think you must like better, & to wear under it I have made a coarse Muslin Skirt. I hope they will prove to be of the right length.



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