without talking seriously to her, I did so on her return, and I showed her that she had sunk in the estimation of her Uncle's family by the course she had taken, and I thought she had better explain to her aunt, how she came to say what she did; Instead of being angry, as I feared she would, she seemed much mortified, and asked me if I would not do it for her. If at her I would go and have her do it, I think. I will not do so again. Mary took her and Frank to Uncle's and Cousin's and Mrs. Bray's. This afternoon, they are all well, and Mr. Egges goes to Washington tomorrow. Frank runs in the yard, when it is pleasant, and plays all day either in and out of the house, I think, and his parents say they think he improved in health. He gives very little trouble and is satisfied without going out. When we take him a walk or ride, he is vastly pleased, particularly if we go near the Rail Road.

My dear Augustus,

The children received your letter, and were much pleased with it. Seth asked to take it to show Mrs. Gray, and I saw no objection, so she took it; and said this, I said it was a nice letter. I thought it might induce him to take more care of the child. If she saw us more anxious, and careful of her. She is a sprightly child, full of spirits, and a little inclined to be severe, and much to visit, about which faults I have to speak often, and because of some things I have heard of her companions at school, I think best she should not visit any of them till she returns. She thinks rather hard of this, but I am sure they will approve when
when she hears my reasons. There is much to learn in her, and if she is carefully looked after, I think she will make a fine woman. I feel that I am too much care was to do my duty fairly by such a child. She needs one to be constantly on the alert. So say she asked to go to her Uncle John's. I told her Aunt Ann did not like company on Sunday, but she might take one of莫特's letters, which was here, home, and return directly. She went and did not return till Church time, when she came up with Ann and Eliza. I asked her why she did not return before them. She hesitated, and said Eliza asked her to stay, and "you said". Then she hesitated, I supposed she did not wish to say before Ann, that I said she did not wish company on Sunday. So I said, I said Aunt Ann did not like company on Sunday. I observed Ann, and Eliza look at her, and she looked unharrassed but I thought it was because she had stayed longer than I told her she might. Afterwards as they went to Church, Ann told Mary that she said I told her she might stay if they asked her, Emma had stayed at home, and as Sella told me she was reading a book and wished to go and finish it, with Emma, I, not knowing what she had told them, let her go. When Mary returned from Church, and told me what her aunt said, I sent her for Sella, I told her that I supposed the child thought my only objection to her stay, was that Ann did not like company on Sunday. And when they asked her she thought she might say what she did, as that was the spirit of what I said to her, but I thought I ought not to let it pass.
whether I have spells. The name right instruction at West Point, she says an intimate friend of Mayor Clitz, and was, also, wounded before Richmond. So on the 2d sometime, and was afterwards taken to Richmond, and exchanged with Mayor Clitz. She says Sally goes to West Point and is going to keep house there. She thinks of going with her to some time, but is not quite steady. She says the General said he would rather I would go there than any other place. The little thing seems a little sad at the early separation, but is evidently very much in love with her. Her husband's, I gave her your name, thine and Luther's, she said. Oh, remember me to them when you write! There are so many I would like to have invited if there held them long. On leaving, I said, remember me to the Gen. when you write. She said, Swell, I want you all to love him. I told her we always had thought much of him. She said, "you don't know how good he is." I will bring him to see you, when he comes again, and we said do. There written along.

Saturday and Sunday are lectures to settle since she goes to school, but as the spring opens, and the weather is fine she can walk out with us and the time will not hang so heavy on her hands. She sometimes seems a little sad and thinks she would like to see you all, and I think is more anxious than Frank, about it. He is happier, much than I suppose he would be, in your absence. Sally reads a great deal, and I saw sometimes does not read very carefully, but I am sometimes, astonished by her remarks. This evening for instance, she came to me and asked me if I thought her father would ever be a drunkard. She questioned started me for a moment. I asked I hope not. She said why did she ask me. She said she had read of people taking little drinks," just as I said she did, and after a while they were drunkards." Mary then asked her if she had heard any one say so. She said no but
I was thinking of it.

The little things are both asleep.

now, weary, no doubt, after their long walk. We try to make them happy in your absence, and I think, they are as much as I should wish children of mine to be in my absence. But they sometimes count the weeks till "Mama comes!"

The weather has been bad, and I have not been quite well, but I will try to see about a nurse this week.

Dr. Gast has rented his farm, and returned to town to live. He has gone into the land agency business, and says he can sell our lot for more than 10,000. John told him he ought to do so if he could. In the meantime, he and Ferris intend to sell it at public sale in March, if it is not sold before that time. If it is not sold before that time, and if enough is not sold, they will sell the rest themselves, one way or another. I think it will be sold before long. Then, if yours is sold too, we will all have to look for a house, or a boarding place, whichever is thought best till we can get out to the "hill." Many wants 1/2 of those little picture earps which Luther got at his "check store" close by, and a pair of corsets of 20% inches with.

I mentioned the dress and shades, we have not been able to get the Andrews water color book. Let's tell one, they will recollect it. If they should see it she wishes it.

She will send a draft for the amount of what you get for him. Remember my button "Washed Green," Tell him the price of the 2nd glasses.

I am, and Mary is too, Sorry for Mrs. Ley, I suppose it was not unlocked pen,

Sally Sanderger is to be married.

I believe it is next Fees day week to Capt. Churned, (I do not know
I sent a letter from Brune one from Jella, one from Aunt Mary. Did she get none of them?