Dear Gus,

I have just read what Brother has written, and have nothing to add. How are you and the family? I am taken ill with illness because it is not so. I have so few clothes, that I want them to be done properly when I am well. Your numerous correspondences are not making me sick. I am well and I could do it all and wish every one.

Today is Election Day. I am going to be the perfect contrast to ladies in my acquaintance. It looks like the sample, and if the weather is such as we have been having yesterday and thought I had said all that was to be said about dresses, but today Mary and I went out to see what we could find at home. She found a piece of goods, very good but of a color she thought before she would not like. On looking at it, she concluded to take it. It is double width, what you would call. Narrow double width.

And comes in dress patterns of 12 yds. This contains 18¼. They call it French Affair of the times. We thought if she has a plain waist and close sleeves, she could yet get Salome two of this quantity. There will be more of the material. It is to trim with. What shall she do? Can she get a suitable trimming for her? or had she better buy the Salome and dress? Look at the sample, and of the sample.
it had better be finished say so and yet suitable bread, or if some other kind of trimming would be prettier yet it please for her, I see by the fashion book that colored silk trimmings are not worn now, Mary thinks a silk Bonnet of the same color, either striped or brocaded would be pretty for a full suit; I wish she would look and copy, and if she thinks such a one would be more becoming, than a straw Bonnet yet silk to match, as near as possible, I suppose if she had straw she would wear would be prettiest of the color of the dress. She wishes this suit to travel in, if she should go any where this summer, Mr. Follett gave her a pass to and from San Duyko, and a very pressing invitation to visit there this summer, and I think she will go, she wishes to see the large Water Lilies blooming in the water, and also she thinks she would like to see Rome too. She and I too went out with a determination to get a gray, which is a favorite color with us both. But the grays were so poor or so light colored that we thought we had better get this, Jane Sheck (who by the way is to be married in a week they say) bought one something like this, The ground rather lighter inclining to Salmon, and the stripe white. I do not like it near so well as this of Mary's. The Bonnet should be a suitable one for traveling please look and see how it should be made or get it made if the think best to do so. If they needs more money Mary will send some, I sent in my yesterday's letter $10.00, if the funds are asking that 13 3/4 yards will not make a plain dress, and Salmon perhaps they might get a few yards like it in New York. The Children are well, excepting a large Della has had for some days past, she is not ill with it, and I hope it will soon