

Mamma has

received up & sends

a great deal of

love. She writes

you on Thursday.

Sunday 18th June '76

My dear Jennie,

I had hoped to write
you a good long letter to day
but Mr Galt speaks all the morning
here, & I must content myself with
a note, which I fear will be rather
stupid as I have just been to dinner
& eat very much like a oista.

Your note reached us from Baltimore
but we have thus far been disap-
-sented in not getting a line from
Epex, still we are bearing your
absence very well & console ourselves
with the reflection that you are
enjoying yourself. Better than
this it pleases us to think that
you are having a well-earned
holiday & are recumiting your

health. I presume like most young
ladies you desire to hear all the
news & so I will try & play reporter
for you. First of all then I must
tell you that we have had a very
pleasant visit from Ann & son & the
wonderful baby. He is very pretty
& has with the finest talents for
squalling - bless his little soul! -

That was ever developed in so small
a boy. About 4. heard of the whooping
cough in the neighborhood & forthwith
packed up & returned to Hampton.

It will please you to know that
Col L. is to get his insurance
money, & this has made them
all more cheerful. I had the
pleasure of communicating the
news, through your sister, to
them on yesterday.

Little Nan got the prize - a
gold pen & a very pretty one it

is for good writing, which is
 more than you. No person, or
 myself will ever take. I fear
 in any extent of human life!
 Last night she spent an hour
 or two at Miss Julia's, where the
 school moved up in a charming
 little festival. Mrs. Hays &
 your Mother are willing to be great
 critics & I think find many
 things to talk about of mutual
 interest. Mamma is now
 lying down, not sick only
 sleepy, & I don't know when I
 have seen her looking better.
 Yesterday she had a very fashion-
 =able visit from Mrs. Barry, &
 later in the evening paid a
 visit to Mr. Ellis, whose little
 boy has been quite sick.
 "G." comes to miss you & makes
 a great "fufi" over Mamma

can ever; but we are obeying
your injunction & he has had
several swims since you left.
Tell Thompson that the people
at the office talk of him every
day, & that we all miss his
cheerful face & pleasant manners.

Pupie cat is trying to engage
my attention. "G" is asleep in
a chair. Nannie & the Recks'
have gone to church & the
house seems quite deserted.

Since the family next door
has been reduced in size it
is far more quiet, & we are

enjoying the luxury of a
comparative silence in that
quarter. No oratorios, no

flute, no piano, no Moody &

Saukey! in short a delightful
calm after so many Sunday
storms. If I am not too stupid

I shall go to work to repair on

my Combsburg speech; but I am
 sorry I made the misfortune.
 But here my dear child let me
 warn you against too easy
 a compliance with the wishes of
 others who may desire at any
 time to commit you to do
 something for their pleasure
 or for them. Not that I
 would have you irremissible -
 Heaven forbid! - but nice
 discretion in saying yes is
 what every people rarely have.
 I know one old gentleman
 sadly destitute of the necessary
 fortitude to say "no". A short
 word is that no & a good
 one on many occasions, to
 bear this in mind & it may
 save you much trouble in
 your future. Looking back on
 my own career I can only

I cannot the amicable weakness
 which has made me appreciate
 so fully the wisdom of this
 advice. — Stay as long as you
 think it proper & right to do
 so. You can tell about this for
 yourself, & be proud with about
 it being yourself after dark
 for I want you to come home
 strong & cozy. Try the experiment
 if you can of toting things on
 your head. Give our best
 love to Uncle, My. Ann,
 Mumpkin & all the other dear
 people & believe me your
 devoted father.

M.H.

Letter from James
 Barron. Hope to
 daughter Jane's visit
 at Malvern in Essex.
 Jimmy - Emogene Barron
 Jim -
 Thompson -
 children of "Uncle"

Miss Annie B. Stone,

Care of Commodore S. Barron,

Loretto, P. O.

Essex Co.,

N. Y.

He made a
place for
Thompson Garrison on
the paper