

Gloucester February 17 1852

My very dear Betty,

I was pleased to find that you did not treat me as I deserved, but I find that you are willing to forgive faults, it is a charming trait of character I think. I was sorry to hear that your little Lucy had been sick, I hope she has recovered ear this, give her a kip for me, and tell her when she comes to Gloucester I hope she will not treat me as Kate and Nanny does, she will not have any thing to do with me, they will take every thing that I have for them, and then will not shew the least fondness for me, Kate has been quite sick she has recovered, Lucy is at Springfield, I do not know what Mr. Finckle intends doing, I saw Martha Jones on Sabbath but did not speak to her she got off so soon, she stays so closely at the Court House, I rarely ever get a peep at her. We had a great crowd at Belmings on Sabbath they came out to hear the young

minister, he is only twenty is he not young to
proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to sinners? I hope
his youth will have a good effect on the young men,
he is quite good looking. You are before me in making
soap I have just put up the ashes, Sudy has been sick
and that stopped all operations she had a baby it was
a fine child and fattened and grew fast, after her
month was up she awoke in the night and
found the child dead in the bed with her, it had
not been sick, after that her breast rose, she has not
got well yet, I shall be backward in every thing,
my hens lay but nothing else. Mr Baytop is
very busy about his farming operations he says he does
not know what to do just he has so much to be
done, he reads a great deal at night he has
commenced Josephus you know there are seven volumes
he has plenty of reading to do to get through, and other
religious works besides he reads, he says he is preparing
for the ministry, that he sees that he will have to
enter the pulpit but the first rudiment is to be
laid that of a change of heart, I trust that he
will be a christian one of these days, he sends
his love to you and Mr Fitzhugh. This certainly
has been the coldest winter that I have felt since
I have lived in Gloucester, every one availed themselves
of the opportunity and has gotten enough ice to serve
them. I had Mrs Pointer and her family to set till
bed time last night she comes occasionally to see me

she left her young baby only a few weeks ^{old} at home
nothing of that kind stops her visiting. I should be delight-
-ted to go to see you next summer for I think another
trip to the mountains will be the means of my being
as fat as Mrs Robin Stubb, I am fatter than I ever was,
I am surprised at myself, my health is good and I
can go through any exposure, Mr Baytop & Jea would
not be willing for me to leave him again, he
had spent such a lonely time when I was absent last
not summer. They are all well at Springfield except
Papa and he is never well his health is still delicate,
I do not think Mamma as much depreped as she was,
but I see so little of them that I cannot judge well.
Milby Fuller is to be married to Mr Timco, Emily
Pointer to Mr Lovette, Mr B. Sewel to Miss Addins in
Mathews how true that is I cannot tell, Mr F. Shacelford,
the widower, to Miss Hester Rowe, I think him in a hurry
he neve can get as lovely a wife as his first, it is said
that Cousin T. Field is going to see Miss Julia Henry
Davis, he goes for profit, so you see the gloucester folks
are not done marrying. Mary Carter has another son
this is the third son, the prospect bids fair for an
army of men. I received a letter from my dear Mary
the other day she sends her love to you she seems to
be much pleased with her son. Give my love to
Mrs Fitzhugh, I ever remain dear Hetty your
fond and affectionate Sister,

L. A. Baytop.

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