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My Dear sir,

I cannot express how much, I was gratified at receiving your kind letter from Auburn. It has intirely laid at rest, all my little anxieties as you call them, with respect to Hortensias health. - You tell me, that she has a propensity to the adiposel, by which I infer you mean that she is growing fat. but if you make her travel 75 miles a Day, I am inclined to think she will be anything, rather than adipose. The trip you are now taking, must be a very interesting one to Hortensia, & will afford much subject of conversation on her return, if she has not forgot how to talk; but my Dear sir, Don't overdo the thing, & leave something for another excursion, & bring her home to her family as soon as possible, for we long to see her, & to see you also. -

When I said in one of my letters to Hortensia, that I believed you had forgotten me, I had no idea that you would have seen that letter. - It was intended, as a remote reproach to her, as she seldom mentioned you in her letters, & then merely when necessary to explain the circumstances, or anecdotes that passed on her way from Baltimore to Saratoga; I hope you will scold her for it, at the same time kiss her on her right cheek for me. - I confess that I feel perfectly secure, that you will not forget me, if it depends on the continuance of your love for my child. I hope, & believe she will always

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Deserve it. — Do you think, that circumstances will be such as will enable you to take a trip to France, or Italy the 31<sup>st</sup> of April next? To be kind enough, to give me some information on the subject; you know that a sea voyage will require some preparation, & I shall require some time to reconcile myself to it. —

Tell Mortensia, that she forgot to take any flannel with her, & that she must have some made immediately; scold her for that. — I understand that she has lost her cloak, & as she would not take her habit, she must provide something to keep her warm on her return, & she neglected to take her large red shawl, scold her for that, & in her Mother's name. —

All the family are well, except Mr. May, who has suffered much with the vertigo, & was ill last night. He is now much relieved, & by pursuing a certain course of Medicine, will I hope be perfectly relieved in a few days. He is not confined to his room, rode out to day; therefore you, & Mortensia need feel no uneasiness. — We received yesterday a small box containing a pair of undispensibles, & a waistcoat of buff cloth for my father. He begs you will be so kind as to tell the tailor to send him the bill. At first he thought Mr. Kinggold had sent them, as he always has had his clothes made. He desires me to say that he is very grateful for your kind attention, yet I know he will not be satisfied until he receives the bill. Mr. May has also

received his shoes, & is much pleased with them; yet the bill did not follow. — When you return to Baltimore, order the shoe maker to send it, with his address, so that Mr. May can write to him for shoes whenever he wants them. — God bless you

My Dear Children, & believe  
me ever your devoted  
Mother

W. M. May

P.S. I wrote a long letter to Mortensia, requesting her to bring the children. My father also wrote to you by the same mail on the subject. I hope you have received those letters, tho' Sam in his last letter, says that you have not left any directions, & shall keep our letters until he hears from you. — I would write more: but Mr. May is perpetually, & constantly calling on me, therefore excuse this miserably written epistle. You must certainly bring all the children, I am half cracked to see Eleanor, for I have taken it into my head that she is, what Mortensia was at her age. I do not know why, unless it is that her hair is of the same colour. — Adieu. — All the family desire to be affectionately remembered to you, & to Mortensia.