

The soon after came in to 'till mamma' in
'Pankum'. — He has taken off his night-
clothes now and is 'naked' he says. I must
go and dress him.

Do give me all the information you can
as to your papers. I noticed some that
I thought were deeds. Shall I let Mr. W. look
over them and see what ought to be
done with them. — Give me all the infor-
mation you can about my travelling.

Must I have give up my checks and have
the baggage sent to No. 38 Broadway?
supposing by some accident I should
be alone in New York; where should I
wait for you? —

As for the house I suppose it will
have to be cleaned, and think it best
better board till I can see to it myself,
and wish you would look out for a good
woman to help me.

I must close as Uncle John is going.

Thine ever
Auguste

This Bill from Pikey's was sent soon
after you left.

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'Duty before pleasure', dear Husband,
I have just been answering
the letter I will enclose to you.

I told Friend Bill where you were,
~~and~~ that I would send his letter,
and that he could not get an an-
swer till the middle or last of
next week. — So answer immediately
and tell him where to write, whether
to you or Uncle John.

I saw Mr. Husman today, and
he wished me to ask if you would
part with those books; he seems very
anxious to have them; he made
me offer; said he did not know
what was asked for them in the
book stores, that he only knew that
you had got them for less than they
usually cost. — I told ^{him to tell} him so
today that I believed you did not
wish to part with your law books.
Those things have not been moved.

Well! the Commercial says that all the Ohio and Indiana appointments were confirmed. - I feel a little as Rufus King, that after the thing was offered to you I wanted you to succeed even if you did not stick to it long, because, as he said there were always plenty to pick at every body. He was quite warm about it last night as we talked at the corner.

Yet, the fear that you may be in a little too long for our good, or happiness, sometimes almost overcomes me, for you are quite too dear to us all, to think of any accident befalling you, without dismay, and sadness. - Mother said yesterday that she missed you more and more every day, and could wish the appointment would fall, except for your probable disappointment; and because it would grieve some people.

I am afraid there will be some difficulty about company. John Darts's clerk said today that he was not

going for four weeks. and I feel sometimes such dislike of ~~xxx~~ asking any one that I am half inclined to ~~go~~ ^{without them} ~~xxx~~ if Ernestine will go with us. Mary and I have been thinking over all the persons who are likely to go. I will think of seeing Mrs. Babbitt and Mrs. Conrad. I know of no others I would like to ask. I will try to find out about the changes and see if I can not get along without asking any others. You spoke of James Perkins and Harvey Conover, but I would not like to ask either one. I am afraid ^{for a friend of me} all the men will.

Thursday Morn. - I am not yet dressed but seeing a pretty picture in Sella's room just now I thought - I would tell you of it. - Sella called me to see how nicely they were fixed in bed, I went and six blue eyes bright with excitement were turned upon me, Rob's little white teeth showing too, so delighted was the little fellow. - Pretty soon after Sella was caressing him and calling him 'sweetest', he echoed it with 'sweetest'.