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Portland Thursday 18-1837

My dear Sewall.

Today is the first day that the sun has made its appearance since Sunday. & it is really delightful to see it shining upon the new grass & the tender leaves. The horse chestnut blossoms are just making their appearance. & soon every thing will appear delightfully - I wish you could be here to enjoy the scene. I wrote you that Joseph was going to Brunswick but he could not leave & sent the papers on by mail. Will it be some time before the appointment is made? I believe the bussiness men are tolerably quiet here now. Monday H. Winslow reported that Hinkley had failed. H. was terribly outraged against him - & made him go to every one to whom he had mentioned it - & contradict it. Do not trouble yourself about sending me any money. I do not wish any at present. & I beg you will not even if you get any. There are many in this town who were engaged in the land bussiness pretty badly off. Franklin Tinkham & Wm Cutter. Cutter had six children & is said to be worth nothing at all besides injuring his Father. The prospect must be bad enough for those who have families.

Mrs Longfellow was in this morning. She wonders that I can look so well. I'm sure I dont think I look very well. She says I dont know what I have got before me. She said I need not spew any questions at her for she would not answer them. She said she could have warned me before I was married. but now I must find things out myself. There is nothing at all new or interesting here to write about. Joseph said he should go to the boat for to-night. & I thought I would take this letter down to the store. If it is but a line I know twill be better than nothing to you.

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I sent you a newspaper Saturday - did you get it? Last night before last I dreamed of watching a long while for you expecting to hear you pass. Randolph Codman passed & I thought it was certainly you - but I believe you did not go by at all. Last night I wanted to see you so much that I really shed tears after I went to my chamber. Oh I hope we shall spend next winter together. Ma was telling me yester of Mrs Spring now of Hartford. Her Husband failed

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Have you seen Mrs Ticknor lately? How is Mrs Aldis. Remember me to Mrs Balch. I should like to see Mrs Warren. How does her health seem to be now? What a multiplicity of questions my letters are the queerest things! I drop the ideas down pell mell & I should think 'twould amuse you to read such medleys.

I still keep sewing upon something or other - mending &c - I feel a perfect mania about sewing - I can not leave a piece of work till it is finished. My cheeks will burn like fire the excess of my zeal. Since I came home I have done a great deal for myself & worked an edge round a collar for Ma. & now I am going to spot her some caps. I am as industrious again here as in N. York.

But good bye - dearest. I believe I shall call & see Mrs Thomas this afternoon - - write me as often as you possibly can. & again I charge you not to trouble yourself about sending me money. If a certain little affair should be a girl what say you to calling it Eunice Day? dont laugh & be sure to burn it if you dont. I'll do & I'll do. (I've been reading Macbeth) excuse this short letter. They are general-ly very long you know.

Yours ever  
Lucretia

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