



Dauphin Place, Mobile
Aug. 20, 1856.

My Dearest Eunice,

This is your birth day, I had not thought of it, till something reminded me it was the 20th. You are now nineteen years old - the last of the teens. How time passes. O that I could see you and fold you in my arms, and give you, at least, one evidence of my love, - a kiss - a father's Kiss. My Dear, dear, child, how much we have been separated, how little we have seen of each other. You were four years & three months old, when I first saw you - and when you it is now over two since I have seen you - to say nothing of the intervening absences, which have concurred, I suspect, half the time. But we must now make up in love and duty what has for the lost time. - Besides being a daughter you will now be a companion and I shall enjoy and appreciate this double relation as none but a parent can do. - And your dear mother too, she will now in your society be repaid for all the care and anxieties of your childhood.

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This has been a beautiful day - I went into town this morning, but came out & dined at home at 3 - This afternoon, I called on Mrs. Beers, and at Mr. Hayne's, & Warner's. They all enquire about your mother & you & send their love. - I am fencing in the lot in front to Mobile Street & fixing the road - I go in tomorrow to attend to a case before Judge Gaggle - but hope to come out to dinner. My health is very good. I have not seen Mrs. Hooper since she lost her baby - but shall call this week -

Thursday in town, It was after ten last night when I wrote the above - I have just recd your Mothers dear letter of the 13, giving an account of your fruitless trip to Scarborough & return & your & Lucretia's departure for the Island, - I have I wish I was with you - I would teach you how to swim - I hope you will be careful not to go in any deep place - and above all I hope your general health will be sweetly benefited by your trip -

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K. B. Sewall

My Dear little Lucretia,
This is your birth day, how well I recollect the time eleven years ago, when a little bit of a thing I took you in my arms - and you are indeed "a great big girl & goes to school" - O, I want to see you very much & when you come out here again I promise myself many good times with you, I shall use the horse & swim as much as you

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They are all well - Olivia is very fat
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The chickens are doing fairly.
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