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Certainly, my dear Mrs. Smith — Although, between ourselves, I have forsworn authorship, and never mean to dabble with it again, if I can help it, still there are cases where I cannot bring myself to say no; and yours happens to be foremost among that number.

What I may do, as old Sean says, I know not – but something awful, you may be sure, and I trust in season, for what you want.

Your publisher ought to come down handsomely for you. It would be a shabby thing to avail them selves of your position and influence to get a book for nothing – which book this neighbor would have to pay comely for. But the profits ought to be liberally shared with you.

Your friends are all well here – and if they were at my elbow w^d send "lots of love" & all that. Our baby – Margaret – is all you believe her to be, sincere, affectionate, and simple hearted. How long she may continue so, is doubtful – for I already began to detect a little mischief, and something a little spitefulness in her speech – never in her eye, therefore

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My mother, sister & wife w^d all thank you, if they knew of yr kind inquiries.

Margaret Fuller is not only a strange woman – but her very strangeness is strange. About one half us affectation – sheer downright affecta tion – growing out of her pretended scorn for women in trousers – and men in pettievals. I know her well – I understand her well - & she knows that I know her. A woman of decided, un questionable talent – She has been so long allowed to switch others, and to sit in judgment on others, that she gets scared at the aspect of a [?] or a snubber. She and I have had many a pleasant half hour together – for sooth say, I love to make her show the woman, which she flatters herself she has trampled out, or wholly over come in herself. I argue & squabble, & tease & taunt her — & others like from a sense of duty. But she will be distinguished nevertheless, & deserve to be so. Remember me to her, I pray you – as to a she-gladiator, whose weapon & close temper I love to Yr friend try.

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