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Letter to Dudley Chase

Dudley Chase II

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Nov 21. Cincinnati O.

My dear Uncle,

I wrote to you last I believe from Hartford and informed you of my intention to go home this winter and the why & wherefore. I will now for the want of something more interesting give you some account of my journey thus far. I left Ill. on the 1st inst. not without some regret at parting with the many friends & acquaintances I left behind though in the hope of returning and the thought of going home I could cheerfully say my native land good night.

I had a pleasant trip to Hy. where I remained one day and to Phila. where I remained Sunday and Monday in the house of Mr Paul Burk. I then took the rail road to Harrisburg which was a ride of about ten hours and from there ^{by Stage} over the mountains two days and nights to Pittsburg from there one day to Steubenville by S.D. where as you may well suppose I was happy to find Susan, Maria and Sister Rebecca and many in uncommon good health.

They would not let me ^{go} under five days and I was easily persuaded to stay especially while they allowed me to hope

^{Mary}
That ~~she~~ would accompany me to Ill. but her
mother could not part with her even for a short
time and she had moreover just commenced
her winter schooling. So I was obliged to go on
alone. Owing to the delay of the boats I was three
days in coming down the river to this place
where I arrived last Saturday night and soon
renewed my acquaintance with cousin Salmon
who lives with his father-in-law Mr. Garness in whose
house I have been kindly entertained Sunday
and Monday which I have spent in this
city of the "Queen of the West."

Salmon is in very good business and stands
high in his profession. He owns considerable
property in the city and talks of buying a house
as a residence. He has a beautiful little babe
the prettiest I think I ever saw. His sister
Abigail Mrs. Dr. lobby is also settled in this
city and Helen is living with him.

I expect to start for the Robinsons next this
morning which I hope to reach before the
winter is over. There is no winter here.
The few days that I have spent here
have been almost uncomfortably
warm. The air is as mild as "the mouth
of June." Indeed, I have so far a very
favorable time as to weather.

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I have found this city much more neat
than I expected to see it. and the buildings
will bear comparison with most in N.Y.
for elegance and splendor.

There are now building many fine
country seats in the vicinity for which
the surrounding hills afford delightful
situations. Last evening I went with Cousin
S. Abner and the ladies to take tea with
Mr Stone an old friend of Father
who has a very pleasant place on the
bank of the beautiful Ohio. The house
was situated on an elevated spot
surrounded with fruit trees and plants
commanding a fine view of the river
and city and surrounding hills covered with
green grass. It was indeed fine and Mr S.
whom we made us enjoy it the more.
But I have seen too much of the neatness
and beauty of N.E. village to be much pleased
with the generality of the western towns.
and I have experienced too much of the
kindness of my N.E. friends I hope ever to
neglect or intentionally slight them.

I am with the greatest affection and respect
Your
Influen Dudley Chace.



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