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My dear father and all at home -

Have just come up stairs from supper - and will chat with you awhile before I commence Myras letter It is cold and windy to night. Last night we had a thunder storm. It was a strange sight to see lightening reflect upon two feet of snow. The rain has cleared the side walks off very nicely - It is fearfully icy and slippery around, and the strong wind of today has made it almost impossible for anyone to stand up. I wonder why I have not had a letter from home this week since Wed. I could hardly wait for the next mail to arrive and have been looking ever since. surely hope tomorrows mail will bring me one. I have been to Boston today shopping with Myra E. She has had good luck, and got pretty and sensible things. Tell Min she had better go over and see them. Think it would [page] please Aunt E. and Myra to have her come. They want to do just what we want about the wedding, whether it would be better to be married and go right away, or to be married and then have dinner. It seems to me it would be easier for them to be married and go right away. What do you think? You talk it over with Henry, Min, and Ted. Hope you will go over and talk the matter over with them too. They are only two of them and want to consult us, all they can. if Nane was here, he could communicate between us but as it is, they seem to want our advice, knowing it will please Nane. My plan is for us all to come up together. It will be pleasanter and easier. Then you can be with me the next day until train time. Dont you think it will be best?

I am beginning to realize that the time is fast approaching and we must lay some plans. I intended to say something to Aunt E. about presents but I forgot it so wish one of you would So when Ted comes up he can tell me what the friends and relatives are going to get. Myra wrote something about a Cake [?Cape?] basket but I think perhaps some of the Aunts might give that useful article, so shall tell Myra to think of something else. We think to give a French Clock - that seems to be our settled article. Did Ted tell you that I thought would be wise for you to get a pair of large silver spoons to match the half doz for Mothers [page] present? If you think favorable of it, Ted can bring up one and I will match them. Think it would be a good idea to have them marked, the half doz, and two large spoons. Have you decided what to get? I am going to make Nanes hug[??] sheets the coming week if possible. I wonder if there is any thing else to do for him. Suppose Mother would have him well stocked in every thing.

It will be sometime before Nane will have to buy any clothes for Myra. I dont know of any thing else the girl could want. Every thing is very pretty. Aunt Eliza cannot seem to get enough for her. Cant you come up for a few days when Ted comes? I wish you could very much - perhaps you can arrange too. Tell him to mbe as sisterly as she can with Myra. She must take Mothers plans as well as she can. Myra is coming out to

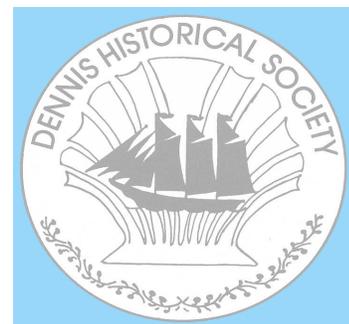
have Mrs Clarke cut her a dress tomorrow. I have been there today, on my [page] way from Boston. Am having a Henrietta cloth[?] – this is for Mins benefit. I hurried home from Boston not doing all my errands thinking Miss Shaw & Co would surely call this afternoon. Have been in all the week for them. Randolph has had his table set for Edith every day since Christmas. we expected them over but Han sent word yesterday that Aunt T. had a cold. Myra wrote you need not bring your feather bed as Mrs Gale has one she can have, so you will have more room for your clothes. What do you say to a flannel night dress? I wish I was going west with you I am in hopes I can go in the spring. Plan to stay an indefinite time. Hope you had good luck in selling off all you wanted to. It would be better to get under price than to hire some one to keep them for you and then it would give you great uneasiness.

We had a very cheerful letter from Geo the other day. He was anticipating your coming more than words could tell. He had had a very prosperous year, was feeling ever so much better. How much comfort you will give them by going to them. It is a blessed thing for you and for them. I'll write more tonight. hope I shall hear from you soon. How I miss my dear mothers letters. Good night – love to one and all –

Lovingly –

Chloe –

[In margin:] What day does Ted come up Come with him if you can.



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