

Saratoga Springs, July 28/62

My dear Cousin: Yours of 20th ult. I have delayed answering until now simply because I have not had time. You wished to know what I am about, that is, you want me to give you an account of myself, I suppose<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Well, I am at work at the same old business. I live with Mr. Gillis, the man I work for, attend the Presbyterian Church as usual. I am glad to hear that you enjoyed yourself so much last winter but I hope you do not find your highest joy in the things of this world, or at least if you do now I hope it will not always be so. But perhaps you will not thank me for throwing out such hints. Still I trust our relation to each other is such that there will be no impropriety in my taking the liberty and I hope you will pardon the liberty, when I assure you that I feel it my duty to do so. I will say no more at present. I hope in your next to learn how you regard the most important subject in the world (religion).

At the time you write Saratoga was rather dull, more so than usual, but now it is very lively. There are more boarders here than there were last season, more than we thought there would be. I have been to the different hotels and halls to hear the bands play and see them dance. They seem to enjoy themselves very much and I suppose they do. I have enjoyed it myself quite well this summer, have had three rides in the country with some of your charming sex. Besides this I go to Gertude's as often as once a month and spend the Sabbath. I have just returned from there. She is well. Spencer is living with her. He has just graduated at Union and seems to be in good spirits. I received a letter from Helen yesterday. She says they are all well. I would like to see you very much and wish I was so situated that I could invite you to come and make me a visit, but I am not. But you can make Gert a visit any time you please and you can come here and I will take you down there. But perhaps it will be as well to wait until next summer. I shall try to make a trip to New York next spring and if I do shall try to get out to your place. I hope I shall not have to wait so long for the answer to this as you have had to wait for it. Please remember me to all inquiring friends and especially to your mother, and believe me as ever,

Your loving cousin Milton.