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Aunt Princy you wrote me such a dear sweet letter. I am so sorry I am so far from you and can't kiss you for its kind tender expressions. There are some of my relatives I feel it is a privilege to love and you my dear aunt I one most loved and admired. I am glad you have completed your new house. I know it is handsome and convenient and you will grace it's improved beauties above any other hostess I know.

I can't come to see you this fall but if we live, I'll be in Kentucky next summer and then I will come and stay a long while with you. Now Aunt Princy let me propose an exchange visit with you. You come to see me in New Orleans next winter and I will return your visit in the summer. I will have a pleasant nice home in the south up among the flowers and oranges in the city and Mr. Day is a nice little man and a first-rate housekeeper and I do assure you the city offers many attractions for strangers during the winter. And Crawford Mr. Day, besides being a good housekeeper is an elegant beau and will escort you to the Opera, Theater and in the most approved style. Think of it Aunt, don't say no right away. Ma is coming down during the winter. Ma and Pa have been in the north for three weeks, will be home Tuesday. They have made a very long stay, much longer than they thought of when they started. Cousin Judith Coleman is with them.

I spent four weeks in the east during my bridal trip and two or three with Crawford and relatives in Virginia. They were nice people and I learned to love them very much his mother and father are both living about the age of my Ma and Pa.

Now I know you take an interest in household affairs. I'll tell you some of my future. I am to have a nice pleasant house in New Orleans with gas all about it and a cook and a boy about 17 to wait on the table and a girl about 15 for chambermaid and a cow. Mr. Day is in a very good business and is quite ambitious to have everything as nice as anybody's. You mustn't think me egotistical in my details. You asked me for a long letter and I am writing you plain facts.

I hope Molly Craig will come to see me. Rob is quite a polished gentleman now and will be a nice beau for her until she attracts one, which I am sure she would soon do, for she is a dear lovely girl.

Aunt Princy I have long wanted to send your pin but when opportunities have offered themselves, I have been away. I will most surely send it the first opportunity. I have thought of your being out of mourning and wanting it a thousand times. I am so thankful to you for lending it to me and so sorry I haven't sent it to you long ago. I have a very handsome set of coral I got in New Orleans last winter and since then your pin (which is very pretty) has been stored away with the intention of sending it to you. Mr. Day gave me a very exquisite little enameled watch and

chitelain and a pretty diamond ring bye the bye. Ma wears a very elegant diamond ring, a present from Pa. Ma is dressing very handsomely this summer, she wears a collar and under sleeves she gave \$45 for and two or three elegant dresses. Looks very well and is very spritely. I haven't seen uncle Roger since he reached Kentucky. He intended on making us a visit last week but learning of Ma's absence decided to postpone it till her return. I haven't seen Aunt Rebecca since I came home. I was rather astonished to hear of Laura Brooking's marriage. [*Perhaps her cousin, the daughter of Robert Edward Brooking*]

I expect you have quantities of nice melons. I remember the delightful ones you had one fall when I was on the Ohio. Fruit of all kind seem very abundant. You must persuade Aunt Virginia to come up when Sarah comes to school. We all want to see her very much and I regret more than you know aunt I'll not see you for so long. My best love to cousin John. Don't let Brooking forget his aunt Mary Fraser. I hope we may all meet again some of these times the children [*her siblings*] join me in love. John [*her brother; he would be 17*] is a great big man and has attended to all of Pa's business during his absence. The servants wish to be remembered and thank you for your love. Write to me again my dear Aunt, kiss the little girls [*Henrietta has two girls now plus Brooking, Mariam 5 and Louise, 2*] and believe me with much love your niece

Mary Fraser.

I'll not go south till October with certainty send your pin the first opportunity. I am so much obliged to you for the use of it and so sorry you haven't had it for so long.

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