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Dear Friend Mariam

We are in receipt of your last letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> just, and will now try to write you the late news in this section of county. Your Pa, Ma and myself have just returned from your ? and so all have retired. Have taken this opportunity to answer your kind and welcome letter received some days since which I intended to do ere this but thought as you had other letters from home would wait awhile. But enough excuses will now try and give you the news. In the first place Mrs. Doct Craig has a fine "boy." His name Jeremiah Frank Craig for her Pa and Mr. Frank. Mr. Walton Craig Junior was married on Wednesday last. His Ma gave him a dinner the next day though none outside the family relations were invited. Your Ma and Pa did not go but your Uncle and Aunt did. Queeny Huston, Len Jennie Frank and Dot were there also carrying on quite a flirtation so I understood. I was not a witness to the fact, the company are to dine with your Onny Sunday as there was no other day suitable. She sends an invitation to you. I presume you will be on hands! But guess I can say something that will come nearer interesting you than this and that is in regard to that anticipated box which you can look for about Wednesday. We purchased all you sent for except for the articles you wrote for in your last letter. I presume your Pa will get them for you in Cincinnati as he will express your box from there. We did the best we could for you Mariam therefore you must try to be pleased for you have one of the best mothers in the world. You have not had trouble enough to know the appreciation of her by a great deal and your dear Pa as equally interested in your welfare and pleasure. There isn't a day passes but your name is mentioned. Bud Louis is staying all night with brother tonight. Last night he stayed with Henri Montgomery. He says he will be 10 yrs. old Sunday. He and his little dog Kate are inseparable.

Your little bird is as lively as a cricket, sings all the time save when he is asleep. Between Pie and the bird we have excellent company and sometimes an extra bird steps in and that is Cousin Frank. He is also good company though of a different nature.

Well Mariam we have been feasting on fish for the last week. Your Ma remarked several times that poor Mariam could step in and partake of the good luxury but hope you will relish the refreshments and knickknacks in your box. You didn't say how you wanted your dresses made therefore we made them to the best of our knowledge in trying to suit you. You see I have not gone home yet but expect your Ma will ship me pretty soon. I have spent such a delightful time since I have been here. My visit has been much pleasanter than it otherwise would have been by being a comfort to your dear Ma and I do not flatter myself by saying so but have her word for it, for feel that I am poor comfort to anyone. We are glad to hear you did not get the measles for the present. Will close my nonsensical remarks as it is very near 12 o'clock and know you are weary

of reading this besides if you perceive ink has lost its savor. Will now proceed to finish my letter this morning and mail it so I am going to Vevay. I wish you were here to accompany me expect Dot will go along and perhaps Linnis. Your Ma and Onny talks of going to the city in about two weeks. Franks (?) will be out next Friday. Please excuse calligraphy and so fort and so on. Goodbye write soon if you think this worthy an answer to your little friend and well wishes.

Sue G. Seboss

My Dear child

Saturday morning

We received your letter yesterday morning and am happy to hear you are well. I will only add a few lines in Sue's letter as she has written you all the news. She is going over to Vevay this morning to get your parasol and fan and I think you had better trim your last summer's hat over with green and get you new one when you come home as there are so many styles of hats. I would not know what kine of hat would be becoming to you. Your last summer's hat is nice and new and I will send your pink dress not finished as it might not fit and you can get someone there to finish it as there is not much to do to it. Lucy will make your fruit cake this evening and Miss Sue will make you a white one Monday and we will try and start your things Tuesday. I want to see my Dear Child so bad. I feel so sad this pretty weather. I think of my Dear little Louly all the time and think if she was only with me how happy I could be. But I will try and feel as cheerful as I can if you will be a good child and come home safe to me in June. You must write to your Pa soon. Goodbye my Dear Child

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