

Little Shrew February 7 1836

It was not my intention my beloved friends to have permitted our settlement at our new home to have taken place without offering a few comments upon passing events and without endeavoring to render you familiar with the novel page in the volume of Congregation upon which we have opened.

The duties of Little Shrew are so much more complicated & numerous than those of Augustus our family party is much larger and their comforts so much more dependant upon us than even that little leisure has been left to me for writing. Indeed this has been the first time since my residence here that I have had the resolution to open my desk and I do it now under the auspicious influence of a Sunday afternoon. Mamma Mary & Pepsie are up stairs all my Brothers are out with the exception of Vernon who is extended

on the sofa reading. "All is creation or
 calm or still in earth & air" that the
 very leaves on the trees seem hushed in
 to a sort of Sabbath rest. I cannot but
 fancy that such an hour will be pos-
 sitions if not to composition at least
 to the simple detail of what has passed
 since I closed my journal at Cayuga
 and bade adieu to the forests of the
 Blackwood for ever.

Three ^{weeks} have been completed to-day since
 we embarked on board the "Sally Anne"
 with all our goods and chattels our
 pretty, our goats, cats, dogs and
 cockatoo. It would have amused you
 if amusement can be derived from
 the disarrangement of a place where
 much happiness has been experienced
 to have witnessed some of the expedients
 of the last few days every hour every
 minute detracted from some of our
 comforts which had been not a little
 abridged by the packing up of "how"
 now a table now a chair now its
 wretched

substitute until dear Shelley's nestings
 which occupied the position once
 dignified by the Ravens formed the
 only place of rest in the room.
 And then the catching of poultry
 One brood which had always roosted
 in Mamma's room were in the dead
 of night to be caught & exposed by Mamma
 Mary & myself another small brood
 with their mother who nightly nested
 in the same apartment. also also
 secured and imprisoned in a box
 but to setting her with 15 eggs was
~~she~~ to be removed and very pretty
 did she settle down at first in a
 wicker basket then there were cots
 and hens of mature years to be
 carried on board with their legs care-
 fully tied together as if they had been
 "crushers" as Mamma said eight
 were killed in the embarkation!
 Poor fools! I hope I have made my
 last error but if ever I move again
 on my own account I will carry
 every one with me & move with ease.

I must mention one accident which
 occurred to myself although it will
 tell greatly against me I was carrying
 one of them I was so fearful of awaken-
 ing all the others by his cries that I
 caught hold of his back and carried
 it to the coop his destined prison home
 I imagine my terror when I saw on
 putting him in that his legs fell
 down lifeless I had felt him struggle
 in my hands a moment before
 he ~~died~~ he is dead I have
 killed him! I took him up and
 rubbed him & then into his nostrils
 At last I had the pleasure of seeing
 him struggle shake his neck and
 come to life I was greatly terrified
 I should not have been guilty of
 such a death for all the world
 I do not think I ever could have
 forgiven myself and ~~himself~~
 looked at me so reproachfully.
 All night long I was dreaming of
 murder. The next morning every
 thing went on formal even formal

Henry & I hurried ourselves in collecting
 & arranging Stanley's property leaving
 him what linen stores and china
 we could spare to make his bachelor
 establishment tolerably comfortable.
 Mr. Herring continues in attendance
 upon him and of all my pets I have
 left my greatest my faithful
 and beautiful cat "Jacob Toby" is
 called from his door. It was not
 without a pang that I patted his
 soft buff coat for the last time and
 squeezed his large soft paw as he
 lay in all the luxury of a thoroughly
 padded animal extended full
 length on the only chair in the
 room and purring as was his
 wont in the perfect plenitude of
 happiness. Forgive me paper for this
 tribute of affection to my Toby
 and remember I have always had
 a sympathy with the Egyptians
 in their adoration of the cat the most
 graceful the most inoffensive and
 the least encroaching of felines.

The last night at Augustus was spent uncomfortably by Mamma & Mary who were caused early from a sleepless shock down to sleep & to be off. I had accepted the offer of a part of Selma Turner's bed but was too anxious and too much under the influence of green tea to close my eyes until daylight when the united voices of Charles & Dr. Howe upbraided me from the bottom of the stairs with my laziness I was quite ashamed when I found I had kept every one waiting for me.

It was a very beautiful morning and the woods of Augustus afforded a lovely shady walk to be now trodden for the last time. At length we reached the beach on which we were detained for some time for Dr. Howe with true nautical punctuality having observed the ladies before him could not for lengthening his own stay. We were both I believe sorry to linger about a little longer. One has always

expects to bestow upon a place where one
 has lived even where one has not been
 very happy but in our little Augusta
 home "we had lived & loved together"
 long enough to render it very dear.
 We had besides to take leave of many
 of our former neighbors Mr. Peppin
 Mr. Winford & above all dear
 dear Mr. Menning "Mr. Charles will miss
 your society ladies" he said "I am
 sure I shall." Dear old man! we
 miss him every hour with his quiet
 kind attentions & unceasing industry.
 Captain May was also on the
 beach with his dear little girl Sabina
 who could scarcely speak to us so com-
 pletely was she overwhelmed with the
 idea of having Grandmother and
 so many Aunts & Uncles all at once.
 Mr. Turner started for the Cape by the
 road on the same day with the inten-
 tion of joining the ship & taking his
 passage thence to the Swan.
 Mr. Henry Stetson now a complete
 cripple was our companion on the
 voyage having reached Canton home

on account of his health. Mr. Green had
 spent the preceding day on board we then
 fore shook hands with him on the deck
 and could not but feel that the breaking
 up of our establishment would be but
 the signal of his plunging more deeply
 into the evils from which he seeks reli-
 vious if not consolation in all his troubles.
 It was impossible to part with him with-
 out some regret he had been for the last
 year so completely domesticated with us
 and had been so invariably obliging
 and considerate. We left him with a
 snowing in his arms which will I fear
 prove but a sorry substitute for a society
 which he had certainly valued. Some-
 times fear that some unlamented catas-
 trophe will occur to prevent all future
 intercourse. We had not however much
 time for the indulgence of these thoughts
 We were next called upon to take leave
 of dear Stanley & Mr. Manning. The former
 left us with the permission to start the
 next day by the coach in order to be at
 Little. Thence almost as soon as our
 selves and the latter we left as Major
 drove of Stanley's now solitary home.

But it seems as if in narrative I found
 it as difficult to quit Augustus as if its
 bar and one of ^{its} furious north-western
 opposed my progress. In reality we had
 neither of these obstacles to overcome and
 we soon found ourselves safely stowed
 on board the "Sally Anne". Think
 you there were no agents for the
 Ellen? none for Mr. Joby? Oh! how
 I thought of him and of the pleasure
 he would have felt in thus uniting
 our scattered family. But Mr. Stone
 was extremely kind and far more
 thoughtful than could possibly be as-
 judged from his habitual barbarity
 of manner. He had really worked
 for us as hard as if he had been
 one of the party and even when the
 horrors of our exchanges came over us
 seemed to think he could do as
 enough ^{for our comfort}. He had his bed brought
 up and spread upon the deck for
 us and Mary and myself sat
 down upon it as neatly as infants

and miserable as the demons of sea sickness himself could desire.

Soon the first accident which cost us poor our lethargy was the escape of the sitting hen who found her way out of her basket and flew over-board. Immediately all sail was taken in the boat compass and the poor creature saved and cooped with the other fowls for we would not again trust her with her eggs. We had warmly thanked Mr. Home as he descended for his kind and promptitude on this occasion and lulled ourselves in to a sort of sleep when the cry of "a sail a sail" was heard we both started up as we had been accus- tomed to do on the voyage from England and I could not help exclaiming at the interest excited by a sail when we were out even out of sight of land. It was the

"the Janny" but he did not speak her
as she stood in directly for Augusta
Mary and I spent a few minutes
in wondering what letters she had
brought us from our former friends
and in hoping that Shirley would
not forget them when he set out
on his destined walk in the Vapa.
After this we glided on very quietly
My little brother was wonderfully
well and so active up and down
the ladder feeding his chickens his
goats and the poor cockatoo whose
surprise at finding ^{himself} in such ungen-
eral circumstances almost exceeds
description I had with Mr. Jones's
assistance packed him in a tea
chest and sent him on board
the evening before. We found
him untroubled & undisturbed but
the sound of our different voices
and a few kind words quite re-
stored him to good humor.

and his only anxiety was to be allow-
 ed to ^{rest} ~~be~~ besides and ~~contemplate~~
 no whole than he slept. This however
 was denied him. Mamma decided
 the closings of the cabins as so ~~careful~~
 and the "insect hangers" as so nu-
 merous that he was glad to believe
 the sailors assurance that he should
 be in the best in the way on deck
 all night and ~~was~~ to remain
 where he now ~~was~~ and Mr. Home
 brought us up clothes and blankets
 and he collected ourselves up and I
 at last slept delightfully better than
 I had done ever before. Before left to
 my solitary room and my imagi-
 nary terrors at the Matigamihoma.
 When Betty did not manage quite
 so well as she ~~was~~ had
 taken up her quarters in a sitting
 position wrapped up in her blanket
 cloak and when I woke in the
 middle of the night I found that
 she

was unrefreshed and uncomfortable

It was one of the mildest briskest nights
I ever remember and when I ^{looked} ~~awoke~~
^{up} the stars were shining as brilliantly
upon us. The wind was quite ^{fair} for the
Voyage and very constant throughout
the little voyage was hindered with
the excessive exception of some occasional
matches of snow from the north
as he stood at the wheel or a kind
of hurried murmuring conversation
with Lewis who conversed with us
all night assuming all his offices
of protector and guardian which
he had exerted during our long
voyage from England.

In the morning he assumed
up courage to descend into the
cabin to sleep but was ill and
unwell until the evening when
he visited George's Bay and
found markets in smooth water

The country now became very interesting for we were entering our own territories. The bay is very extensive and very beautiful and the eye felt relieved by no longer dwelling on the interminable woods of Augusta but the ^{country} landscape is flat.

As we sat at ten on deck the beauty of the setting sun attracted every eye and my English ^{friends} all earnestly listened that I have not watched the setting of the sun since I entered the Bay of Augusta in the Jaynet now three years since. The immense woods obstructed what it from our gaze long before it has assumed that glorious globe like form which we have so often gazed upon in England. A few crimson rays are the only indications of that beautiful spectacle which is almost immediately followed by darkness.

We therefore witnessed the descent of the golden orb of day with all the

delight which mostly yields place to
admiration and every one soon
can see more splendidly like
children he made pictures and
figures in the clouds which in
all their varied hues of crimson
purple and blue and other tints
themselves to our fancies.

The ^{land} ~~sea~~ anchor which ^{points out} ~~designates~~ the
anchorage ~~is~~ is a large tree which
the boys have erected upon a pole
lowers having every eye was turned
to discover it and when it appeared
we dropped anchor and rested in
peace for the night after firing
3 guns with the hope that they
would reach the ears of those who
at home as anxiously looking for
~~us~~ ^{us} as we here for them.

As it was not likely any common
excursion would take place with
the inhabitants of Beaufort that
night we went to bed in the cabins

greatly to the satisfaction of the good
 natured black cook or steward who
 had taken great pains to make
 a "bed white" for the ladies.

Mamma had her own cot and
 Mary and I occupied the berth
 on either side. The coxswain in
 perfect captives at finishing
 business returned to us seated at
 the side of my bed and kept open
 his eyes as long as possible that
 he might be sure I was actually
 there. I could not help saying
 if I ever have a husband who
 loves me like you say what
 I shall be very ungrateful if I
 am not a very happy little
 wife. I slept delightfully in
 spite of the fleas which must
 have been numerous for I was
 scratched all over as if I had
 had the measles. Early in the
 morning

Mr. Stone came in and he stayed
 as soon as possible to look up to
 look at the tub and to look for some
 indications of life on the beach but
 there were some leaves had started
 by the first boat in the morning
 and he ^{could not but} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~wondered~~ ^{wondered} that the
 did not return. Mamma began to
 agonize and Mary to collect
 a stream of shovels in which
 all the bags had been opened.
 There were visions so brightful
 to be indulged in and I was
 not sorry when they were termina-
 ted by a peremptory command
 of Mr. Stone to get into the boat then
 alongside and to go on shore
 immediately. Mr. Dawson with
 her two children and Emma's
 baby of which she has the tem-
 porary care and ourselves were
 lifted into the boat and off we

set my poor little Mother groaning
 on one uneasy easy moment. As
 we approached the shore we could
 discern figures but Layman Daw-
 son and at last our dear Vernon
 By the time we had been carried
 out of the boat and all our burden
 active people and sweet landed
 John appeared to welcome us to the
 Cape. It was really a joyful thing
 to find that we were altogether
 at last in the spot which was
 to form our future home and
 with hearts full of gratitude did
 we meet these darling boys.
 They had not heard the news the
 preceding evening nor the one
 that had been sent that evening
 Lenox's appearance among ^{them} was
 their first indication of our ar-
 rival. Vernon & George Chapman
 had brought down the boat for
 some of our goods and one of the

bird's foot which caught our
 swimming eyes was one beautifully
 little filly (foal) who had trotted
 down beside her mother now her
 knees into the earth.

The four boats came safely to
 shore. Mamma had made an
 attempt to leave the coach with
 Mr. Henry Statham as she has long
 been desirous of visiting him in
 England but he was now come
 to descend the side of the ship
 into the boat than he started after
 us and perched upon my wrist
 he seemed to whisper me not
 to leave him I had not the heart
 to refuse him and he crept
 into my arms until he landed.
 There was little fear of his ^{quitting} leaving
 & so I ~~left~~ ^{put} him on my
 shoulder and proceeded to divide
 the burden of the journey with

Garrison, Mary John and I
 have also many other couples on
 his ground. It was a curious sight
 could he often stop to laugh
 at it. The man was very powerful
 and the girls were but and
 heavily and awkwardly so he
 walked on as fast as he could
 from the beach to the river in a
 distance of a quarter of a mile.
 We crossed the river in a ferry
 boat and then continued our
 walk ~~as fast as~~ until we
 came to the great little cottage
 which Dawson had built for
 his wife in the short space of
 two months. It did our heart
 good to see the broad happy
 smile with which he greeted
 us and we could not help going

is to raise and to admire
through our arms now nearly
drooping with the weight and
heat of the frocks.

~~Before we had the first appearance~~
At Mr. Chapman's he could not
stop the eldest one who is named
came out to congratulate us on
our arrival and to ask us to walk
in with him but we were anxious to
get on and to see Mary who
John informed us he had
left ~~some~~ making butter.
The tinkling of bells announced fresh
affairs of interest and before ^{at} the
head of a splendid herd of cattle
to greet his Mother and Sisters on
their arrival. I began to think I should
never reach home when John
pointed ^{out} a white building peeping
through the trees. This was a etc

and explained. We were rec^d
 by Phoebe who was delighted to
 see us at the door. She was looking
 all through Sunday Journal a
 difference since he pointed out
 Augustus. The lower room was
 at that time occupied by her
 and I believe most of my readers
 & will have a vivid rec^o
 llection of "Phoebe's cottage" with its
 various boards of larch and
 pine and boards & planks and
 shutters and curtains and
 green coverings. It kept the
 windows out. Her bed was in
 the corner as our ~~bed room~~
 & future dining room did
 not show to great advantage
 when we first entered it. But the
 room was ~~stagnant~~ clean. Phoebe
 had arranged in beautiful order
 and as we hung from its open

windows and gazed on the pretty
 stream and beautiful trees we felt
 as if that alone was the ^{apartment} ~~room~~ we
 could ever wish to ~~inhabit~~ inhabit.
 It was necessary however to appear
 private if for a bed room for the
 females of the family although for
 that evening and indeed during
 the first week we we were here
 we always drank tea and spent
 the evening in it.

For some days after our arrival
 I must as a specimen of female curi-
 osity or rather let me say female
 interest in the dear friends who are
 in England say that the first hour
 we were all found alone on the after-
 noon of our arrival was spent in
 unpacking and ascertaining the
 contents of the several boxes from
 England dear Joseph's Livery's and
 Mr. Jones and making some division
 of their contents. This formed an agreeable

episode in the days of confusion which
 followed. Another pleasing event was the
 arrival of Stanley from Augusta which
 rendered our party complete. Mr. Sumner
 and Salhad had started for the Cape
 the day before he left but by some
 mistake in the route did not appear
 amongst us until the day after
 his arrival. All hands were occupied
 in bringing up goods from the
 beach unpacking them and storing
 them away. Mr. Hona was much
 obliging. The Sally Anna ^{sent} us one
 letter with a ^{sealed} announcement on the 23rd of
 January. She took with ^{her} a bra entered
 is the case ^{of} Mr. Sumner's servant Salhad
 who intended taking a passage to
 England immediately. I continued
 letters journals newspapers &c. &c. &c.
 letters from Mary to Miss Sturt and
 Mr. Jones from John to Miss Sturt.

The first step towards comfort was the removal of Phoebe and her valuables from our dining room to a small cottage near John's which she ^{had} occupied on her first arrival.

When this clearance was made and the room swept & watered and Lena had mended the floor which had been damaged by her feet we began to look round with something of approbation and to anticipate many an industrious morning and many a social evening. Dear John was in continual agitation putting up shelves hammering in nails carrying articles of furniture until we had adapted them to our future use. The Piano arrived in perfect preservation and was joyfully placed on the north window sill our place in the room. The books now released from their long captivity were ranged along the shelves which

Johnny had stung for us. Every evening
 we were rewarded by a more finished
 look in our apartment. And yet our
 progress seemed very slow and as
 box after box, check after check, came
 to hand it was a matter of astonish-
 ment how its goods were to be disposed
 of. It was not until the ^{second} Sunday after
 our arrival that we found time to go
 beyond the immediate precincts of
 our home but on Sunday all is a
 day of rest and in the cool sweet evening
 hours we all sat out further to enjoy
 its freshness and to find in its ^{breath} ~~in its~~ ^{in its} ~~in its~~
 odors for the colors of the evening
 dusk. The style of the ^{landscape} ~~scenery~~ is dis-
 tinctly different from that of Augusta.
 It is no narrow road with borders
 by trees & and bush on either side
 nor does it ⁱⁿ ~~offer~~ another point of view
 offer the same as the river with all its
 various windings to your gaze but it
 is a cheerful pasture looking country
 embraced by a small river about the
 breadth of the St. John. ^{and opening} ~~and opening~~ into

grassy glades ornamented by majestic
 trees. In the trees also a great difference
 is found: from not ~~but~~ being so heavily
 timbered they do not turn up
 to enormous heights before they
 are ornamented with branches but
 they spread out like the trees of England
 forming a beautiful canopy
 under which you can see many cattle
 feeding or children playing or old
 men smoking and gossiping or
 as Lucretius says and old women sitting
 together in fact any English landscape
 scene which you may choose to turn
 over to your imagination. They are
 however much larger much higher
 and more spreading. They often
 form natural clearings which ^{are}
 intended to give to the park
 and you would almost expect to
 see the deer bound away at your
 approach but it is no deer which
^{now} has ^{now} attracted the attention of our
 hunter or our little Fox. It is the
~~long~~ ^{long} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~country~~ ^{country}. It is perhaps a deer

grow and they are far away in its
 pursuit. The chase is an exhausting
 sight and yet so soon. Sabbath like
 that I was not wrong ^{on the present instance} to see one two
 days ~~and~~ return unsuccessful to one
 side. The arrow was soon coming and
 we lost our steps towards the house
 which we were gradually ascending
 habitable and comfortable and which
 now raised its white walls ^{from the} ~~amongst~~
 adjacent bush the first European habi-
 tation which had graced the districts
 of the Cape. But I am tarrying long on
 my road night was advancing and
 though no danger was abroad the
 hour of supper had arrived and
 all our fire was yet to be kindled
 and that must be prepared.

Early in this week Stanley took leave
 of us on the 3^d of Feb^y starting with
 the soldiers for Augustus Mt. frontier
 with the hope of discovering him on
 his next visit to a more settled
 household. Captain Murray's filly
 & Mr. Sumner were returned with him.

the former such an altered being from the poor emaciated creature which had left Lexington in the middle of last winter.

Owing to Phoebe's removal from the immediate scene of action the whole of the cooking necessarily devolved upon one of us and a division of labour amongst the ladies of the family became the next advance to improvement. It was agreed that the household duties should be divided into 3 departments. The cook, upon which office Bessy immediately entered. The Parlor maid, whose duty lies in keeping our sitting room in order and in preparing the table for the different meals & in clearing them away. This fell to dear Polly, and that of Chamber maid, which includes the air attendance upon Phoebe assisting in the washing hanging out the clothes folding them & distributing them in the different rooms or either house, devolved for the first month upon myself. The dear boys little

its use also to be maintained in all the boys, and our own dormitory.

After these arrangements our natural habits seemed again to dawn upon us. By degrees the work boxes were again introduced, the table again strewn with clothes whose dilapidated ^{state} betrayed the total absence of female ingenuity and again we began to form plans for their repairing or replacing them. I cannot describe the pleasure with which we returned to our customary pursuits, after what an interregnum, or how pleased the dear boys looked at seeing us again seated at our work table ^{as} in days of yore.

We had little to interrupt, no visitors but from the "Lords of the Land" who occasionally hailed us from the ^{opposite} side of the river and shouted with delight at the appearance of "woman."

The dear boys too returned to their labours and on Friday Feb 7th 12 commenced a new building which was to serve as a post house. In fact we

were beginning to feel ^{January} ~~themselves~~ settled
 and had glided into our new clothes
 with tolerable facility. The fleas too were
 gradually dying away or rather we
 were all waging a rather successful war
 against them. It was at this time on
 the 19 of February on one very early
 Feb. morning, as I was busy with those
 hanging out the clothes and repairing
 my transparent complexion to all the
 vigor of the mid day sun when Col
 Fred who had been out with his cows
 returned on horseback at a brisk
 trot. He looks very much as if a ship
 was in the bay. I said to myself
 when he rode up to me with a con-
 firmation of my suspicions
 "Well Miss Fanny you must have
 a holiday now ^{January} ~~January~~." He: "Yes
 Rhode I think so" and after a vain
 attempt to attend to some elaborate
 instructions about hanging a pair
 of canvas trousers upon the line, I made
 my escape for although we had from
 the force of contrast to become tolerably
 reconciled to our appearance. Now

that I did not think he was altogether
sufficiently common in fact to encounter
the eye of a stranger.

I found Mamma Mary & Pepie clustered
around a sick goose, to whom
they were administering a dose of
calomel. John had gone down to
the beach, and we all went up
with the assistance of Lena & Vernon
to make the first appearance of our
little frozen prepossession.

We were later at dinner than our
usual hour, and had scarcely finish-
ed when John returned with Mr.
Arthur Sumner, & Mr. Sumner
and news that
Mr. & Mrs. Drake were on board
but would be on shore in a short
time. I have in my letter to papa
given an account of this visit, so
I need not trouble you with a repetition
of these particulars. In about half an
hour Mr. Drake on Bob Loyin escorted
by Alfred, Mr. Drake and Mr. Home
rode up to the door. We had already
prepared a bed for her up stairs in
our dormitory. How romantic you
both look! was her first exclamation

The large round hats which we always wear in the morning, have become so habitual, that we almost wondered what had excited such a remark. But the delightful English mail which Mr. W. has now extracted from his huge shooting jacket pocket, presented any reply and the table was soon covered with letters, some upon business, some from the Swan, and two from my dear sister. We came off with them eagerly to my dear mother, whose eyes had been true messengers for a few days, and who was now up stairs, visiting them and herself in her cot. We came over them eagerly. The arrival of the Grasse with all the goods provided for by dear Sir, was announced and the death of dear John & Uncle George events not now to be dwelt upon. These dear letters have already been announced though we were all so much occupied during the stay of the Sally Anne that she left us without any letter to England. The "Suspect" seems as

Mr. Joly used to call our house at
 Augustus will I hope retain its re-
 putation as a good hotel. After tea
 when we all began to be tired and
 John carried off the gentlemen his
 own little set of ~~table~~ & cigars and
 wine whilst we three busied our-
 selves in preparing beds for the
 gentlemen. Mr. Howe on the
 sofa, Mr. Deane on the table
 and Mr. Seimmon on a chair
 which I have reason to believe
 groaned under his weight. John
 gave up his bed to Mr. Seimmon
 and had a shake down in
 John's room as you may think
 he was closely stowed. After we
 had made all our arrangements
 we sang the great Hallelujah and
 fire that every thing was in
 readiness, and retired to our own
 where Mr. Deane was luxuriating
 in one of our feather beds.

Early in the morning we were on
 the wing to prepare breakfast for our
 large party. Mr. Seimmon was
 now

busy as cooks mate watching the
 chocolate & the milk which Mr.
 Drake lent his assistance in feeding
 the poultry and minding the tea
 It is wonderful how domestic and
 useful this colonial life renders
 these boys of the creation.

On Sunday 21st the Sally Anne
 sailed we all went on board to
 see the last of Mr. Drake and
 extracted half a sovereign from
 Mr. Home that he would meet
 us again on his return from
 the land.

On Monday 22nd The Sanny arrived
 in the afternoon I believe the an-
 siety which was gradually creeping
 over us. On Tuesday & Wednesday
 these boys were busy in getting
 up the goods Every thing arrived
 in admirable order and none of
 the cases were considered too large
 as had been represented. The case
 shown we have all agreed not to
 unpack. The same letter from Aunt
 Mother & Emily shall be returned in
 a letter to themselves and have already
 been acknowledged in my bright

to be paid which he had by the way
 The box improved by Goldie
 before it was sent was improved until
 the very last thing just before
 Mr. Foster's arrival. We would
 write to see how we have enjoyed
 the journey. We have all been
 like children at a fair very little
 brother whose eyes require a
 low eyeline exposed in the sight
 of the great. The biscuit, arrow root,
 for which I must once more be
 deep our thanks to Mr. Foster
 arrived is beautiful and Mrs.
 Eliza's most letter & flower seeds
 also arrived our thanks and
 also Goldie's own letters never
 dropped in "the bag" were not
 the least irregular nor the least welcome.
 Mr. Foster took with him a box of
 our potatoes for which he left in ex-
 change rice, sugar, and coffee.
 These last mentioned articles
 are not amongst those of family
 consumption but are sold to the
 inhabitants here who cannot grow

chase a large supply for themselves
 but are glad to purchase those of
 John without paying him either
 in labour ~~or money~~ ^{or money} though generally
 in labour. John also until now has
 been supplied to them on the same
 terms. I have never mentioned our
 first report of butter by the Sally
 Coombe but have told the holder of it
 at 1/10 and disposed of it immedi-
 ately at 2/6 per lb.

During the parson's stay we heard
 of nothing but Carter's exchange.
 She left on Thursday 24 for Augusta
 taking a supply of coffee to Charles
 who has not been provided a sub-
 stitute in milk for this morning.

During this interval we have been
 fortunate in our feeding the geese
 & whose illness I have before alluded
 to. One of my chickens was found
 dead in the straw, one of our young
 turkeys was killed by the fox and
 another died after a day's illness.
 To counterbalance this we have had
 a brood of eight chickens hatched.

the little turkeys has been very ill
 but we hope that the cure that
 has been taken of it and the use
 of butter & cod and warming
 it with balls of oat meal have
 cured the complaint as it has
 & - along been pronounced out of dan-
 ger. I have written so hastily
 and irregularly that I have not
 mentioned the delicious water
 melons & cucumbers with which
 our gardeners Vernon has lately
 treated us or the cups and cakin-
 es which brighten by grace over
 the table. I have been equally
 silent but for some wonderful
 one bottle of the
 of the delicious bottle of Raspberry
 vinegar sent by dear Aunt Fanny
 in which her nephews and
 niece in Australia drinks her
 precious health.

I have now nearly brought up my
 journal to the present time hastily
 and irregularly have I written
 in England you can have no
 idea how the work of some are
 elected duty masters over all the

time that the press is gliding on level
 during the imaginary and removing
 the hand. During the past week the
 front house has been finished and the
 dairy is to be the next undertaking.
 Dear old Lenz works with such an
 abating industry he is already cut-
 ting spans for the dairy although
 the front house was only completed
 on Friday. Vernon & Davidson have begun
 a enclosure for the cattle at the bottom of the
 present stock yard. Davidson is now working
 out a debt incurred for flour &c.
 Ludlow is employed in thatching the front
 house. On the first of this month we there
 changed our office, Mary is now the
 sovereign of the pots & kettles, Peppercorn
 supreme in the sleeping apartments
 and I have succeeded. Mary in the
 duties of parlour maid.
 Dear Johnny has been seriously and in-
 valide all this week, he has been suf-
 fering from a severe pain in his
 back which has almost confined him
 to the sofa. He still looks thin & pale
 but we hope in few days will restore
 his good looks.

Yesterday the 12. of March was distinguished
 by one of those beneficent interventions
 of Providence, which so frequently
 arise to call forth our gratitude. As
 Vernon was returning home from his
 work with a sack loaded with shawls
 his trousers got entangled in a
 stump and he fell down. The
 horse who had been extremely
 tired all day dragged the sack
 of over him and it went with
 all its weight over his knees.
 He says he recollects calling out
 "wretch" whilst the curb was fast
 on. He rose and returned home
 but much shaken & hurt but
 not materially injured. I should
 have thought how nearly he was
 crippled for life. To day he suffers
 very little inconvenience and
 he and I have enjoyed a long
 walk together.

I have given away my poor coat
 he did so much wishing that I was
 obliged to consent to this step for ever

a boot a shirt, jacket or any article
 throughout the house but seems the
 compass of his formidable looks. My
 poor bird is now a prisoner in the
 branches he has made two attempts
 to return to me but I have had the
 fortitude to drive him away. His
 only consolation is to fly out of the
 branches when he hears my voice.
 This morning I allowed him to perch
 upon my shoulder and accompany
 me in my walk. I think I am
 very hard hearted then to drive away
 my most devoted admirer.
 Deane has been much engaged in
 writing he has framed a plan of his
 own which I cannot help hoping may
 be successful. He is so very anxious
 to buy in better sheep that he is writ-
 ting letters to England to raise the
 sum of £600 with which he intends
 to purchase sheep, his intention is
 to ~~raise~~ ^{borrow} £600 from three different persons
 for which he offers 7 per cent. and
 looks forward to liquidating his debt
 in a very year. His wish is if he

uncares to benefit his family by
 his exertions but if he fails to ensure
 all the work & responsibility himself
 Dear old fellow! his head is full of
 his speculations and the next English
 mail will carry away the letters
 which are to make this proposition.
 Having now brought my journal
 to the present era I will conclude
 with a list of our present live stock.
 Mary says I must begin with the
 chickens and arise upwards.

25 Fowls 25

Ducks 11

Geese 6

Turkeys. 6

Cats 9

Dogs 7

Goats ... 8

Pigs ... 7

Cows 14

Horses. 4.

Women. 5

Men ... 5

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I close my journal in great haste
this is the 22nd of March the Sally Anne
sails this morning I shall have an
opportunity of writing again soon God
bless you very precious ones all! all!
all! Oh my own sweet English letters
be inscribed by the hands of those
sweet dear to us. I send this to
Lafayette with as it is

Send ours to Anne from your
own German farm.

Mary's great "Fanny's" daughter
has just presented us with two
hicks.