Mother has been quite sick since Frank left, worn out with fatigue and anxiety, but she better now though not quite strong. We stood for some time on the Battery to see the Cherokee go off, but were finally obliged to leave in the Staten Island boat. When we got to New Brighton Mr. Tuckerman took a carriage and we drove out to the other side of the Island where we saw the ship going down the bay in fine style. We are quite curious to hear Frank's first experience of travelling, how sick he was, and how many of his things he has lost [illegible] I think [illegible] we all desire to be remembered most kindly) will not be the wisest or cutest people in the world. I heard of Annie Johnston the other day, she and her Mother return here in July. She has been enjoying herself in London, is to remain for the World's fair goes over to Paris and then comes home = Mrs. Bell has lost her eldest son James Bell an editor in Philadelphia. It has been a great shock to her, although they were not on very good terms. Mary is delighted with Philadelphia and has made a very good impression. Edward and his wife go out to Europe in June. I can hardly think of anything which has happened in the last fortnight to interest you. Little Scharfy was very much disappointed that you did not have the cigars, but he thought Mother would not approve of it. He has been on to Boston to play at a concert which was quite successful. All the Abolishionists are up as hot as poppin about an other fugitive slave named Sims who has been arrested. Aunt Ruth, though she does not go as far as William says, "what a dreadful thing it is that the South should have such power as to crush liberty in this once free state of ours." Mary and Eustis go for Law and Order. Mr. Webster has been in town within a few days very sick; he was able however to go on to Marshfield and on his way was stopped at Springfield and Worcester by crowds of enthusiastic friends & admirers.