somewhere in Vermont, whose waters are said to be very efficacious for gout, she will also take a maid with her for since you left her lameness has increased to such a degree, that it is almost impossible for her to help herself Wolcott & Joe have made no plans as yet, & will not make any till Mother has decided upon hers. Wolcott & George look very well I staid in town one night while they were here, & Mother seemed very happy at having her three boys with her, she has left Catharine in the house; All well in Madison avenue & everything looks neat & clean. The 4th is happily over, contrary to the usual run of events, we had a deliciously cool day & everybody seemed to enjoy themselves, I staid in Rahway all day, watching the young ones who I am glad to say, did not

burn the house down, or set themselves on fire, in the evening we had some wheels & Roman Candles, topping off with Ice Cream, & a more delighted & tired set of juveniles it would have been hard to find today is our third cool day, so cool that it is positively pleasant to exercise, & be in the sun. Lizzie has not been very well for the past week, & the Doctor recommends change of air for a couple of weeks, & I shall send her next week to Saratoga to drink the Iron water there, & her sister in-law is coming to keep house for me in her absence, I think the change of air will be all sufficient, with entire relief from care of the children. as her going way, increases my expenses this month, I asked Mr. Weiss for my Dir.s, which you had offered me, but which I did not have any idea then I should want