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My dear Ruth

We have two letters from you nearly at a time the last by the Elna Division, and we are expecting to receive by the steam boat which has just commenced running the yarns which will be a great treat particularly since I allmost lives upon vegetables & is very fond of them. William shall have some. his mother in law & E. Kane I saw last week & his little Mary who is still at Bloomingdale. and a most interesting gentle little creature. his little Elizabeth has suffered from constant attacks of ague & fever this winter in N Port & they have taken place simultaneously with Miss Kanes. Wolcott continues very robust, fat rosy & healthful in body & mind I think he has acquired more at home than at any time at school. he wished to write William respecting the eclipse which he pronounced a great cheat. his father having foretold that it would be dark & stars visible, while it was only shadowed as during the coming of a thunder storm, with the same brassy hue sometimes seen. I do not know but I may have mentioned this before, but you are doomed to hear something twice, in the fear that you should not hear all. Sarah writes as happy in the society of Mrs Hare, and unwilling to exert herself to mix with that elsewhere, I agree with you that we make or mar own fortunes, but I go farther & think that will has allmost the power of destiny. even to the willing to live. perhaps however there may be great tho unseen physical power where there is such intense moral energy. Sarahs will triumphs over every thing but rest. I do not know how long she might go when fully wound up, but when she rests the reaction commences and her defenses are all thrown down she is the victim of quiet. she came to New York sick & toiled & churched if one may say so, till I was melancholy & I mad. Mothers alone have a right to work themselves to death. and even I sometimes envy Mary's equanimity, tho incapable of practising it.