

to town yesterday with Mrs Reynolds &
supplied myself with darning cotton,
and bought some poor butter for 50 cts.
But I got a pretty dark calico for
Mary's X mas present for 20 cts - I was
really amazed & machine silk for 35 cts.
I think of sending to you to buy a
silver fork for Blair's X mas - he has
asked for one of his own several
times & I have about made up my
mind to get it - but cant decide
what to get for Alphy who has a
very handsome fork - I want a veloce
pede, for the exercise is good for such
a round shouldered child - he made
good use of one at Carlisle - enjoyed
it excessively & I think it was a
benefit. We will have to send either to
St Louis or Leavenworth How fortunate
you were in meeting Ristori - I do long
to see & hear her - Where does she act in
N. Y.? is the Academy to be rebuilt? No news
of our china yet - but Mr Gitts horse has
come - How provoking that your nice hands
should have been stolen - all the upish girls
are not in the east - our neighbour had