we had no thanksgiving in the family
We have ate our turkey and pumpkin pie
as usual in our family with the addition of
Natalie, Elvira had her own family abroad on
from Cambridge. I do not know whether we
shall have a Christmas together or not.
Lizzie and the children I shall ask to come
to me. It has been a great comfort to me
that the servant she has whom I spend to
her has been faithful and fond of the baby.
I have had on the contrary the greatest
changes. and it is but now that I have
had a decent cook. The Waitrems have
been perfectly absurd in their wages and their
requirements today I am without. and the papers
full of advertisements. Mrs Sleoms has the
boy Austin to[illegible] But he is called Wash not
Monkey Whi[illegible] he eschew[illegible] they are very
fond of him and think he is a marvel of
capacity and intelligence. He is quite well
mind and handsome. I am rather sorry I did
not take him myself. Austin has been to
Pam to see his family. I think he must have

returned already. there will be quite a society
of Newyorkers there this winter. Mrs J. A. Sleoms
And her two Sisters the Bells. and many
more. Mrs Bell intends to remain out another
year. Your uncle William continues to give
trouble. She has embarrassed the family
affairs as much as possible. You will hear all
on coming on here. In the meantime we are