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Eighth month 27th 1833. Father, Aunt Rebecca, Sister & myself. Left Philada at 6 A.M. in Union Line Steamboat, for N York (fare 10 dolls.) near Bordentown the Rail Road cars were substituted for Steam-boat. came 3 or 5 miles to Amboy. greatest ascent in Road about 40 ft in mile. our car could accommodate 30 persons, drawn by 2 horses. change three times: country for most part of barren aspect. about 6 1/2 hours upon this road. We passed from car to Steamboat, upon which we dined; a variety of dishes were set before us, but for want of appetite did not enjoy it much. reach'd N York by half past 4 P.M. Rode to East river, where lay the Boston, in it we took our passage for Newport. fare $2.00. after securing our berths, Aunt, R. & myself took a walk in search of Hartshorn & Pans. we procured those articles, and embarked at 5 P.M. The commercial importance of the City is indicated by the great quantity of shipping in port. (East river was the former harbour, but it is expected the Hudson will compete with it. We sail'd thro' Hurl gate before night. The River is here 500 yds in breadth. With regard to the "Boston" it is the most complete navigator of the water, I have ever been a passenger in. 160 ft in length two Chimneys. with "Ladies Cabin" containing (I believe) 20 berths, two tier. small windows to supply the upper ones with air, floor carpeted with Brussels: 3 or 4 gilt framed looking glasses adorn the room. The 2nd Story has a large Saloon, with a deck almost surrounding it. Supper was announced about 7 P.M. table well furnish'd, Rare Fish, Game, Ham, toast, &c &c. supplied with 3 plated or silver Urns, corresponding candlesticks with Spermaceti candles. They could accommodate 96 persons at table.

Before we retired to rest, went on deck to view the firmament. The Moon shone brightly, Silver light being reflected from by the watery expanse produced a charming effect. In my nocturnal retreat 2 naps were enjoy'd by me. arose before 6 A.M. at that hour passed point Judith one of the southern extremities of Rhode Island. (Its Light house may be seen at the distance of 20 miles. we approach'd Newport, about half past 7 A.M. (called 30 miles from Providence, & something like 200 miles from New York) It is an old settlement; houses generally frame. some streets paved. rather an irregularly laid out town. but has a pleasant Scite. before dinner hired a conveyance, & rode thro' a highly cultivated country to the Coal mines, situated on the Island about 10 miles from Newport. Father considers the Coal

as of an inferior quality Anthracite intermix'd with iron ore. or somewhat like Plumbago. We understood 6 years had elapsed since veins have been worked.
Of the peculiarities of this Island, manuring the soil with a fish called Mahaddas: have comparatively few barns, we saw but few cattle. The farms are generally enclosed by stone walls, roads are excellent, somewhat hilly.
We left dinner table, & hasten'd to the Steam-boat, to leave at 3 P.M. for Prov-idence, arriv'd between 6 & 7 P.M. Going up the stream the wind blew cold, & for comfort resorted to our Cloaks. On either side of Prov. river country mostly cultivated, generally pretty level. Bristol 15 miles from Newport, barren 4 or 5 miles further we had on our right.
At Providence we put up at the Franklin Hotel, excellent accommodations. Took a walk, after tea, (with Le High & Co's agent,) thro' some of the principal streets; the river separates the City into East & West, former has been longest inhabited, or oldest part. it contains some handsome residences & gardens of the wealthy the College, Friends Academy & (situated it is said on the highest eminence in the vicinity) is a large brick building: the west side contains the Arcade, stores &c, & is the most commercial part of City. After a refreshing night we again walked out, from the elevated scite of the Eastern had a commanding view of western part of City. The water added to the beauty of the scenery. Spires abound on either side, many of the houses white framed. Tho' a law passed several years since, prohibiting the erection of frame in central part. we visited a Cotton Factory on west side. The machinery is manufactur'd in lower Story, in one of the others weaving was perform'd, girls are remunerated according to their application & expedition. In other rooms the Cotton is packed, carded, spooled, warped & sized (with sour flour we understood.) When we return'd to the Hotel wrote a letter to Mother, dined, & started about half past 2 P.M. for Boston 40 miles. Soil rugged, rather hilly & pretty generally cultivated. A few miles from Prov. is Pawtucket, & Patch's leaping nursery, it appears leaping is a common exercise for boys here. within 10 miles South from Boston is beautiful, many handsome residences enliven & adorn its environs, bespeaking wealth & happiness. if all is calm within.
On arriving about 9 P.M. the Moon shone brightly after a storm threatning afternoon. We were refused admittance into Shepherd's Hotel, & Fremont House not able to accommodate (so full:) So on we passed thro this Kaleidrioscope City until the next application was crown'd with success, at the Massachusetts Coffee house.
After Breakfast next morning, Father hired a conveyance, to go to Scienite Quarry, (differing, we understood, from Granite by being destitute of Mica.

As we passed through Boston, we remarked the irregularity of the streets. many narrow, with narrow pavements, & Shed of good width. houses Stone, brick & frame, 4 Story are common, provision stores abound. dry good & other stores, appear'd well stock'd with the good things of this world.

The Quarry, is situated near Quincey, on an elevated situation, we were interested in the manner of splitting the Stone, they employ'd for parting large Rocks, an iron (Sledge. 5 by 4 inches in length) borer or borers. for they were arranged along the Stone in a line, say from 4 to six inches apart which were pounded to a proper depth, then taken out, & on both sides of each a Strip was placed, they again inserted, acting as a wedge, & with apparently little exertion on the part of the men, the rock was parted asunder; & afterward hoisted or drawn to the proper place by a horse, who paces a circle to wind a rope round a windlass. the rope being carried over a pulley or more, to a Snatch-box, which may be elevated at pleasure on a derrick pole. near top of the pole is a fix'd pulley, the rope being drawn over that, to a moveable one, one or twice, then attach'd to the Stone. We walk'd to the quadrangular monument, which is placed on the summit, & up its 30 steps, to be gratified by an extensive scenery. The inscription informs, it was erected by Thomas Perkins. President of R R Corporation Company. in memory of the establishment of the first road of this description in United States of America. commenced in 1826, & finish'd in the year. The R Road is 3 miles long, (extending to tide water) had one inclined plane, Simple iron rail & wooden We returned by J Quincey Adams residence, a white frame building, situated in low spot, adjacent to the public Road, premises enclos'd by a white tasteful fence. As we rode thro' Boston stopped at the Market house, A Large Stone (I believe) building paved & having Stalls on either side of aisles, (furnish'd with, Meats, Cheese, fruit. vegetables &c.) with partial partitions between them.

After dinner went to Lowell, passing thro' Charlestown, where had Bunkers hill on the right, a monument was erecting, to perpetuate the memory of the first hostile affray or skirmish. country pretty, the latter part stony, arrived about Sunset 25 miles, at American Hotel, in this thriving village.

Seventh day. We understand 20 factories are in operation in this place, and others are being erected. the great water power warranting such extensive business in this line. Some of the supply derived from Concord & Merimack Rivers. Middlesex Canal &c. Population about 1200. price of land being inquired, a Small lot in vicinity facing Road we were

inform'd was 2 Shillings (33⅓ cts,) per ft. running back 75 feet.

It can boast of 7 incorporated Companies. 500 girls are employ'd in two mills, weave 90,000 yds a week. After breakfast walked to see some of factories, such as Carpet, Cotton, Machinery and Calico printing, truly an active scene presented. At the Carpet Manufactory manufactur'd; very handsome Kidderminster; imitation Brussels,* & Turkey, the difference between the two last, is, the Turkey is cut on the rods in Brussels retain'd whole. To direct when to shift the colours, a small bell is connected with machinery to be effected I think by the moving patterns. Men weave the carpeting; women are employ'd in Cotton Factories, latter make from 4 to 12 dolls a month.

* best weavers can weave from 6 to 8 yds per day

One inform'd me she could weave 100 yds a day coarse muslin, her wages being 50 cts. To answer for scrubbing brush, house-cloth, a handle to the extremity of which shreds of cotton (with knots I think,) were affix'd, using soap & sand. Calico printing was at once novel & interesting: on a white or colour'd ground, one figure may be impress'd by the cloth passing over rollers. In another room each additional colour is stamped on the pieces. A girl in the packing room receiv'd she said 4 dolls a week, and had her board found. In all or most of the factories we understand, they have an arrangement in cellar, as a security from fire, viz 2 sets of Single Stroke pumps 5 in each set. with leather hose conveyed into each Story to furnish with supply of water. They also have a watch clock in each story to keep watchmen on duty. A commendable custom prevails, that of preparing widows to keep their boarding houses, boarding girls at $1.25 per week.

After dinner we left the place for Boston, arrived between 4 & 5 in the afternoon. walked from Hotel to State house, It has a commanding Site, is surmounted by a dome, rendering it the most conspicuous building, I think, as you approach the City from the South. In a recess in the hall under the Skylight Cupola stands a monument of the "Father of his country." We were in the Council Chamber, saw the semicircular table & seats, of the 9 men who with the Governor form the Council. also passed into the Ante-chamber. On our return, agreeably surprised at meeting with J Sloan & wife, came on & shopped a little. Washington St contains a great many Stores.

9th mo 1st. Father having hired a vehicle to take me to Salem Meeting 15 miles distant, before 8 A.M. we were on the wayfhento.

left Boston by crossing the ferry in a Steamboat it is here ¾ of a mile across. on the left was the Navy yards, 2 of houses in which ships are built have "hipped" roofs, one on each side of hip. contain'd 50 windows, the other 66, beside several in upper part, to afford light to the Artificers. The country near Boston is diversified by hill & dale to a small extent. natural meadows were to be seen on either side for some distance. latter part of roads so level that Lynn could be observed 5 miles off. It is pleasantly situated near the Ocean. Shoe manufactory's principal support of the place. went on to Salem, reach'd, after passing by Stony lands, in time to attend meeting; perhaps near 100 persons attended. Chase spoke interestingly, exhorting the audience not to reason from consequences, in setting out on a religious life, that some had made shipwreck of their faith by so doing, &c: he likewise appeared in supplication.

After meeting some young women kindly accosted us, one invited us to dine, two accompanied us about the town, pointed out to us interesting buildings, some of their houses indicate wealth, large handsome & having spacious gardens. frame buildings too are common. They have a Lyceum in which popular lectures are deliver'd in the winter. Commerce is the principal support of the place.

In the afternoon early, we were on our way to the peninsula of Nahant with Mary Ann, & Hannah Pope. turned off from Lynn, & rode along a handsome beach, the slope being very gentle; the village is near the extremity of the peninsula, composed principally of boarding houses from bathing it derives its importance chiefly. visited the natural Bridge (in miniature,) & a cavern on the rocky shore. &c. they have some cultivated land. left our friends, at Lynn, on our return to Boston, where we arrived near dusk, about 11 min occupied in crossing ferry. took tea, & wrote to Mother. 2nd day of month & week, walked out with two Bostonians, to the Telegraphic Observatory, from which we had a good view of the harbour in that part of Town. which is good, tide I understood rising 10 feet. We also were in some of their principal Streets. 4 story houses are by no means rare, many of their houses are handsome, nothing very remarkable in the external of Daniel Webster's, a large brick 3 stories front, & 4 or 5 back. say there are from 12 to 15 meeting houses belonging to Unitarians, about as many to Presbyterians.

Started for Worcester about 9 A.M. country generally pretty well cultivated, somewhat hilly. Larch is here indegenous.

arrived before dark near 60 miles from Boston. Worcester is a pretty town, Streets wide, their neat white houses with green venitian window Shutters, display the correct taste of inhabitants. we had good accommodations at Worthington & Clarks. Frosts mantels appearance that night. I may remark we passed in to-day's ride, Brighton the famous cattle market.

3rd day of 9th month, at 10 A.M. on the way to Northampton, we dined at or near Brookfield. Some of the towns in this day's ride came by, Leicester, (a card manufacturing town) Spencer (in which are factories) Ware, Hadley in which Broom corn & Tobacco are raised, remark'd many of the fields of broom corn were not enclosed by fences. Northampton was attained between 7 & 8 P.M. (crossing Connecticut River) about 90 miles from Boston; a stage runs that distance in a day, but we prefer'd the two day line. The soil from Boston to Northampton is generally of a gravelly character, the sand is abundant as you approach latter place. having fine meadows &c. A great number of long & high hills we traversed to-day. In the afternoon, Mount Holly-yoke, with others, reared its lofty head to our admiring gaze. The mountain scenery was truly magnificent, & afforded a source for contemplation.

A few miles from Northampton a girl in her 17th year was taken into the Stages. She related a brief history of her life the past year, her parents resided at Somerset, & sent her about a year ago, to a factory, about 80 miles distant (I believe) at which she remain'd a week, receiving for wages 2,00 cts. $1,00 of which went for board. She then abondoned it, to learn the tailoring business. She was now on her return, going to Brattleborough alone was her prospect. putting up at the same hotel with us, she attracted our attention, and we elicited this account from her. She was well attired, carrying great deal of her wardrobe on her, thus saving trouble of trunk. She refused to come to meals, which excited our compassion & Father defray'd expence of the two meals for her.

There were handsome residences in this town; we were informed, a two story frame, spacious & beautiful, having 4 rooms on a floor with entry between cost from 2, to 4000 dollars.

Fourth day, set out by 8 o'clock in the rain for Pittsfield (not Lebanon). dined at Worthington, & in the afternoon about 5 arrived at Pittsfield, pleasantly situated & handsome town. we procured a coach to convey us to new Lebanon 7 miles distant. We were descending the intervening mountain, when a thunder shower varied the scene.

Left Pittsfield at 8 A.M. in Union Line Steamboat, for Albany

We were favoured to reach our destined port about 7 P.M. in State of N. York.
The trees which to us appeared to abound in Massachusetts. are birch.
Beech. Ash. False Sycamore, Tamarac, double Spruce, Sugar Maple &c.
They call townships, towns; & towns villages. each town-ship, say
from 4 to 6 miles square, supports a minister, salary understood,
was from 650 to 1050 dollars, furnishing with a house & pasture for a cow.
also supports, by taxation, 3 or 4 public schools, teacher receiving from
$12 to 15 dolls a month. finding board also. It is customary to publish the
bans 3 weeks previous to marriages, suspended in a frame on a place of worship.

Sixth day morning before breakfast we rode to the Shaker village,
2½ miles & a half, hilly road. their land extends around them on the hills
and in the vale beneath. fertile soil being in a Limestone district.

We landed at their store & purchased some articles; a woman then con-
ducted us to their dairy, where was an abundance of milk & Cheese, a
woman was wiping the cheese, & the Justice was the turner of it, effected
by means of a machine; he had resided with them about 4 years, his
sister was also with them. we also were in their spinning & weaving
apartments; they looked happy. On going into the kitchen. they
kindly invited us to partake of pie, Indian & rye bread & butter, the bread
cut by a cutter. In the store we were treated to currant wine.

We were informed they possess about 500 acres of land, upwards
of 600 people in that community, in 21 years 100 persons were added to them.
they have public worship on first day mornings, have a large
meeting house, with a curved tin (it appeared to be) roof. we observed 7 or 8
children going to school. we returned to the Hotel to breakfast, then went
to see New Lebanon Spring in the vicinity, a fine recipient 5 ft deep. it is said
it discharges 12 barrels a minute. impregnated with Magnesia. Lime, & Sul-
phur. temperature 72°. In the bathing establishment is a plunging bath
5 ft deep & 20 long. also a shower bath &c. visited by numerous people
the past Summer. At 9 A.M. resumed our journey, traversed a somewhat
hilly country. came to Albany, between 2 & 3 P.M. 75 miles from Northampton,
& 25 from Lebanon. From entrance by bridges not prepossessed in favour
of city. many small poor looking buildings met the eye. However on riding
to see Rail Road leading to Schenectady 16 miles, we saw the more hand-
some part of city. City Hall surmounted by a dome is a very conspic-
uous building. The Patroon's domains had an indistinct view of, a

piece of land lying [illegible]

white house, near Canal, apparently beautified & sheltered by trees.
We stopped the carriage to see boats pass the Lock in Erie Canal which terminates at Albany. A boat passed the Lock in 4 or 5 min. can pass boats of from 20 to 65 tons burthen, ~~[illegible]~~ Canal 4 feet depth of water, lock chamber 17 or 18 ft. broad. we rode to see the Cayuga & Seneca Canal along Quay St. that Street presented a active appearance. many Stores, drays, goods &c &c. Showery day.

Sixth day. In the Champlain at 7 A.M. on the far famed Hudson. The day very fine, it was not far from Albany when we encountered the over-slaughs, we passed pretty well, sometimes difficulty is experienced disposed of & took in passengers at various places. Many towns environed the banks, N Baltimore, Kinderhook, Coxackie, City of Hudson, Athens, Cats-Kill, (mountain house discernible on our right, a white house, on side of mountain) about 3 hours Steamboat ride from Albany. Hamburg Newberg, West Point, just after leaving dinner table came in view, founded indeed upon a rocky eminence, with mountain (ramparts) surrounded the river in this place making a great bend, scenery here reminding of a view on Lehigh, tho' on a more magnificent scale. foliage on the highlands somewhat varied. glided down the river, until on approaching the Jersey shore, it flowed at the base of the palasade hills, precipitous ledge of rocks, extending with some interruptions for miles, in appearance come up to my idea of glaciers; or basaltic columns. Between 6 & 7 rode up to Holts Hotel, N York. Here is an Engine in basement Story, whose power may be communicated to Shelves, to convey the provision placed on one of them into 2nd 3rd & 4th stories, in a great trunk passing up. Tho' now they are engaged in making an arrangement for a supply of water, having bored to depth of 630 ft by 4 inches, therefore did not see it in operation. The Hotel, is situated on made ground, at the corner of Pearl, Fulton, & water Streets, cost of whole building & lot, we understood, 280.000 dollars. Sometimes they employ 100 servants.

We left N York in Peoples line 6 A.M. took stage at Brunswick. & after riding miles to Bristol, got in Steam boat, & arrived at home late in the afternoon, favoured to find our relations & wife.