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Dear Bro. Simon. Your letter of the other <sup>day</sup> was received. Am glad to hear that you are getting along well. Your Communication to this week's "Register" is out in that chest. I read it with great interest. If I read one sentence once I read it over a half dozen times. It begins thus: - "If they had heeded the admonitions of Bee Johnson" &c. &c. &c. with so much beauty & imagery as one seldom sees in writings from our most gifted pens. I think it is grand. Continue; you are doing nobly. If ever the "Register" becomes a permanent thing, and you remain in this County, they will do you a good favor some time. I get the paper, but I file it for my own gratification in time to come. However, I can now & then send you a stray copy, picked up in some places where they lie around loose. Pearls thrown before some of our porcine people are passed by by their oftentimes unnoticed. When I first wrote to Evans I told him to build your vest high up at the neck. That is the prevailing style in all the shops. I am getting Jerry S. to make me a Dr. of black Cassimere & a vest for \$16<sup>00</sup>. They charge so high away from home. Layford charges \$18. just for a pr. of good Blk Cassimere. My business is a little slack just now. I had a few cases of fever, but they got well rather abruptly. Now & then something to do notwithstanding. Our sick spells come on spasmodically with alternations & vicissitudes of the weather. When I go to Wmport I'll take your cloth with me & get Evans to make you a coat. I'll go on next Tuesday. So write early to me or rather to him so I will know what kind of garment you want. What style he shall make it. Lawyer Whistling was up the other day. He came, Lu, & I went to Enquire Loeffler and had Jennie's things fixed for a vinculo matrimonii. Whistling is certain of getting it he says. We got testimony in to the effect that he "deserted her wilfully & maliciously & abducted himself without just cause or reason", Blackstone, I think correctly quoted. Don't forget your Law Simon. I believe the practice of Law for the next few years will pay big.

Frank told me they wanted him to teach No. 2 School. I guess they haven't got applicants enough to fill their places. Frank says he has not the time to devote to stubborn young ones.

You are eminently better-off everybody says. What you see, the place & the associations are worth more to you than a School here at \$100, a month. You couldn't have done better. I think we are all getting along finely. I, in my practice, am encouragingly fortunate, quite successful indeed. I triumph much perch on the banner of an educated Therapeutist. To know when to strike & where, in the management of human maladies is half the victory.

I can't get over this:—and Peace would have ever mingled the music of her Harp-strings with the song of the Goddess of Plenty, as she nestled her yellow corn leaves in their valleys". I think the 2<sup>d</sup> Epistle to Messieurs Editors is an improvement on the other, although written as you say with a muddled brain. What can we expect when your Brain is at itself - Eh! You will be home to the Elector certainly. I expect you to come, but suit yourself. Our Autumn is coming on fast. Soon the change in the leaf, precursing of decay, will be wrought by the Alchemy of rough King Frost. How beautiful to look upon, then, will be our mountains, variegated with the multifarious hues found in Nature's fading dress! Through the day the air is warm & sultry. "The winds lie withheld in the stagnant air".

To-morrow there is to be a Union Celebration at Elizabethtown, consisting of 8 Schools. Frank & I purpose going, I reckon; we having business at that place. Some bills I want to collect.

Everything goes on lovely. Papa now & then says stay in the store a little, John. I want to go out to the place a few minutes and see about something.

All well. Remember us to Cousin Nancy, the Major & Torrence. When is Map going to the State Fair? I rationally think

Write soon {

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