

Main Day

New York

Nov. 20th 1876

My dear Mrs. Sturson

It is almost  
 a fortnight since I had  
 you a view, and the time  
 has seemed much longer  
 notwithstanding all the sights  
 and shows of this great  
 city. I am pining after  
 some news such news I  
 mean, as be held there  
 much about other matters  
 and so on, it is high time  
 I should have tidings of the

Success of the Festival -  
though I barely assisted.  
You in the time of need  
still I am curious to know  
how the affair went off,  
if the cake had good and  
sufficient fit & quality.  
Mr. Rankin's ambitious  
and I suppose had you  
lunched with Mr. Rankin  
by the way he & his wife and  
his daughter were on the  
same train when he left  
Montreal - they were to  
sail the next day - he  
did not put up at the  
same hotel so lost sight  
of them, after he left the

station - We have found  
the weather such indeed  
and have had long days  
with the exception of the  
two last and there have  
been gloomy trade se,  
rain pouring down with  
out intermission, and such  
a kind! - Umbrellas have  
almost melted - for turning  
up the corners of the streets  
they were twisted inside  
out, we saw several such  
cases - not being confined  
to those who carried them  
The people does not feel  
much better yet, though



he has derived some  
benefit from the Dr. whom  
he has consulted - he  
thinks of remaining in this  
city some time longer, as  
private letters from  
Savannah do not yet  
give a good account  
of the health of the place.  
I wish you could see the  
flowers and ferns in the  
shop windows, there is such  
a beautiful one, called  
the "Hartford Creeping fern"  
which used for decorating  
it keeps its color a year  
indeed it is hard to say

which are the most  
beautiful, the few well  
other forms - exhibited  
the Academy of Design  
to see the collection of paint-  
ings from private galleries  
Many of them were foreign  
intended to have been exhibited  
at Philadelphia, but James  
Trotter, he saw at the  
Museum the celebrated St  
Cesola collection of  
Antiquities from Cyprus  
just how the British Museum  
are offering £10,000 for  
the art treasures discovered  
under the Temple of Asclepius  
at Cyprus - a few months

While the servants of  
London were making up  
their minds to accept  
Gen. de Lesnola's conditions  
the prize has snatched  
away and New York now does  
this earlier collection, but  
the recent discoveries number  
1500. and he has given  
New York three days to decide  
as to whether they will purchase  
the treasures, or allow them  
to remain in London  
You would enjoy looking at  
them for they are very beautiful.  
We have not been to any  
public entertainments  
the judge cannot go out  
at night, later they have



Mattinee's. The shirts  
are fast with well dressed  
collars nearly all alike,  
Crenshaw is extensive  
not the old style, merely  
for back of the shirts -  
As the dresses are worn  
long they must be held up  
therefore the under shirts  
are almost as pretty as  
the outside ones - Black  
silk predominates - trim-  
med to eyes, with flowers,  
fringes, feathers lace &  
fur - Cock Tail feathers  
the rage for hats. There  
are numbers of Swiss bonnets

French & German also  
with their White Caps outside  
heads looking so neat & clean  
But I must stop. I told  
the judge I had nothing to say  
when I began, and he has  
just looked up saying "What  
writing got" so I shall  
<sup>not tax your</sup>  
~~have~~ patience longer

Remember me to all your  
warm circle, not forgetting  
Dr & Mrs H. and with  
our united regards to  
Mary and Dr Dawson  
believe me

Yours very sincerely  
Maria W Day

Please write on the envelope  
Poste Restante