

letter from Mr. Horn
few days since
at the bottom of
which he added
a postscript to
the effect that he
had learned that
the regular members
of our firm were
very soon to marry
one Miss Young lady
friends of Granville.
to which I made
this reply.

"Injustice to the
young lady spoken
of Mr. Horn, permit
me to say that
your information
is incorrect."

Wilmington
Jan: 10/80

Dear Miss Liv:

Yours of the 7th
inst. came duly
to hand this
morning. I was
very glad to hear
from you, and
more than glad
to hear that you
were feeling well,
and that you had
enjoyed the holid-
ays. I could have
gone up, as well as
not, to Granville
this week, for it
has been a dull
week with us.

but I was not
feeling quite well
and feared you
would not enjoy
seeing me unless
I could make my
self pleasant &
agreeable & I feared
I was hardly
equal to such a
task, hence did
not go.

I certainly cannot
imagine any
reason why your
gentleman friends
should have
ceased visiting you
unless it be that
reports of your
engagement had
been circulated

This, even tho' it is
so, would not be
a valued excuse for
such action on the
part of your friends
and I should esteem
the friendship very
little indeed of the
one who would
allow such reports
to influence him
to act thus. But
I see no reason
for such reports
getting out - and
if it were my
case would very
soon stop them -
which could be
done without telling
a story either.
We had a business

idea that you would
act otherwise our
friendship would
be of very short
duration.

I should like very
much to see you
but it is impossible
for me to say
exactly when I can
go up. It is so
difficult for me
to know a week
ahead when I can
get off, I am
almost afraid
to name a day lest
something should
prevent my getting
off, hence as said
before I shall,
I mean, just go

up whenever I can
strike my chance
of getting out
from the depot.

This miserable weather
keeps me with cold
& cough all the
time, but I doubt

not, as you suggested,
a trip to Franconia
for a few days
would do me good.

But I am afraid
you haven't much
patience with
sick people, and
would not care to
have such company
with you many days
before you would wish
they were away.
I do not hear of

any news. have
not been any where
except one evening
at your bro's, Mr
Bellamy's, since
Christmas. I shall have
to go in the country
again before long,
can't tell exactly
what day yet -
tho' perhaps some
time during next
week -

Truly yours
W. Patterson

while I, so far as
I am individually
concerned do not
care so much for
it, but it is not
pleasant for you
I should not think
to be the subject
of constant gossip.
Of course I do not
care for your riding
or going with your
young gentlemen
friends just as
much as you please,
so long as you
act toward them
in a becoming
manner, and if
I had the slightest