

Papers viz. "Old Banner" & the "American Union" they being both printed at one office
well? about the first of last May (I think it was) the "Banner" company sold ^{out} to
the "Union" company, so the Banner ceased to be; but the Union company
promised to send the Unions instead, untill the time was up that
subscribers for the "B." sent for. But those who had subscribed, ^{for} better, they promised
to send ^{the} "U." long enough to make up ^{for} the money sent, But the papers were
directed to Horace so they ought to send the U. about 1 year & 8 months from
the time we sent for them, which was Jan. 1st. 1857. But whether they will
or not remains to be proved. I don't think I shall take them any longer than
the time paid for anyway, & I would like to take some good paper & I think
the Free Flag is about as good as any, & if I can find out about it, I think I
will send for it. I saw an advertisement of a paper in the N. Y. Tribune
called "Life Illustrated" & it said anyone could have it 3 months ^{in trial} for 25 cents
that is any one who had never been a subscriber for it. The price of it is
\$2.00 per. year. I sent a quarter & they are sending the papers but I don't think
shall take them any longer than the 3 months trial. I will send you one
this week & mail one before long. Send me word what you think of it.

Tell mother I think her dress is very suitable & pretty for her. Tell her
Lucinda has got one just like it; she had it ^{this} last Summer. Oh! how is
Missus' Boone & Thomas, & Chary getting along in these times. Tell Alk. when you
see him that I say I should like to hear from him. Tell him to write some
Sunday evening when it is too dark; to go to see Miss Sherman. Tell him
I have heard of his 'doings' as much as a dozen ways & I think that everybody
says must be so. I guess you think I have a great fancy for large sheets of
papers, as I must always write one such; the reason I use large ones is because
I can't get note paper only once in a while; there is not much of it for
sale here. It has been lonesome here today & this evening, for it has rained
so hard that no one could out very well, so I have seen no one but H. all day.