

Baltimore,
Mar. 19th, '71.

Dear Sue:-

Your long-looked-for and welcome letter arrived some time ago and would have been answered sooner, only I wanted to exercise the law of retaliation. Are you not ashamed of yourself for not replying sooner? True, I had a good scolding in store for you, but have forgotten it; I scarce, it was about your promptness in answering my letter. I am very prompt with those who are prompt with me; but, that Spirit, Forgetfulness, often strikes us with her wand, and, I suppose, she has given you a touch. Well, dear Sue, you know I am such a forgiving little creature, I cannot remain angry with you; but, be sure and do not keep me waiting so long for one