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or even have one at home — I hope however your
Sister & you will like your bonnets — & not the worse
that I helped to make them — the spray you may remove
& wear in a turban — for that is still the prevailing
head dress — to which is lately added, a small black
Velvet hat with a row of beads round the crown & one
feather — so little hair should be seen in the front
that the small toupee I have sent over is twice as
much as I allow to grow upon my head in front or as ought
to appear. Let the head dress be what it will —
the hair behind turned up so short as to show the
nape of the neck — & then the ends hang down
to look bushy — this is high low — but if I was
a young woman with a fine head of hair I should
take the liberty of wearing it in a more becoming
style — so for everything else — White dresses still is the
universal wear. With gold & silver ornaments — Waists
short — petticoats long — sleeves l[illegible] in general — In short
to look like states is the great aim — Don't fancy
I had an ill opinion of the make of your shoulders
by sending you braces — they are thought very pretty
with white — & universally worn — the green cestus
you must tye on one side one tassel hanging
lower than the other —
I put in the package three bellum hats by way of
garden hats — if they don't get wet they will wear
for ever & not fade — they wore last summer quite
the rage — merely tyed under the chin with a half
handkff — they wore not as nice a colour as I wished
as the old stock was out — & the new not come in — so
it was hobsons choice — I thought in the country you
would find them convenient — & very likely they not
had found there way to you before —
Yet — we have heard nothing more of our destination
& are extreamly anxious about it as the serious long
confinement my dear husband has had as unfitted him
for any theatrical exertions for some time at any
rate — & of course made him much more anxious
to quit it entirely at the end of this campaign,
I hope when next I write — I shall be able to tell you
our wishes are gratified — We have been in a most
unpleasant state of doubt & suspence since it was
first agitated, & to feel now we may be upon
the move in two or three months & not know where
we are to pitch our tent is very teasing — particularly
as we have strongly fixed our minds to one place, as
it takes in all we wish — which is being within two hours
drive of London (from which I should be sorry to be
[illegible] removed) & also our two most particular friends
[illegible] & Beresfords — The ladies are in [illegible]
[illegible] our change — that is as it removes us
[illegible] them a little — However I have a faint
hope of having them after me — I should be very
unhappy not to have them within call. for
are everything to me — kind friends — agreeable companions
& help makes upon all occasions. & what is more
our habits & tastes coincide — for that is necessary in
close intimacy — Very many very good people are
not the least congenial —
I am summoned to my daily office so must now
bid you adieu — you shall hear more from me
soon. I will not miss any opportunity — nor do you
let me about anything. & everything — & everybody —
that forms your circle — & yours pains & [illegible]
pleasures: & let us be as intimate & know each
other as well as the distance will admit — Give
my affectionate love to your sister. & tell her
what I say to one I mean equally to both — & that
I have great pleasure in frequently hearing from
you both — & in short from you all —
To your dear father & mother kindest love & every
good wish from Yr. A. B.
Kind love to Mrs Hale. also every body I will say more
soon