SIDE TWO

waiting, with R's assistance. And to day
altho' it is still holiday time Fitty swept
up stairs of both the old and new part
of the house. I gave Henry one of those
shirts of Gally's the other day and told
him I was much obliged to him for
doing the milking it was a perfectly
good one. I dont know what to say
about engaging a woman please to do
as you think best, is Margaret Dobson fond
of the country. I am very much
obliged to Pully for wanting to trim
my bonnet, and she may do it with
whichever she thinks will be best on
the open straw I should think it ought
to be something light. My common one
has green on it. I am glad to hear of
your working Pully's flannels. If to-
morrow is a good day I expect Aunt
Sally and the two little boys to stay
with me. One of the new kind
of strawberries are in bloom. And
the asparagus is coming up nicely

the trees also are putting out, can al-
most see the buds opening. I expect we
have enough watermelon seeds, only
you know that we thought if we
could get some to plant a small patch
by itself of the large green kind it would
be as well as our seed is a mixture of
two or three varieties I have no doubt that
what they have at Israels would be enough.
I hope the Bees may prove to be tame
at any rate we will be able to make some
thing by the honey. Harry was obliged
to send for a bricklayer to fix troughs
in the dairy so we concluded that while
he was here we would have the kitchen
yard fixed, unfortunately the man
came yesterday, however we did the
best we could and he made a beginning
but he was of course obliged to stop to
day. His name is Smith from the Swamp
and we asked something about the DeShields
he went to school with William and say
that unless he has learned them since