

[about 1841]

Johnstown March 7th

Dear Lib,

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and placed himself under her guardian care. Now he is not only a convert to the doctrines of the great Hanneman, but a man in comfortable circumstances and has the prospect of at least living the remainder of his days without enduring the torments of the rack for half the time. Dr. Herring either has or will publish a work soon, about women and children. Will you inquire of Mrs. Bryant the next time you see whether it can be obtained in Phila. or New York. If so and if you should return before May do bring me a copy. I intend to commence life on Homeopathic principles.

How many of our friends are dropping off one by one and yet how immersed we live in the daily and hourly violation of all the laws of our nature both mental and physical. Have you heard of the death of Augusta Trotter? She died last Saturday. We have not heard from any of the friends, but now saw her death announced in the papers.

I would like to hear some particulars dear Lizzy of Gertrude's death, if you can find time write me something of her last illness. I hope you and dear Cousin Nancy will take good care of yourselves. While I was at Tryphena's I saw Cousin Bell once and called to see her again after Cousin Betty returned.

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Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Give my love to my dear friend Lucretia Mott. I have been expecting letters from my Philadelphia friends sometime. Tell Lizzy Neal and Sarah Pugh that I wrote to them in January and have received no answer. "The captives are free" do you not rejoice. We are all well at Johnstown.

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[written along top edge in blue ink]  
Lib. Stanton  
Johnstown, 41-

[written in pencil along right edge]

Whigs  
2 t. Flour  
8oz butter  
8- sugar  
1 pint milk  
6 eggs  
Raise with yeast  
Set before dinner  
Ready for tea

Calves foot gels  
5 qts water to 4 feet  
boil them till well done  
strain the liquids set  
it to cool. When cold take  
off the fat, put the jelly  
into a sauce pan  
season and boil till  
clear strain into  
glasses

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Elizabeth Smith  
 Care of Gerrit Smith Esq.  
 15. Sansome St.  
 Philadelphia

[written in pencil along bottom edge]  
 Indian Custard  
 1qt of milk boil as if thicker  
 6 table spoons [...]  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  pound butter  
 6 eggs sugar and ... to taste  
 a good sized turkey should be roasted  
 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours or three ...  
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(Letter incomplete)      [written in blue ink] (to Elizabeth Smith Miller)

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Part of a letter written to Elizabeth Smith in 1841  
from Johnstown, New York.

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Envelope addressed to  
Elizabeth Smith  
Care of Gerrit Smith, Esq.

15 Lantern St  
Philadelphia.

Receipt written in pencil on back of letter.  
[written in blue ink] (i.e. recipe)