



[William Crosfield Letters](#)

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My dearest Maggie,
I believe that I have only written one letter nominally to you since I left home, but my serial letters are written with the idea that you will see them and appropriate them in some degree. And now I have to acknowledge so many (but not too many) they seem to have poured in upon me. Two at Quebec, 2 at Niagara, 1 waiting for me on Monday evening when I arrived and another arrived soon after breakfast - by the bye I asked for it before I closed my last letter home, and just after I had posted it the clerk at the office handed to me an envelope containing one from you and mamma, and one from Nicholas. Oh it is such a pleasure to hear from home! Sat. once went into the parlor and saturated myself with their reading and rereading. I very soon became aware that some

thing was going on a few words. Mr Raffles and St³ford. I am very
caught my ear from a man trying to make a fine speech: "We-would with favour in Liverpool it must
con-gratulate-you-sir-on-your-say be a very pleasant change for her.
So-to-speak) return-to-your-native land-sir: and if (now he was getting
excited with a good deal of the fire that one of Mr Sawtel's daughters
handle in his right arm) it is has been married. You speak of ferns
agree-able to your con-veinience I cannot say that they abound here
sir-to-dine-with-us-or sir to take though at Ratskill every step that
a-little-refreshment:" in fact plume took me indeed one of them; for on
Mr Pierce was receiving a deputa every rock and almost on every stone
I again today found myself in was carved the name "Fanny" & "the
the same position and looked about in work of a sentimental German
him with considerable interest music master who flirted with her
after what you had said but he there a few years ago. If you have any
not impress me as being the opportunity please thank Mr Smith
man you described though he for his kind mention of my name.
a very nice looking man. Have you ask "do you like American ladies?"
seem many who are quite agreeable do like American ladies. Unfortunate
manly looking. The juvenile (Daddy there are only few of them, but
is to be called Florence though I have met some very nice ones and
other name has not been fixed up hope to meet them again. Meet two
she is to have two, she is one of the few very pleasant Boston ladies at the
children that ever was seen, so in Ratskill House and very fortunately
so that her mother hopes that she I met them again as I was going
is not going to be a genius. She in to Boston the other evening and
very particular in her inquiries & travelled with them for some hours.

There as for their beauty I don't
know how to speak of that, their
complexions are the most lovely
that I ever saw, so smooth and
soft they look as if a male touch
would within them up altogether
whether on account of climate or
pride I can't say but they are
very fond of low dresses, and they
are very effective, and then they
go to the extremes that I have
elsewhere. True they do draw
a little and "talk through their
noses" but that is nothing when
is used to it as I am almost now.
Please thank David for his kind
intentions with the umbrella
if the chance occurs again they
no one will change his plan
for by the time I get home I shall
want one badly as mine has been
broken once already since I left
home. my ink is very vile and
I find that to lay it on thick
is the only way to write with
anything like comfort to myself
and that is the main matter just
now but I cannot go on and

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It seems too bad to send so
small a letter so long a
distance so I will go on to
the extent of my weight.
You will be surprised to find
me here I am on my way to
the White Mountains. Find
the natural scenery so very
much finer than I expected
in these parts that I am spend-
ing more time than I had
intended, even if it is at the
expense of Minnesota. I am
very much at sea as to my
movements beyond New York
and shall wait till I get
there before making any
plans. Our Boston friends
were most kind yesterday
Dan Johnson spent several hours
with me in showing me the
city in the morning and
Mr Mullidge took me a very
long drive after dinner and
spent the evening at his
house very pleasantly. I
hope to be in Boston again

as there are some suggestions
that I want to see them. It
will be much pleasanter when
I get your next letter and
I shall know whether you
really got my letter by the
Africa, if you did I am afraid
some of you would not get to
chapel in the morning from
its length and your evident
excitement. Hope Mr & Mrs
Bulley had as pleasant a
passage home as we had on
Hope to go to New York to
get your next letter and
as there the 5th Avenue Hotel
is open I shall go there but
my ink is getting desperate
and so am I and I think
I had better stop before I
make a hole in my paper
Again with love M

A very hopeful letter
you say