Susanna Emlen, his daughter. The father was living in London; the daughter was sometimes at Burlington, sometimes at Philadelphia, sometimes at places between the two. The letters begin at a time when Susanna was a child, and the thirteen States still colonies under the English crown, and, save when interrupted by the war for independence and the war of 1812, come down in unbroken sequence to 1824. In them are mingled in a most pleasing way politics and family affairs, town gossip and the current news of the day; scraps of information about famous men, and pictures of domestic life of the time. What was being done by the Society of Friends at Burlington; how feeble Doctor Franklin had become; what was thought of the Federal Convention of 1787, and how the people idolized the first President of the United States, are all put down by the youthful topographer. Now a description is given of a trip to New York, of the badness of the inns along the way, and the sights of the great city at the mouth of the Hudson. Again there is an account of the terrible times of '93 and '97 and '98, when the yellow fever swept off scores of Philadelphians every day. Now the subject is a Philadelphia home, the kind of furniture in use. Political pamphlets are noticed and sent to London. The impossibility of procuring folio letter-paper in Philadelphia is commented upon. The trouble of '98 with France, and later with England, are all passed in review. A correspondence so full of the details of the social life of the time cannot, perhaps, be found elsewhere.

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