

13. See, for example, R. M. Wiles’s Serial Publication in England before 1750 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1957), a work brought to my attention by Thomas.
Robert's great-grandfather, William Chambers (birth unknown), a lieutenant in the British Royal Navy, was married to Amelia Saunders, (1765-1822), the great granddaughter of Tobias Saunders, of Westerly, Rhode Island. The couple moved from Westerly, to Greenfield, Massachusetts and then to Galway, New York, where their son, also William Chambers, (1798-1874) was born. His brother was architect Walter Boughton Chambers. Robert was first educated at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and then entered the Art Students' League at around the age of twenty, where the artist Charles Dana Gibson was his fellow student. On his return to New York, he succeeded in selling his illustrations to Life, Truth, and Vogue magazines. In a comet of a letter from the early spring of 1852, eight months into Susan's absence, Emily hurls a grenade of conflicted self-revelation: Will you be kind to me, Susie? She ends her letter with aching awareness of the dissonance between her private desire and the public norms of love: Now, farewell, Susie. . . . Perhaps the ten-month absence, filled not with their customary walks in the woods but with letters of exponentially swelling intensity, had revealed to Susan that Emily's feelings for her were not of a different hue but of a wholly different color — one that she was constitutionally unable to match. Or perhaps Emily had always misdivined the contents of Susan's heart, inferring an illusory symmetry of feeling on the basis not of evidence but of willfully blind hope. Man of Letters: the Early Life and Love Letters of Robert Chambers (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1990)Google Scholar. 6. and Robert J. Scholnick, The Fiery Cross of Knowledge: Chambers's Edinburgh Journal, 1832–1844, Victorian Periodicals Review, vol. 32, no. 4 (1999), 324â€“58.Google Scholar. 9. Robert Chambers, History of the English Language and Literature (Edinburgh: W. & R. Chambers, 1835), p. v.Google Scholar. 13. See, for example, R. M. Wiles's Serial Publication in England before 1750 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1957), a work brought to my attention by Thomas