

Pittsford Oct 14<sup>th</sup> /66

Dearest Cousin Nellie

We are told married life changes all but - as I am still single I may address you as I like - I cannot bear the thought of saying here tonight - I am sorry you did not receive my letter but hope you did take one I sent some pictures for a little birthday gift - just to let you know I remembered it -

I am very very glad you are so happy and thank you for your kind wishes for mine and hope some-  
time to realize all my coastles

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from you but I suppose I should  
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say first - John and De Kindell have  
bought out Mr Brewster and are doing  
quite well I am head clerk with an  
income of one dollar a week to my  
pin which makes me quite rich so  
much so that I think I shall be able  
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prudent - John is of course very much  
in debt just now but as his Father  
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so I presume all will be right but  
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just got a new nice long Shovel of a set

of gray color and very pretty price  
\$12 at the store but \$7.50 at Wholesale  
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very pretty saltwater skirt of black & white  
do you think me foolish to speak of such  
trifles? Mary Lizzie has a nice situation  
at Dinies in Market Square formerly store  
of McCoy you remember the place -  
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as it is strange that they should all  
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 queer woman she is. Last Saturday  
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 and myself went out to Alhousa home to  
 spend the Sabbath. Mr P. had a big  
 wagon into which we all piled having  
 a fair time. We reached Saco about 11 o'clock  
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 (she had friends in Saco) John of course had  
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 dreamed of you almost every night  
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Darling Cor. Write soon to  
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Care Major Harry R. Mighels  
Carson City Nevada