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Dart you know of some wicked lady  
who would make Mr Black a  
good wife. Mrs Micey said, why  
would our Ellen do. It was soon  
after said that Ellen had a beau -  
But well he is so homely. Oh dear,  
you cant keep putting him.  
Long may they more.

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me - Joe sister Oleria called to see  
me last week. You would not have  
known her she looked so different when we  
called upon her last fall, a year ago. Now  
she is fleshy & very pretty. I shall tell in

Norway Maine  
Oct 19th 1866

Dear cousin Nell,

As stupid as an owl in the noon time is your cousin Lu to night -- the fact is I'm all tired out. (suppose that sounds natural) but Ive had such a good time for the past week that I can well afford to be tired. Eliza and family have made a delightful visit to us. I hope they have enjoyed it as much as we have -- the only trouble the visit was too short. Just think -- at home only a week -- but we were thankful for that. Eliza seemed very happy, and the babie Nellie -- Oh He is a sweet little fellow -- he went singing about all day. Eliza never looked prettier. Allie and

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Henry have grown considerable -- they were very busy out of doors most of the time. and I feel as if I had scarcely seen them. Jo is as handsome as ever. He tried to make me think that I was getting fat. I wish I was -- but it seems to me that I am looking very thin.

Your mother received a letter from you to night. felt a little disappointed in not getting one from Nellie Bly, but I got one last week. Thank you. Its quite singular about Miss R \_\_ I shall write to Russ ere long, will tell her about her --

So you have been to a ball what did you have on to look pretty.

Eliza had two new dresses -- which were very pretty. One brown with

stripes, the other blue, wish I had

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Kate Denison was married a week ago today in the morning & started for N.J. they went from Portland to New York by water. Col says they will certainly

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be sea sick. Long may they [illegible].

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I hope you and Harry will come on in two years. but I am very --  
much afraid that you will have some excuse for staying  
at Carson --

Long may you [illegible],

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thought to have got some patterns  
of them. They were sort of a poplin --  
Ellen Millett cut them and with  
Aunt M s help made them --  
One was trimmed in the waist with  
black velvet about an inch wide, with  
a heading of steel beads. So [pen sketch of bodice] the sleeves  
so [pen sketch of sleeve]. the brown one [pen sketch of bodice] was trimmed  
thus [pen sketch of bodice]-- the sleeve thus [pen sketch of sleeve] and  
the ends of the velvet was fastened  
on the shoulders and sleeves with steel  
buckles. (Peter Gray has just been in  
and laughed at my drawings -- No  
not any flirting with Peter, cant' get  
a chance -- He has offered to go home  
with me, but every time either father  
or the Col have been so kind as  
to come for me --

Father is very unwell  
& has been for three weeks -- I think  
he seems some better to day.  
Ellen Mixer is getting ready to be  
married, to a Mr Clark of Westbrook

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after said that Ellen had a beau --  
But Nell he is so homely. Oh! dear,  
you cant' help pitying him.  
Long may they [wave??].

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love with her, perhaps because she looked some like Jo.

Otis N. Jones wrote  
me last week &  
invited me to make  
them a good long  
visit this winter..  
Eliza has a splendid  
breakfast cape --  
made something like  
that little one of yours  
only its more than  
as large again,  
with deep shades  
of scarlet, the center  
is [illegible]. Eliza  
Grey is going to  
Chicago, Miss  
Clark is with her &  
stays there until she goes.  
Eliza sends her love to  
you, My head aches and

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I must say good night, with much love to both.

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I am still Lu Le PM --