

Carson Dec 25 1845

Dear Mother:

I write this
note, desiring it to be
handed to you by a young
lady whom I feel a
very strong attachment
for, — in fact, one whom
I have ~~loved~~^{loved} long long and
so very dearly that I have
asked her to be my wife.

I hope it will gratify
you to know that she has
given her consent to bear
that relationship to me.

If you know her half
as well as I do, you
will be overjoyed to call
her your daughter —
and relying upon your
good taste, I am very

Confident that you will
be - and further, that
you will tell her so.

Were she your daughter

And I, ~~was~~ ~~the~~ the
gallant swain
~~some~~, who lead the
audacity to ~~propose~~
aspire to her hand
a ~~lover's~~ address, it
would no doubt be your
duty to tell her all
my faults and to dis-
-suade her from making
so ~~the~~ ~~address~~ ^{unwise} a match.

But the case being different,
I being your son, and she
"a little Country girl" - ~~as~~
~~she calls herself~~, your
solicitude will of course
be in my favor.

But seriously mother,
Nellie has, after a great
deal of persuasion on my

part, consented to share
my fortunes - or in other
words has ~~consented~~ ^{undertaken} to
make me a better and
a worthier man by
becoming my good wife.

I think I am the
most fortunate ~~the~~ man
in the world; and I
believe you will agree with
me.

The day for our wedding
has not been set; but earnestly
trusting in God's goodness
and faithfully relying upon
His will and guidance, I
trust the day is not far
distant when that happy
~~day~~ ^{event} shall come.

And now dear Mother
may I not ask you to
take Nellie to your heart

And ~~call her daughter~~
bless her. And call her
your daughter? And
in view of the step which
I have taken (the wisest
and best of any wayward
life) will you not give
me your blessing too?

I need not enjoin ~~you~~
to preserve these ~~secret~~
Confessions as a sacred
trust - a secret which
none but my affianced
bride may tell - or the telling
of which, by you, may only
be with her consent.

Your affectionate Son
Henry R. Mitzelz.

Dec. 25, 1865

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