

When I say "let him say
business as usual" and for
I don't mean to stir up
another winter, when the
thing is that I'll tell
you some thing, viz. I believe
they are to get married
about - next June - will
the general tree come
by that time?

Good night -
and sweet dreams,
I shall be
hope you don't
dare to know
of my own self
I shall be

Tuesday evening, Nov. 26th 1865

I come here yesterday,
somewhat sooner than I expected to, but
wash me at it and wished me to
return with him, so I packed up and
started. Am seated in Grandfather's parlor
where I have been entertaining callers
most of the day, my first quiet moment
is devoted to you - "at heart"?

Many thanks for your kind letter
of Oct. 2nd which reached me a few days
since. I do, indeed, rejoice at your good
fortune, and at your success in making
such good friends for yourself, - do you
think they will like one too?
I feel quite anxious to know
not you decided to do about buying
an interest in the "Appeal". Whatever
you do, I certainly hope and pray may

be all for the best. Your good
endeavors deserve a rich reward,
and I doubt not they will receive it.

I can hardly think one shall eat
offered from those acids so soon as I do, it
seems incredible, however, you will do
well to heat them.

Our Exhibition went off with
considerable relish, but I'm sorry to say
I lost the books I promised to send you.
Not that they would be very interesting
to you, but because I hate to break the
promise even of slight consequence.

Thanks for the pamphlet. It's truly
well written, and contains ideas that
all thinking persons should consider.

I'm glad your best friend is a person of
so much talent and sound sense. Such
men are friends worth having.

Happy was your a happy new year!
Our indeed, ever so many of them. - Say
don't you want a new year present?

Like a piece of property (person),
that I should like to dispose of.

I can't wish it was of diamond and
weighed a ton, as you did, but I
do wish it was better. I forewarn you
that it will probably be more bother
than pleasure to you, but it's the only

thing I have convenient. It's too large
a package to send by Express, so I'll
hold it labelled and packed away until
you come for it. It's troubled some days
enough and I'm a little selfish
in disposing of it. Will you accept it?
Don't hesitate about declining if you feel
so disposed. I suppose it's hardly proper
for a young lady to make a gentleman
a present, but if Mrs. Sundry doesn't
know it - where is the harm?

Wonder if you've been to Church
today! I went this morning but can't
remember much of the sermon - Fear my
thoughts were elsewhere.

My father and my B. came this
afternoon, my buckle was exhibited and
admired by all, and I was laughed
at for blushing when grandfather asked
who presented it. Poor me! I still feel
a little peculiar.

Being a promising youth, I suppose
you have taken it for granted that
affairs between you and me were about
the same as settled; but - I've made no
promises - have I? Would you like
to have one - do you think it would
be good for you? I'll tell you what
I think, that we should both feel

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again if I should do so, and I then will
declare unto you, that the ~~parties~~ ^{parties} known
as Lucy Ellen Knill is yours, to ~~them~~ ^{hold}
to hold, until death claims his own,
dating from Jan. 1st 1866. "What do you
think of that? If you've got one
that shock prepare for another - Its coming.

I guess, I show! you little country girl,
I know, that I - I - love you dearly, and
will try very hard to make you happy.
Then, I let it out and didn't quite choke
me after all, I thought, I would wait
and say it with my tongue, but the secret
got so warm that I was afraid I would
burn through, like a new coat in a boys
pocket. Now Harry boy - don't wait to make
a very big fortune before you let me see your
dear face, Ill help you do it if you'll only
let me. Indeed I shouldn't be a very expensive
piece of property, and if we should have
the children - Emma and Otis - they would
not be any expense to you of course.

Don't I know a case like a lawyer
sister! - Byron has just come in, he wishes
to be remembered, so did May.

after the manner of my childhood, I pray
God bless Harry and make him a good boy,
God bless Belle and make her a good girl.

Yours lovingly

do you know what your present is
I shall I make it clear!

Portland Me
Sunday evening, Nov. 26th 1865

Dear Harry

I came here yesterday,
somewhat sooner than I expected to, but
Wash was at N__ and wished me to
return with him, so I packed up and
started. Am seated in Grand father's parlor
where I have been entertaining callers
most of the day, my first quiet moment
is devoted to you -- art flattered?

Many thanks for your kind letter
of Oct. 29th which reached me a few days
since. I do, indeed rejoice at your good
fortune, and at your success in making
such good friends for yourself, -- do you
think they will like me too?

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endeavors deserve a rich reward,
and I doubt not they will receive it.

I can hardly think we shall eat
apples from those seeds so soon as [illegible],
it seems incredible, however, you will do
well to plant them.

Our Exhibition went off with
considerable [illegible], but I'm sorry to say
I lost the books I promised to send you,
not that they would be very interesting
to you, but because I hate to break a
promise even of light consequence.

Thanks for the phamplet, 'Tis truly
well written and contains ideas that
all thinking persons should consider.

I'm glad your best friend is a person of
so much talent and sound sense. Such
men are friends worth having.

Harry I wish you a happy new year!
Yes indeed, ever so many of them, -- Say
don't you want a new years present!

I've a piece of property (personal)
that I should like to dispose off.

I can't "wish it was of diamond and
weighed a ton," as you did, but I
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that it will probably be more bother
than pleasure to you, but its the only

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you come for it. Its troubled me long
enough and and I'm a little selfish
in disposing of it. Will you accept it?
Don't hesitate about declining if you feel
so disposed. I suppose its hardly proper
for a young lady to make a gentleman
a present, but if Mrs Grundy doesn't
know it where is the harm.

Wonder if you've been to Church
to-day! I went this morning but can't
remember much of the sermon -- fear my
thoughts were elsewhere.

My brothers and May G__ called this
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admired by all, and I was laughed
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who presented it. Poor me! I did feel
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to hold, until death claims his own,
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I guess, (phew! you little country girl)
I know, that I -- I love you dearly, and
will try very hard to make you happy.
There! It's out and didn't quite choke
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and say it with my tongue, but The secret
got so warm that I was afraid 'twould
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pocket. Now Harry boy -- don't wait to make
a very big fortune before you let me see your
dear face, I'll help you do it if you'll only
let me. Indeed I shouldn't be a very expensive
piece of property, and if we should have
the children -- Emma and Hattie -- they would
not be any expense to you of course.

Don't I plead a case like a lawyers
sister! Byron has just come in, he wishes
to be remembered, so did May.

After the manner of my childhood I pray
God bless Harry and make him a good boy.
God bless Nellie and make her a good girl.

Yours lovingly

Nellie.
So you know what your present is,
or shall I make it clearer!

[continued on page 1]:

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strength of that I'll tell
you something, viz. I believe
they mean to get married
about next June -- will
the Nevada trees leave
by that time?

Good night
and sweet dreams.
Hope you don't
dare to dream

of any one but
Nell?