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nov, 26, 1865. declare with you, that the bandles known as Lucy Ellen Brill is yours; to home only to hold, until leath claims his own. that shock pupare for one in the coming. I know that I be love you dearly, and will try very hard to make you happy. Then! It's out and didn't quite choke one ofter all, & thought, I would wait and say it with my longue, but the sucut got as warm that I was graid twoold hum through whe a row cont in a bogh webet. . how thanky boy - don't want to make a very big fortene before you let one are you do it is go ill only all only all one all a shouldn't be a very expension the Midnen - Emma on Hother they would not be any expense to you of course. sister! Byon has just come in , he wishe yter the manner of my child hard & pray God blen thank and make him a good boy, God blur Aellie and make her a good quit! do you know what your purel is, whili. or shall be make it cleaver!

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?

I feel quite anxious to know what you decided to do about buying an interest in the "Appeal" whatever you do, I certainly hope and pray may

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be all for the best, Your good 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 then, -- 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 so wish it was better, I forewarn you that it will probably be more bother than pleasure to you, but its the only

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thing I have convenient. Its too large a package for sending Express, no I'll have it labelled and packed away until 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 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 did feel a little peculiar.

Being a presuming 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 me -- do you think twould be good for you? I'll tell you what I think; that we should both feel

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easier if I should do so, and I therefore

declare unto you, that the female known as Lucy Ellen Verrill is your, to have and to hold, until death claims his own, dating from Jan 1st 1866. "What do you think of that"? If you've got over that shock prepare for another -- its coming.

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 me after all, I thought, I would wait and say it with my tongue, but The secret got so warm that I was afraid 'twould burn through, like a new cent in a boy's 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!

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Byron says "tell him my business is quite good and I don't mean to live single another winter," Upon the 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?