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The Mansion March 25th 1866. Sunday evening

My Dear Boy --

I have two of your good letters to answer which came to me as a Saturday night reward, -- tho' I'm not conscious of having tried any harder than usual to be good.

They were written Jan 17th and 25th. Thank you for the pleasure of reading your mothers good letter. I am glad she feels so well satisfied, for I have feared she was not just pleased -- I am so young and so far from wise and so much in error on religious

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subjects according to her belief. She has no need to "try to win my love and respect." For I have ever respected her for her worth and goodness and if I dared I would show her how easily my affections are won and how much I like to let my "special interest" be displayed. However we shall know each other better in time, already I feel much freer in her presence and talk with her concerning our plans for the future, without much reserve.

Harry I wouldn't for the world have you ask her for any of her "housekeeping things" or silver ware. We can get what is necessary at first and make additions to our stock as the wants and the means increase. If she feels disposed to make any presents let it be done of her own free will.

And speaking of giving -- Sir you deserve a "red box with five nails in it." What for? -- How very

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innocent we are! -- When the \$2 d

bill came out in my hand I said to myself -- "what a boy" -- I wonder what this can be for"! and as I read and found out, I felt half vexed and half amused at you. I know you meant to be good, but you must not do so. Really Harry, I have all the "pin money" I need, and it is not given me by my brother either.

Father left some little property which has enabled us to live in a comfortable manner and will do so until I am married, then you may give me all the pin money you want to. This bill I mean to expend in such a manner as will benefit both of us. You see I am not disposed to "resist your authority" unless my mild arguments will allay the spirit of stubborness which you seem to have called up. If you persist in your intention of making

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me your private banker -- why go ahead. I'll take good care of your money, and see that it "returns to you after many days."

My talk of going to work, was caused by my being perplexed in regard to my duty toward my sisters and was made with the intention of giving up all thought of marriage for a number of years, and I was going to work to have my mind occupied and in some place where I could have them under my especial care, but Byron has talked me off the notion, so dear you won't have to "stand it," I am too lazy to work just for the sake of work -- only duty or necessity would cause me to take up my occupation outside of the home circle.

I am right glad you have it in your mind to buy a house.

I had much rather keep house and commence life with a home.

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Henry Millett has resigned and is expected at home very soon. For his family I am glad, but for myself sorry. He always annoys me more or less by his rude and impertient ways.

Hattie Verrill was sick all last week, But seems quite well today and hopes to go to school tomorrow. She had some sort of a rash. The smallpox is in town but I do not feel any fear of it.
Write often
God bless and keep you, is ever the prayer of your loving

Nellie L__V__

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