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and important ones.

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last week, but seems quite well
today and hopes to go to school
tomorrow. She had some sort of a

cach. The amarr-box
is in town but I do
not feel any fears yet.
Write often.

God bless and keep
you, as ever, the prayer
of your loving
Mother L. R.

March 25th 1868
Sunday evening

I have two of your
good letters to answer which came
to me on a Saturday night award.
tho' I'm not conscious of having tried
any harder than usual to be good.
They were written Jan 19th and 25th.
Thank you for the pleasure of reading
your mother's good letter. I am glad
she feels so well satisfied, for I have
feared she was not just-pleas'd - I
am so young and so far from wise
and so much in error on religious

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 to 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 ~~her~~ 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 clothes now. 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 - See you
deserve a "red box with five nails
in it." - "What for?" - How very

innocent we are! - When the \$20.
bill came out in my hand I said
to myself - "what a boy - I wonder what
this can be for?" I called mail 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 think all
the "pin money" I need, and it is
not given me by my mother either.

Daddy 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 spend
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 stubbornness which you
seem to have called up. If you
persist in your intention of making

the your private banker - why go ahead, she 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, as dear you won't here 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 any 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.

By Steamer.



April 1
1866

Major Harry R. Nichols

Carson City
Nevada



The Mansion
March 25th 1866.
Sunday evening

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Nellie L__V__

[envelope]

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Maj Harry R. Mighels
Carson City
Nevada