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Retreat Number 2 --Thursday April 26th 1866

Dear Harry --

You will perceive that I've changed my place of abode. I'm again under a hill, and with the same family I patronized last summer. They sold the farm and bought this cottage down here at "Steep falls". We are in close proximity to the roaring rushing waters, but not in sight of them. It was against my will to come from the near neighborhood of Lue and her worthy Aunt -- Mrs M\_\_ but I couldn't do better -- it is so difficult to find families who are willing to take boarders. However I can content myself for the short time I shall be here.

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Your letter of the 18th and 28th ult, came to hand last Saturday. Many thanks. Your pictures do not please me at all -- Is it possible that my boy is so thin and pale? -- Why child it won't do at all. You must not work so hard. I can't let you grow old so fast as that will make you. We must not give people occasion to think that I am the substance and you only the shadow. 'Twould be more appropriate the other way.

You look very old in the group -perhaps it's because the picture is so dark. Thanks for them all. The ladies seem quite near to you. Miss Mary has a very childlike face, and Mrs J\_\_\_\_\_ I should think might be quite fine looking when animated in conversation --

They neither of them look at all as I imagined they would -- people seldom do, and one gets very little idea of a person from a picture even --

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I should be sure to like every body who has been kind to you.

It was no wonder you were angry

at the perfidy of Gregg. I'm thinking Harry that had I been present I should have partaken so much of the angry spirit that my presence would have been the opposite of soothing. I'm right glad if my poor letters were in any way a benefit. Your trip must have been pleasant, and perhaps 'twill do you good even if it did have such an unpleasant termination. The result of your weeks absence, proves how difficult it would be for you to leave for the many weeks 'twould take to come to Maine.

Byron will probably be married on Sunday May 28th -- it's not quite certain. I'm glad it is to take place before I go away. Next Tuesday Lue starts for the "Pines" to visit Eliza. I shall go as far as Portland with

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her. I was intending to have gone this week, but having to move, was obliged to defer my shopping expedition.

We had a jolly time at the Ball. -- danced till morning did appear --The Col. said I looked first rate -- never better, and that is very much of a compliment for him to give. It is quite probable it will be my last ball in Norway for some time -- to come -- say till you build your mansion in the pretty old quiet town -- "Oh! how happy we shall be"!

That time is about ten years away I take it?

Yesterday I made so much extra exertion in the moving line that I am obliged to endure aching limbs today and just headache enough to feel stupid. I would not write to you in such a mood, but feel unwilling to miss a Steamer. If Mr Rhoades takes me away, it will be only a few more

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letters I can write. I've felt it impressed upon me that he will do that same from the first. I can't think for a moment that you would wish to place me under the charge of a person to whom I should feel any sort of an aversion. But if I should I'll try and have the courage to say so. You know how hard it is for me to go in opposition to the wishes of some body. Wonder if 'twill be always so! You have more occasion to wonder on that point than I, but you took the chances almost blindly. Well -- I'll try to be good.

You must visit "Steamboat Springs" with me sometime. Your description gives me quite a good idea of the wonders, But arouses my curiosity as well.

Do you know you haven't told me if Lance is married -- and I want to know. I think I shall like him. Mr Favor says you have more occasion to find fault with my picture than

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than I have with yours -- is it so? About the large picture of you. If it is for me you may just as well keep it -- the time will be so short. If Mrs M -- is to have it, why send it to her. Please excuse the little spots on the paper. I am writing in the kitchen that I might enjoy the warmth, and Mrs Frost has spattered my paper for me in some of her culinary opperations.

Timothy seems glad to have me back -he likes me -- some people do -- funny isn't it?

Harry be good and you'll be happy --

The Verrillites desire all sorts of kind remembrances.

Much love from your own Nellie V

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