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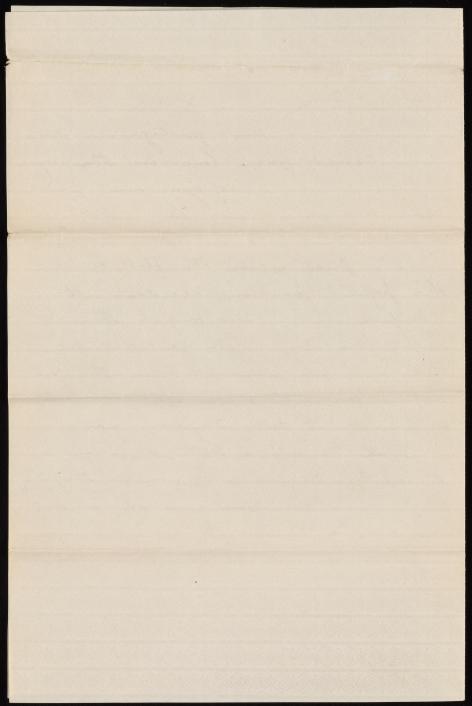
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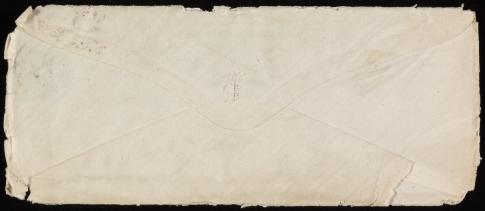
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At Mollie's Portland May 6th 1866

### My Dear Harrry

I've been here since
Tuesday last -- came down with Lue as I wrote
you I thought of doing. Shopping is very
tedious -- even a worse bore than making
ceremonious calls, and most of my time
has been spent in that occupation, In
consequence I am today "all tired out" and
most wofully stupid. Can you excuse my
writing to you in such a mood I Consider
that 'twill please me and indulge this time.

Thanks for your short letter of April 1st. I hoped another would come but it is past the time to hope longer.

The sooner Mr Rhoades presents himself the better pleased I shall be.

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However 'twill make but little difference to me since Wash has decided to go too.

Isn't that jolly? -- that is if you still want him! Probably the little girls will not go, if any place can be found for them to board for the next six months.

If the cholera should prevail the boys would not wish me to go in July, and in that case I will go as soon as it seems prudent -- say in Sept. But it would be much pleasanter to go in company with Mr R -- who will "know the ropes."

I am so glad Wash has decided to accompany me! I know it will render me so much satisfaction to have one of my "nearest of kin" as a "compagnon de voyage".

How I wish you were coming instead of Mr R --: I think it doubtful if there is a party formed for the White Mountains. You know Byron will be either just starting on his bridal tour or just returned. Wash went last season

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and will not care to incur the expense -Henry Rust is intending to start the first
of June for New Jersey to accompany Lue
home. For myself I should be delighted
to take the trip but of course cannot think
of going unless with a party.

There is a heap of sewing looms up "in my minds eye" to be done before I start for the West. Thanks my boy for your thoughtfulness in regard to my wants in the money line. I cannot say whether I shall need to call on Mr R\_\_\_ . I will if necessary. I enclose a piece of a silk I am having made -- isn't it a pretty shade?

I'm not going to get my wedding "fixings" until I know certainly when I shall go -- the styles change so rapidly.

Friday evening I attended the dramatic entertainment. Will enclose the programme. Perhaps you may know some of the people. Miss Mccobb was the Star. She is very good in her parts --

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takes them naturally, and consequently, well.

One evening I spent at Mr Kimballs playing euchre. They are old Norway friends. The rest of the evenings have been passed at home with my brothers.

This afternoon we are going to Church and from there down to the Hotel to take tea with Byron -- won't you come too?

May sends cousinly love. She seemed pleased that you remembered her well enough to know her picture was not good. She says she is perfectly crazy to go to Nevada. I tell her if Mr R\_\_ isn't a married man she must catch him.

You should see how beautifully she has dressed my hair today. It completely covers my head, and shows fully its length and abundance -- not the length of my head.

I shall go to Norway next Tuesday

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or Wednesday -- as soon as I get through with all my business.

Grandfather wipes his eyes often when he talks of my going away -- he thinks we shall never meet again and it is doubtful if we do -- he is such an old man, nearly eighty -- I dread the "good byes". Hope they won't make me cry! -- I can't bear to shed tears in the presence of any one -- it hurts me so to display my feelings.

There are the Church bells -- bye bye --

Monday afternoon --

I got home too late last night to feel in a mood to finish this important document.

We had a nice time with the boys -sung old hymns -- talked of old times, speculated on the future, and acted after the manner of old friends who do not expect to be always together.

I've changed my plans somewhat. I

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Have decided to remain the rest of this week and do most of my shopping.

I concluded it would save time which is precious with me now.

Byron has found a very nice boarding place for himself and wife -- up on Spring St. They will take a tour -- I believe contemplate going to Washington &c -- Of course I shall go down to the wedding. Sister Flora won't be able to attend. Too bad isn't it; but they are both proud and happy -- not exactly at being deprived of that privilege, but at the cause of detainment.

I've been so unfortunate as to

have taken a very severe cold, but hope to get over it soon. May hasn't been a pleasant month thus far -- we have so many high winds.

I must write to your mother this afternoon, and as I have an engagement at five, must make

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this shorter.

The boys send greetings.

Accept much love and and the prayers of your own.

Nellie V

Please excuse the blot on this paper! You know accidents will happen. I've bought three dresses this day -- wish you could see them and pass judgement before they are cut. You have such excellent taste, and I want to dress to please you.

'Twill be only a little while and I can try to please you in all things.

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