

Retreat N.S.L.
June 12th 1860

My dear Harry
at

I came back
yesterday. Found all the good people
and I left them. Went up last evening
and made you receive a long call.
She seems better than when I last saw
her, but said she would come down to
see you and my mother. I see the first
of the week. I don't know if I understand
them I just intend to and did. The
most of my work. I believe I
won't send you pictures of my mother,
because they will seem worse if you
don't know what they are.

Wary I think Mrs. Parker and her friend
are my kind and propose to do a very
handsome thing in their plans for
our wedding, but my dear boy - I am
sensible, I can't think of making myself
so much the object of observation as
I shall necessarily be under those
circumstances. If it would be quite
as agreeable to you I should prefer
being married quietly - say in the
morning and start immediately for
Lancaster. But if you would like the
great wedding better I shall be willing
to have it so - always providing
you think me capable of behaving
properly upon such a ceremonious
occasion. I am only
a country girl and know very little
of the "fusses and manners" of the
city but, except by intuition and
observation.

For fear my letter of last week
may not reach you, I will mention

the only important item it contained,
namely - the fact that Wash has decided
to go on with me. I hope you still
wish to have him for it will be so
pleasant for me. He is going with
the intention of staying at the ladies,
and we shall accompany Mr. Rhodes
if it seems prudent.

When has your dear mother consented
to make the final arrangements for the
wedding.

A letter from Luc last night
informs me of her safe arrival
and of the pleasure to days which
she is passing with her. I am glad
that she could be so needed. The
rest is as usual.

I left Lancaster very quite sick with
a cold and sore throat, but feel in hopes
she will escape the diphtheria.

I am in possession of your letter
of the 15th and very much
for them. I have your message
to send to the first of the week.

You are right in judging of the
expectancy of your mother's making such
a long journey. I do not suppose she
would think she could go, but the
prospect of having a home made over
might be too much for her.

The girls brought me in three
little bunches of violets which I
enclose for you. I have ^{also} ^{sent} ^{you} ^{some}
in their own little paper - do
you find them?

It is much time in Church
now to sing - we do not go with
us - etc. a long walk & take down.

This afternoon I mean to go over
and the ^{children} ^{will} ^{be} ^{with} ^{me}
some of my people - I'll be
quite ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{own} ^{part} ^{of} ^{the} ^{night}
and the ^{girls} ^{will} ^{be} ^{with} ^{me}

The continual knocking at the gate
made a great accompaniment for
this another one.

I must have to go & shall
write a ^{little} ^{more} ^{to} ^{you} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{next} ^{post}
and then I'll be ^{with} ^{you} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{next} ^{post}

*By [unclear]
[unclear]*

May 12 / 1866

Major [unclear] [unclear]

Appeal Office

*Cannon City
Nevada*



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Retreat No. 2.
Norway May 12th 1866

My Dear Harry --

I came back yesterday. Found all the good people about as I left them. Went up last evening and made your mother a long call. She seems better than when I last saw her, and said she would come down to see me and my new dresses the first of the week: -- I stayed longer in Portland than I first intended and did the most of my shopping. I believe I won't send you patterns of my dresses, because they will seem newer if you don't know what they are.

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Harry I think Mr Gorham and his friend are very kind and propose to do a very handsome thing in their plans for our wedding, but my dear boy -- I am bashful. I can't think of making myself so much the object of observation as I should necessarily be under those circumstances. If it would be quite as agreeable to you I should prefer being married quietly -- say in the morning and start immediately for Carson. But if you would like the grand wedding better I shall be willing to have it so -- always providing you think me capable of behaving properly upon such a ceremonious occasion you know I am only a country girl and know very little of the "tricks and manners" of the city bride, except by intuition and observation.

For fear my letter of last week may not reach you, I will mention

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the only important item it contained namely -- the fact that Wash has decided to go on with me. I hope you still wish to have him for it will be so pleasant for me. He is going with

the intention of staying if he likes,
and we shall accompany Mr Rhoades
if it seems prudent.

Byron has gone down to Wiscasset
to make the final arrangements for his
nuptials.

A letter from Lue last night
informs me of her safe arrival
and of the pleasant days which
are passing with her. I am so
glad she could go -- she needed the
rest so much.

I left cousin May quite sick with
a cold and sore throat, but full in hopes
she will escape the diptheria.

I am in possession of your letters
of April 8th & 15th [illegible] thanks
for them. I will give your message
to Lue the first time I write.

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You are right in regard to the
expectancy of your mothers taking such
a long journey. I do not suppose she
would think she could go, but the
prospect of having a home made me
wish she too could have one.

The girls brought me in this
little bunch of violets which I
enclose for you. There are kisses for my
boy in their sweet little cups -- do
you find them?

It is most time for Church
bells to ring -- won't you go with
me? -- It's a long walk to take alone.

This afternoon I mean to go over
in the meadows and hunt for
some spring flowers -- it is a
lovely morning -- warm and bright
and the birds are singing brightly.

The continual [illegible] of the [illegible]
makes a grand accompaniment for
their warbling notes.

I must not try to make this

letter a long one. Be a good boy
and think often of your loving

Nellie

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Major Harry R Mighels
"Appeal" Office
Carson City
Nevada

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