

Portsmouth

Sept-18th 1886

Kellie Amy dear Sister.

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read my husbands letter to you -
and find that he has left me
no more. I've been reading
"In Torment" notice he's been writing
and it is splendid. Have you
read it? One character in it
reminds me so much of your
big brother B. D. T. Sq.

I've been home since I left
you weeks - had a fine time
only Missa may been busy -
and he was very lonely -

Mother and Father send a
great deal of love to you

I am longing then to move
to Portman - I would
amused enough for a few
days - when I came this last
time - I feel worse than I
did at first - but here you
retired down again -

I wish I could look in and
see you there - and your husband
hope you are as happy as
I wish mine -

I am getting acquainted quite
fast - He has quite a
pleasant couple in the room
below - Mr and Mrs Ross
we drank your health the
other evening in a glass of -
- water -

Had to stop here and have
a kiss - Sunday is the only
day I have B. D. to myself
and he won't let me read
or anything - I must talk

to him - These men are
selfish creatures - Don't
you think so?

Is your black alpaca
to make - Father gave it to me -
Heard you had any thing else
excepting a belmsul - that
Father gave me -

The new engage ments -
Sarah Smith is in the
family way - you remember
her - and Hannah Young
has a nice girl a week or so -
How are you here - I am
well as usual -

I saw Mary Gos. the other
day - and she said she did
not like it one bit because
you had not written -
Don't forget to write to me - and
tell me all about your self -
about the wedding too - you
were - and every thing you

can think of see the
particulars - since I wrote
let B. D. see it.

Love my love to you
distant - and tell him to
kiss you for me - and - I
guess I wrote - and him
any - he wrote - some show
now

Please don't let him see this
letter -

Yours truly
loving little sister

Walter V.

I presume Harry has heard from Maine?
I think our
Election is a
bunch down
argument against
"My Polity" and
the broad
will come
out right
side up -
Sunday Harry
will get the
State Printing.

this afternoon - Mattie is reading
and I'm going to chat with you
awhile upon paper - If you
were here or I there we'd have
a good talk and perhaps I'd
put my arm round you, or let
you hold my head - Do you sup-
pose Harry would agree to that?
I wonder where you are now,
and what you are doing?
It is curious to think you
are so far away in your
new home - We were glad
enough to get your San Fran-
cisco letter, and to know that
you felt better after your arrival.

P. M.
16th.

But you have not yet told me how the change of climate affects your throat? Now be a good girl and write me about it, please? I suppose you are now fairly settled and commencing married life in earnest. We are anxious to get your first letter from Carson. I have tried to fancy your "local habitation" but can't get anything very definite into my head. After you describe it 'twill be easily fixed. I have no doubt, however that you have a cozy home, and if any young lady deserves to be happy you do, and I have no doubt you will be. We are living just as pleasantly as ever, and a little more so. Both well and happy. I hope Harry's

health will improve since he has you to comfort him and drive dull care away. Two hearts are better than one, as well as two heads. Bessie sits pretty near me now by the window and my writing stops pretty often as well as her reading. We've just had a good laugh about some trifle.

I must write to Emma and Bessie today. I'm glad enough to think they are so well situated. Ned is still at the same place and doing about the same as ever. Wash is now East trying the Insurance business - Life Insurance. He writes you, of course. My business is quite good. The rest of the friends and

relatives" are in statu quo.
Mary G. says she's read
with you for not writing
more to her -

We all want to hear about
your wedding. Am glad
you had Mr. Stebbins. I
was not personally acquaint-
ed with him, but often heard
him preach - It must have
been pleasant to meet
Greely H., and especially
so if he was present at the
ceremony - We often think
and talk about you, and
wish we could see you.
Write to us often and
tell us all about yourselves.
My brotherly love to Harry
and a good kiss for your
self - Pet will write some -
Your loving Brother,
B.D.

By Steamer Byron & wife
From Bro. Byron
Sept. 17, 1866



Mrs. Allie V. Nichols
Care of Harry R. Nichols
Carson City,
Nevada.

Portland
Sept 16th 1866

Dear Nellie.

[From Byron's wife Hattie]:

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Sept 18th 1866

Nellie My dear Sister --

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and find that he has left me
no news. I've been reading
"In Trust" while he's been writing
and it is splendid. Have you
read it? One character in it
reminds me ever so much of your
big brother B. D. V. Esq.

I've been home and staid
four weeks -- had a fine time
only missed my better half --
and he was very lonely.

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I am urging them to move
to Portland -- I was
homesick enough for a few
days -- when I came this last
time -- I feel worse than I
did at first -- but have [illegible]
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I wish I could look in and
see you Nell -- and your husband
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You write soon to your

loving little Sister

Hattie V.

[From Byron]:

At Home, Sunday P.M.
September 16th

Dear Nellie.

We do not go to Church
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[envelope]

By Steamer

[postmark]: PORTLAND ME SEP 17

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Mrs. Nellie V. Mighels
Care of Harry R. Mighels
Carson City,
Nevada.