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Carson Feb 11th 1866

Dear Nellie:

A most provoking irregularity characterizes the transmission of the mails to and from this point. The deep snows which fill up the mountain roads hinder the stages which run between here and California; and I see by a newspaper paragraph that one entire steamer mail was recently detained for ten days on the Isthmus. This won't do, we must put a stop to such carelessness.

Everybody is getting ready for the grand Lincoln Celebration tomorrow. I shall appear at the head of my most noble generals staff in gorgeous array with buttons all over me. If the day is a fair one, the ceremonies will be very grand.

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I cannot conceive what ever became of the hair pin which you sent to me. Some envious and rascally Post Office Clerk no doubt robbed the mail and committed this "rape of the lock." Pray send me another. And wont you please send me a new photograph of your own dear self? I have now two pictures of you -- the little daguerreotype and the card picture. The little picture is most valuable in my estimation for it is not only the best likeness, but it is more like the one contained in the little locket which I wore so long and which I lost at the battle of Fredericksburg. That misfortune reidentifies you with me of the most terrible battles of the rebellion. Perhaps some appreciative rebel found and still keeps this little picture as a prisoner of war. If he is properly reconstructed he will give it up.

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Mother tells me that she thinks that the engagement between Henry Millett and little Miss Brown is broken off. Which of the twain is the inconstant one? That cousin of mine is as little of a favorite with me as with you. He is a good, honest boy no doubt, but unless he has greatly improved since I saw him last he is hardly an Admirable Crichton. I thought that he and Luella were pretty well mated.

I like that young fellow, Joe, who is so attentive to Louisa. He seems like a fine, intelligent good tempered man, who will do to rely upon. And I guess that he and Lue will make a match of it one of these days. They have my blessing!

Present my congratulations to Byron upon the good prospects of his near approaching nuptials. Tell him that it will be my

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misfortune and not my fault if I do not become his brother in law within the next six months. I am afraid I shall grow old with disappointment if I am not allowed to go to Norway this summer.

You must try and get better acquainted with my good mother. I know she will love you, and beneath all her reserve she has one of the truest of hearts. I wish she could be more cheerful if not more "demonstrative."

I have promised to call upon some military gentlemen this evening, and my watch apprises me that the time of my appointment draws near.

This stupid, hasty letter is hardly worth sending to you, but it will serve as a reminder that I still exist. I shall have time to write you before the going of the next Eastern Mail and will do so and tell you all about the celebration. God bless you darling. Love to all.

Ever affectionately Harry

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By Steamer.

Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine.